

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-16
August 18, 2015

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Hodge, Council President
Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President
Joyce Bowsbey, Council Member
Dan Schneckenburger, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of August 18, 2015 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Schneckenburger introduced Pastor Robert McKnight, United Redeemed Church, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of August 18, 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42- 2015 Amendment - Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council - Final

Reading of Bills

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures to provide that the Council may adopt a Bill at the same legislative session of the public hearing.

The Resolution was introduced on July 21, 2015, advertised on August 5 and 12, 2015, and scheduled for public hearing on August 18, 2015.

Council President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy and Councilwoman Bowsbey proposed Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2015

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO RESOLUTION NO. 42-2015**

On page 1, under the Synopsis section, add the following:

"and providing a delay of the final vote at the request of at least two Council Members".

On page 2, line 20-21, delete "unless a motion is approved to lay over the final reading of the bill to another legislative session." and insert the following new section

D) A vote on the final reading of a bill may be delayed to the next legislative session upon the request of at least two Council Members. The vote may not be delayed beyond the next legislative session unless by a majority vote of the Council.

Council Members commented on Res. No. 42-2015 and Amendment No. 1.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing for comments.

Nicholas Comano, Elkton, opposed the Resolution.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, opposed the Resolution.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, opposed the Resolution.
Dave Fordyce, Elkton, provided comments.
Al Reasin, Conowingo, provided comments.
Jackie Gregory, Elkton, opposed the Resolution.
John Mackey, Elkton, opposed the bill.

Council Members made additional comments on the Resolution.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 42- 2015 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on September 1, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of August 4, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, thanked Councilman Schneckeburger for inviting local ministers to give the opening prayer; and thanked Councilmen Schneckeburger and Patchell for their support of allowing one council member to delay the final vote on legislation. She also commented on emergency legislation and Citizens Corner.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, thanked Councilman Schneckeburger for the minister's opening prayer and commented on the county's funding of the Bassmasters events, Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2015, Carpenters Point Road, and the economy.

Al Reasin, Conowingo, comments on Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2015.

Dave Fordyce, Elkton, commented on the Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2015.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger thanked the Tourism Office, Town of North East and the volunteers for their support of the Bassmasters events. He attended the MACo conference and talked with eight cabinet members on issues facing Cecil County.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended Sunday's Bassmaster events. She attended the MACo conference and commented on Dr. Anirbar Basu's assessment that the economy is slowly recovering.

Councilman Patchell attended the MACo conference and Sunday's Bassmaster events. He congratulated Sandy Turner for her hard work.

Vice President McCarthy attended the MACo conference and commented on his concern that the State's mandated expenses exceed revenue.

Council President Hodge commented on Citizens Corner as an important interaction between the Council and citizens. He also attended Sunday Bassmasters events and asked for a final accounting of the costs. He commented on the value of this event and the long-term benefits. He also attended the MACo conference and commented on the value of networking with other officials.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2015 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant - Economic Development - US Department of Agriculture

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to provide a total of \$21,400 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Office of Economic Development by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Winston Robinson, Finance Director, commented on the Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 18, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on September 1, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2015 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Brickhouse II

A Resolution to approve a property tax credit of 10% of the documented expenses spent by the owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of Brickhouse II, a historic designated structure in Cecil County.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 43-2015.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2015 Appointment - Board of Appeals - James Eder and Brandon Witt

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Brandon D. Witt and the reappointment of James A. Eder to the Cecil County Board of Appeals for a three year term to expire on August 31, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 44-2015.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2015 Appointment - Planning Commission - Tom Mullen, Patrick Doordan and Roger Persons

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Roger Persons and the reappointment of Thomas J. Mullen and B. Patrick Doordan, Jr. to the Planning Commission; terms to expire on August 31, 2018.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 45-2015.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2015-12 Amendment - Subdivision Regulations - Appeal, Preliminary Plat and Concept Plat
An Act to amend the Subdivision Regulations, to provide the public with an additional appeal process, to allow Director of Planning and Zoning to grant extensions of concept plat and preliminary plat, and to change the deadline to request extensions of concept plat and preliminary plat approval.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-12.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2015-13 Amendment - Building Code

A Bill to amend Sections 157-1 and 157-2, Chapter 157 (Building Construction) of the Cecil County Code in order to adopt the 2015 edition of IBC, add definitions, and providing additional building construction standards.

Council President Hodge asked Council Members for any questions on this Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-13.

Council President Hodge asked for comments on this Bill. Council Members provided comments.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - N. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 1. President Hodge was opposed.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2015-14 Amendment - Plumbing Code

A Bill to amend Chapter 270, Building Construction of the Cecil County Code in Sections 270-3 Inspections, 270-6 Adoption of Standards by reference, 270-10 Safety devices, 270-12 Permits required, applications, exceptions; 270-14 Transfer; 270-17 Licensing, applications; 270-18 Nonresident Plumbers; and 270-20 Display of information, vehicles.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-14.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. by general consensus.

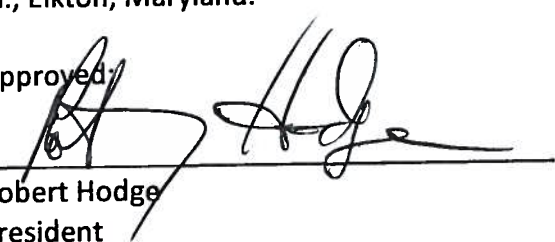
The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:



Robert Hodge
President

