

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
September 3, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, 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, Attorney Jason Allison, 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 Bowlsbey, the Council moved to approve the August 20, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes with amendments at the Legislative meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation - Seneca Point Technology

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan provided an update regarding the Seneca Point Technology. 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 Seneca Point Technology Project.

Councilwoman Broomell asked Director Scott Flanigan to provide detailed information on how the Department of Public Works Department came to the conclusion of the MBR upgrade option and alternative filter system option project costs. She asked for a copy of the official proposal so that she could compare denitrification vs zenon. She also asked for the cost of electric and gallons per day.

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan stated that any information that is readily available he would provide. He also stated that his staff is preparing for the FY2016 Seneca Point Project deadline and his staff does not have time to engage in a new research study to compile information. The decision has been made to move forward with the Seneca Point Technology Project.

President Hodge stated that the Seneca Point Technology Project has been a CIP project for a long time and feels that Director Scott Flanigan and staff are more than qualified to make project decisions.

Discussion - State Sludge Program

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding the state sludge land application program. He asked the Director of Administration Al Wein if a meeting has been scheduled with MDE

regarding a public information meeting. Director of Administration Al Wein stated that he would follow up today with MDE.

Councilwoman Broomell stated that the Council Members should have a meeting to discuss the topics for discussion.

President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to provide a list of questions for discussion.

Accounting for Growth

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding the Accounting for Growth draft letter.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the Accounting for Growth letter.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

President Hodge presented a brief update regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cecil County.

Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman provided a brief update regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cecil County.

President Hodge asked Council Members if they agreed for Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman to organize the Breast Cancer Awareness program. Council agreed.

Legislative Agenda Review

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

Public Hearing

Bill No. 2013-07 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - General Fund - Motor Vehicle Internal Service Fund

Bill No. 2013-08 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - General Fund - Grant Revenue

Bill No. 2013-09 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - Capital Budget

Bill No. 2013-10 General Obligation Bond Authorization

Resolution No. 79-2013 Approval - Lease and Purchase Agreement - 912 Appleton Road, Elkton

Introduction of Resolutions

Resolution No. 81-2013 Amendment - Land Purchase Agreement - Home Partnership

Resolution No. 82-2013 Loan Agreement - MD Water Quality Financing Administration "Sanitary District Bond - Series 2014".

Consideration of Resolutions

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

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

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

New Business

Budget Amendment 04- Cecil County Public Schools - FY2013 Operating Budget

Finance Director Winston Robinson followed up with Council regarding a question from the last Worksession. The question was how many connection fees were received in the Permits Department from July and August. Finance Director verified a total of seven.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the number of connection fees.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey advised the Council that on September 5, 2013, "Your Voice in Annapolis Breakfast, presented by the Chamber of Commerce will be at 8:00 am at the Cecil College Technology Center. A final report from the Redistricting Commission will be on September 12, 2013. He also advised Council that Judge Keith Baynes will be joining the Worksession on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 to discuss the drug issues in Cecil County. He met with the Director of Administration Al Wein to discuss the hiring process of the Independent Auditor.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowlsbey reminded the public of the Town Hall Meeting representing Congressman Andy Harris on September 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Services Dining Area.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the LLC website poll. She asked the Council Members if they would agree to follow the former County Commissioner President James Mullin tradition and wear pink during Council meeting for the month of October. She stated her opinion regarding the Department of Public Works to provide her with the proposed information regarding the Seneca Point Technology Project.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy stated his opinions regarding the need of a fellow Council Member to publish his personal financial disclosure statement. He also stated that the purchase price for the Basell property was a positive investment. The infrastructure project regarding the Seneca Point Technology Project will benefit everyone in the community.

President Hodge stated his disappointment regarding the need of a fellow Council Member to publish his personal financial disclosure statement.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm.