

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
August 27, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Al Wein, Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and Staff, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, 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 Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve the August 20, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes with amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Wastewater Capital Projects

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan provided an update regarding the Wastewater Capital projects. In addition to Mr. Flanigan, Phil Muzik, Chief, Engineering and Construction Division; and Jeff Coale, Chief, Wastewater Division assisted with the presentation.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Wastewater Capital projects.

Councilwoman Broomell asked Director Scott Flanigan how many developers took advantage of the major facilities fee payment plan and how many have paid the current rate. She also asked what the real cost was for non-growth area sewer projects at Red Point, Hances Point, Holloway Beach, and Crystal Beach. She stated that she wanted to make sure the benefit of these projects for earning nutrient credits outweighed the cost.

President Hodge stated that Director Scott Flanigan will present another presentation on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, regarding the proposed technology to the upgrade of the North East Wastewater Treatment Plant at Seneca Point.

Finance Department Financial Update

Finance Director Winston Robinson presented a financial report for July 2013.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the financial update. Council President Hodge requested that Mr. Robinson provide a financial report of the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Robinson indicated that the final report for FY 2013 would be ready at the end of September. Mr. Robinson was asked to provide a preliminary report for the end of fiscal year 2014 as soon as possible.

Discussion - State Sludge Program

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding the state sludge land application program and asked whether Council Members wanted a briefing on sludge land application technology.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the state sludge land application program.

Councilwoman Broomell suggested Hussain Alhija present a public information meeting for sludge permits located in other areas of Cecil County.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to follow-up with MDE regarding a meeting to discuss the sludge permit process.

Director of Administration Al Wein advised Council Members that the County Executive is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Attorney Jason Allison, Health Department Fred VonStaden and Soil Conservation District Manager Charles Hayes regarding the sludge land application process.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to follow-up with Administration regarding a meeting about the sludge land application process.

Councilwoman Bowsbey stated that she was concerned about the potential impact of sludge seeping into our waterways and its effect on the total maximum daily load (TMDL) and the Watershed Improvement Program (WIP).

Discussion - Accounting for Growth

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding Accounting for Growth. Council Members reviewed a letter to be sent to Secretary Robert Summers regarding their continued concerns for implementing Accounting for Growth program. Councilwoman Broomell asked Council Manager Massey to contact Commissioner Richard Rothschild's assistant in Carroll County to clarify information regarding the Accounting for Growth letter.

President Hodge requested Council Manager Massey to follow-up regarding the Accounting for Growth webcast by MDE on Thursday, August 29th. Several Council Members want to attend the webcast.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Accounting for Growth.

Clean Chesapeake Coalition

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding the Vice President McCarthy's initiative in recruiting other Maryland counties to join the Clean Chesapeake Coalition. Council Members reviewed a letter to counties that urged them to join the coalition.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to send the draft letter to Attorney Charles MacLeod for his review and comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey advised the Council that the Harvest Directory has been reprinted with additional information on Cecil County agricultural businesses. On September 23, 2013, there will be a FEMA flood insurance rates/study information meeting from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Perryville Room at the County Administration Building. He advised Council Members that Economic Development Director Lisa Webb has offered to review the new State Tourist Signage program with Council Members. A final report from the Redistricting Commission will be scheduled in September. He also advised Council that he will be meeting with the Director of Administration Al Wein to discuss the hiring process of the Independent Auditor.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented that the sludge permit public information meeting and the drug forum at Grace Bible Chapel were very informative. She also attended *Shrek the Musical* at Milburn Stone Theatre.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Councilman McCarthy left the meeting at 12:30 pm due to a prior engagement.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Edgewood Bus Tour at the Chemical Biological Command Center, she toured the Dexter House, she attended the Drug Awareness Forum at Grace Bible Chapel on Sunday, August 25, 2013. She stated that the next drug awareness event will be about non-narcotic pain management and she will update the public with a date/time once it has been confirmed. She also indicated that she spoke with constituent Bernie Robison, who organized the turnout for the public information hearing at Locust Point. He indicated that he spoke with the property owner and confirmed that the second permit application will be withdrawn from Locust Point.

President Hodge commented on the financial statement that was presented by the Director of Finance, Winston Robinson.

Council President Hodge offered to include a segment for administrative update within the Council's work session agenda. Mr. Wein indicated that he will bring administration topics for inclusion on the agenda as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, Council President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.