

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
August 20, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Al Wein, Finance Director Winston Robinson, IT Director Scott Mesneak, Upper Shore Regional Council Director Doris Mason, County Attorney Jason Allison, Sheriff Barry Janney, 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.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - August 13, 2013

10:05 AM

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey and seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government, Title 10, Subtitle 5, Section 10-508 (a) (8) to consult with counsel about pending or potential litigation. Council and Staff.

Present at Closed Session: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Council Manager James Massey, County Attorney Jason Allison, and Administrative Assistant Robin McCann.

Attorney Allison presented an update regarding a pending investigation.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the August 13, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the August 13, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Shore Regional Council

Director Doris Mason presented an update on the Upper Shore Regional's strategic plan regarding the Harvest Directory and the expansion of high speed internet service.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Upper Shore Regional Council's strategic plans for the Harvest Directory and high speed internet service.

Legislative Agenda Review

Council Manager Massey reviewed the following legislation on the Legislative meeting agenda:

Public Hearing

Resolution No. 73-2013 Road Abandonment - Portion of Stevenson Road

Resolution No. 74-2013 Road Abandonment - Portion of Quarry Road

Introduction of Bills

Bill No. 2013-11 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - General Fund - Grant Revenue - Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Barry Janney made a presentation about this legislation that will support "Cecil County Safe Streets" grant from the Governor's Office.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Governor's initiative "Safe Streets" grant application.

Introduction of Resolutions

Resolution No. 80-2013 Appointment - Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees

Consideration of Resolutions

Resolution No. 75-2013 Appointment - Electrical Inspection Agency - Bay Area Inspection

Resolution No. 76-2013 Appointment - Electrical Inspection Agency - American Inspection

Resolution No. 77-2013 Appointment - Board of Appeals

Resolution No. 78-2013 Appointment - Planning Commission

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey advised the Council that the public information meeting on multiple sludge permit applications will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Elkton High School Cafeteria. The Council discussed having an informational presentation about sewage sludge at a future workshop. Council Members agreed to wait until after the sludge permit meeting to determine the need for additional meeting.

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, will give an updated presentation regarding wastewater capital projects on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. On Tuesday, September 3, 2013, he will make a presentation about the proposed technology at Seneca Point wastewater treatment plant. The date for a presentation by the Redistricting Commission has not been determined. On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, Circuit Court Judge Keith Baynes will make a presentation on drug abuse and drug court in Cecil County.

President Hodge asked Council Members how they wished to confirm the contract with the SB and Company, the County's independent auditor. Members of the Council provided their comments. Council Manager Massey advised the Council that he drafted a letter to confirm the rates and services of SB & Company, LLC.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice president McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the letter to confirm the engagement letter of SB & Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to schedule a Council Workshop as to how Council will engage the independent auditor for FY2014. Councilwoman Broomell suggested that the workshop would be a good time to develop other independent audits that the Council would like to conduct. Finance Director Winston Robinson explained the audit process and the Charter requirements.

The Council Manager also advised them of a new State Highway Administration tourist signage program.

Council Member Items

Councilman Dunn commented on the MACo Summer Conference seminar regarding the Accounting for Growth presentation.

Councilman McCarthy commented on the MACo Summer Conference seminar regarding the Accounting for Growth presentation.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the MACo Summer Conference seminar regarding the Accounting for Growth presentation, NACO presentation regarding drug abuse, Bainbridge Naval Museum tour, Drug Awareness Event at Grace Bible Church on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm. She stated that constituent Mark Weaber had concerns regarding the proposed purchase of the Basell property. She also stated her concerns regarding members of the Basell property LLC, and County Government notices printed in the Cecil Guardian.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on the MACo Summer Conference seminar regarding cyber bullying. On September 12, 2013 a Town Hall meeting with Congressman Andy Harris will be held at the Cecil County Government Administration Building, in the Senior Center at 7:00 pm.

President Hodge commented on the MACo Summer Conference regarding the Accounting for Growth presentation and the Governor's "Zero Waste in Maryland" proposal.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to poll Council Members to determine if they are interested in sending an additional letter of their concerns about the Accounting for Growth proposal.

Vice President McCarthy suggested sending a letter to other Counties encouraging them to join the Maryland Rural Counties and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, Council President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:46 am.