

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 13-24
December 17, 2013

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:

Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President
Joyce Bowsbey, Council Member
Michael Dunn, Council Member
Diana Broomell, Council Member
Robert J. Hodge, President

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 for December 17, 2013 was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Council observed a moment of silence.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman McCarthy the Council moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 96-2013 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit - 101 Lovett Drive, Elkton - W. L. Gore
A Resolution to approve a ten (10) year real property tax credit in an Enterprise Zone for the property located at 101 Lovett Drive, Elkton, tax map 0301, parcel 2475 in election district 03; owned by W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Economic Development Manager Susan O'Neill provided information relative to the Resolution. Questions and comments ensued.

Public Comments in Support and Opposition

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented in support of the Resolution.
David Neff, Conowingo, commented in support.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, provided comments on the Resolution.

President Hodge closed the public hearing on Resolution No. 96-2013 and stated that the Council will be considering this Resolution later on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the December 03, 2013 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Neff, Conowingo, thanked Council Members Hodge, Bowsbey, and Broomell for their visit to A Buddy for Life, wishes all a Merry Christmas and prayed for the Council.

Al Reasin, Conowingo, commented on the proposed roundabouts and about budget mandates.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on Council work session presentations by the State Highway Administration and County Executive; and about discussion of meeting cancellation policy.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented that a public hearing should be held for the proposed Plan of Organization; and he reminded the Council to remember the citizens at budget time.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, agreed that a public hearing should be held for the Plan of Organization; and that she had trouble with documents on the County website. She also commented on County Executive Moore changing political parties.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Broomell supports the County Executive's goal to open the Whitsitt Center. Ms. Broomell commented that all documents should be available on the Council's website. She attended the Christmas Parade in North East and the lighting of the Holly Tree; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented that a fringe group attack on her was disrespectful to the nonprofits organizations that she works with. Mrs. Bowsbey attended the parade in North East, MACo Conference, and the lighting of the Holly Tree.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

President Hodge commented on Resolution 99-2013 - Plan of Organization.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-20 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - Emergency Services, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and Maryland School for the Blind.

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 in order to provide \$38,012 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget, to provide \$26,000 in additions to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Grants Budget, to provide \$3,400 in additions to the Maryland School for the Blind Budget within the General Fund, and to provide additional appropriation authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2013-20 will be scheduled for public hearing at the January 21, 2014 Council Legislative Session and for consideration at the February 4, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-21 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriation - Old Colora Medic Station

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to provide the Department of Emergency Service's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$10,000 from the proceeds of sale of real property commonly known as 214 North Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921 to be expended for the improvement of the Old Colora Medic Station for use by the Department of Emergency Services of as a radio shop to replace the Department of Emergency Services radio shop formerly housed at the 214 North Street property.

Director of Administration Wein provided information relevant to Bill No. 2013-21. Councilwoman Broomell requested that the address of the Old Colora Medic Station be included in the legislation. Questions and comments ensued regarding the Bill. President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2013-21 will be scheduled for public hearing at the January 21, 2014 Council Legislative Session and for consideration at the February 4, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution 98-2013 Appointment—Department of Social Services Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Judy Cox to the Department of Social Services Board for three (3) year terms, respectively, to expire June 2016.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 98-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the January 7, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution 99-2013 Approval—Plan of Organization

A Resolution to approve the Cecil County Plan of Organization as submitted by the County Executive.

Director of Administration Wein provided information relevant to the resolution. Comments ensued regarding the resolution. After the work session on January 7, 2014, the Council will hold a workshop regarding Resolution 99-2013. President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 99-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the January 7, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution 100-2013 Creation and appointment - Broadband Task Force

A Resolution to establish the Broadband Task Force to develop a plan to expand affordable, reliable, high speed internet services to all Cecil County businesses and residences.

Council President Hodge provided information relevant to the Resolution. Questions and comments ensued. President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 100-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the January 7, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution 101-2013 Appointments—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Kevin Lundin to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three (3) year terms to expire on December 1, 2016.

Questions and comments ensued regarding the appointment. President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 101-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the January 7, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution 102-2013 Appointments—County Personnel Board A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointment of Robert Davis, and the appointment of Linda Lannen, and Daniel "Skip" Mahan to the Cecil County Personnel Board for a two (2) year term that will expire on June 1, 2016.

Director of Administration Wein provided information regarding the appointments. Questions and comments ensued. President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 102-2013 will be scheduled for consideration at the January 7, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 92-2013 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures

A Resolution to amend certain sections of the Cecil County Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section HR-001D –Americans with Disabilities Act, including Pregnancy; and HR-002B – Employment Types.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 92-2013.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 96-2013 Enterprise Zone Tax Credit - 101 Lovett Drive, Elkton - W. L. Gore

A Resolution to approve a ten (10) year real property tax credit in an Enterprise Zone for the property located at 101 Lovett Drive, Elkton, tax map 0301, parcel 2475 in election district 03; owned by W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by President Hodge, the Council moved to suspend the rules to consider the Resolution tonight.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – recuse, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with 1 recusal.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 96-2013.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – recuse, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 recusal.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 97-2013 Appointment—Animal Care and Control Oversight Committee
A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of JoAnn Kricker to serve the remaining term of Laura Hudson to expire in May 2017 to the Animal Care and Control Oversight Committee.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 97-2013.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-16 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriations - Emergency Services, Social Services & Community Transit. A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 in order to provide \$11,400 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget, to provide \$20,000 in additions to the Senior Services & Community Transit Fund, and to provide additional appropriation authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Director of Administration Wein provided information relative to Bill No. 2013-16. Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey the Council moved to enact Bill No. 2013-16.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2013-17 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Appropriation - Additional Circuit Court Judgeship. A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to provide the Circuit Court's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$88,876 to be expended for the adoption of SB239 allowing for an additional Circuit Court judgeship in Cecil County.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to enact Bill No. 2013-17.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Bill No. 2013-18 Budget Ordinance FY2014 - Transfer of Bond Appropriations - Board of Education - Capital Projects. A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Budget in the amount of \$15,335.02 from completed School Capital Projects to active projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to enact Bill No. 2013-18.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

New Business

Budget Amendment 05 – Cecil County Public School – FY2104 Operating Budget

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Budget Amendment 05.

Questions and comments ensued regarding the Amendment.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting by general consent. President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
Council President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager