

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
November 12, 2013

PRESENT: Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Al Wein, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. D'Ette Devine, Chief Financial Officer, Tom Kappa, County Attorney Jason Allison, 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

Councilwoman Broomell made a motion to insert "regarding the relationship with Synagro and AET Consulting", to page 1, under heading "Approval of Minutes", paragraph 2, which was seconded by Mr. Dunn. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Councilwoman Broomell requested a revision on page 1, under heading "Discussion Legislative Initiatives", paragraph 3. After discussion, Council President Hodge made a motion to revise to "Council President Hodge suggested that Councilwoman Broomell seek the endorsement from the Health Department and others dealing with drug treatment," which was seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Councilwoman Broomell requested a revision on page 2, under heading "Discussion - Consolidated Transportation Plan Tour", paragraph 1. The Council agreed by consensus to revise to "Councilwoman Broomell also suggested that the Elk Room should be offered as a location for future CTP meetings".

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed 4 to 1.

Presentation – Cecil County Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. D'Ette Devine and Tom Kappa, Chief Financial Officer presented an informational briefing regarding the Fiscal Year 2013 results and financial trends.

Members of the Council provided their comments and questions.

Discussion - State Sludge Permit Application - Public Information Meeting Follow Up

Council President Hodge led a discussion about the MDE Sludge Permit Application public information meeting held on November 7, 2013. Council Members discussed their concerns and possible actions that the Council could take.

Councilwoman Broomell suggested that the Council have a presentation by Ben Price from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, which could assist the County in addressing their concerns with the State's sludge permit process. Council President Hodge asked her to send information about this organization to the Council Members for further consideration.

Director of Administration Al Wein, presented a draft letter to the Delegation about the administration's legislative initiatives, which he hopes that the Council will support. Council President asked Council members to review this draft so that they can consider at the next work session.

Council President Hodge asked that the Health Department be scheduled for the next work session to discuss a possible supplemental monitoring agreement for sludge applications.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of the following meetings: Regional WIP workshop on November 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Talbot Community Center in Easton, the SHA public information meeting on the proposed roundabouts on November 13 at 6:00 p.m., DNR open house regarding the Conowingo Dam relicensing process on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Harford Community College, the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition Summit on November 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Annapolis, and the tour of the Tome School on November 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding requested SHA roundabout information. Council Manager Massey was asked to contact SHA to obtain information about the accident statistics on roundabouts, proposed roundabouts in other counties, and the accident rate associated with the I-95 truck weighing station.

President Hodge requested that the Maryland Transportation Authority provide a written response to what is the difference in cost of the using an EZ pass on Hatem Bridge versus having no EZ pass and being billed.

Council Member Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy provided comments on the sludge meeting on November 7.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Department of Aging ribbon cutting ceremony of the Senior Resource Center, the sludge meeting, the Conowingo Dam tour, the Rising Sun Mason Dixon Post 194 Veterans Ceremony, and the Blacktip Reef Exhibit at the National Aquarium.

Councilwoman Broomell attended the sludge meeting and the Conowingo Dam tour.

President Hodge reminded the Council of the Roundabout public meeting on November 13 and about Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2013.

On motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council convened into Closed Session at 11:15 am.

CLOSED SESSION

11:15 AM

On motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State

Government, Title 10, Section 508 (a) (8) to consult with staff, consultants and other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting. President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Approved:

Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager