

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
July 23, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, Michael Dunn, and Diana Broomell; Council Manager James Massey, Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan, Chief Kordell Wilen, John Yedinak, Van Funk, Marshall McSorley, Planning and Zoning Director Eric Sennstrom, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, members of the press, and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Hodge called the meeting to order.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the July 16, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff provided an update regarding the enforcement requirements for the Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Stormwater Management Facilities Maintenance issues.

Department of Public Works Van Funk reviewed the Stormwater Facility Maintenance flow chart with the Council; and described his role of advising home owner association of the need to maintain Stormwater Management Ponds.

Councilwoman Broomell advised the Department of Public Works to refer the public to the County website for a list of resources regarding the Stormwater Management Facilities Maintenance issues.

The Department of Public Works agreed to forward the Council Members their answers to homeowners who contact them with questions regarding their stormwater management facility.

Major Facilities Fee Update Meeting

President Hodge advised the Council that the Major Facilities Fee Update Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 9:00 am in the Elk Room.

Councilwoman Broomell requested documents regarding the Major Facilities Fee prior to the update meeting and asked that one of the topics for discussion include the rate study that the Major Facilities Fee is based on.

Councilwoman Bowlsbey requested that the homebuilding community be notified of the Major Facilities Fee update meeting.

Discussion - Noise Ordinance

Councilwoman Broomell suggested that the County Executive should be asked to participate in considering a local noise ordinance. She suggested that the Council should advertise for members to serve on a committee to examine this issue.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the County noise ordinance enforcement.

Councilman Dunn suggested that the State noise ordinance should be reviewed prior to drafting a local noise ordinance.

Councilwoman Broomell asked Council Manager Massey to research other counties that have adopted their own local noise ordinance.

Discussion - Topics for Delegation Meeting

Council President Hodge asked Council Members for suggestions of any legislation or topics for the Delegation meeting on November 1, 2013.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Delegation topics for discussion at the Delegation meeting on November 1, 2013. The topics included doctors who abuse prescription writing, inclusion of additional drugs during drug testing, state measurement of success statistics, Board not responsive to problem doctors, state monitoring of opiate prescriptions, interstate information sharing of revoked licenses of doctors, drug treatment clinics, tolls, gas taxes, and Pearce Creek dredging issues.

Update on Tier Maps

Councilwoman Broomell asked for an update from the County Executive regarding the Tier Maps.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the County Executive's position on the Tier Maps.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey advised the Council of the Gone Hog Wild show on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at the Cecil County Fair, the Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm, Governor O'Malley's Roundtable on Overdose Prevention Plan with law enforcement and health authorities on Friday, August 9, 2013, and the MACo conference invitation to the Maryland Environmental Services Reception.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowlsbey commented on the MACo Conference Events. she agreed to send a list of programs to Council members to ensure all programs are attended.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Drug Awareness Seminar at the Grace Bible Chapel to be held on August 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm, and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition update from

Chip MacLeod. She also stated that the Council should be responsive to constituent complaints.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy commented on the drug arrest in Cecil County, a Wilmington, Delaware 5 year old hit by a stray bullet and the responsibilities of gun owners.

President Hodge commented on the recycling efforts within Cecil County, Stormwater Management outreach efforts, and reminded the public that the Cecil County Fair is July 20th through July 27th.

President adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am by general consensus.