

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 7, 2016

PRESENT: Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – Council President Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of May 24, 2016. Motion was carried unanimously.

Review of Proposed Budget Amendments

Council President Hodge led a review of possible amendments to the proposed operating budget. He stated that no final decisions will be made until tonight's legislative session.

Items 1-5, to reduce overtime for Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Services, Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, and Community Corrections was rejected by consensus.

Item 6, to reduce Public Works - Roads - Signs supply by \$25,000 was supported by consensus.

Item 7, to reduce Building Maintenance - 200 Chesapeake Blvd by \$40,000 was supported by consensus.

Item 8, to reduce Public Works - Development Services - Professional Services for sanitary sewer system modeling by \$15,000 was supported by consensus.

Items 9-12, to reduce Public Works - Development Services - Professional Services for watershed assessments, grant writing, and MS4 associated costs were rejected by consensus.

Item 13, to reduce Building Maintenance - Detention Center - Utilities was rejected by consensus.

Item 14, to reduce Human Resources - Professional Services - administrative fee for State Pension System was rejected by consensus.

Item 15, to reduce legal services to various departments was discussed and a consensus supported reducing the Council - legal services by \$10,000.

Item 16, to reduce Public Works - Roads Administration - Professional Services for trash removal and recycling of waste at Central Landfill by \$23,000 was supported by consensus.

Item 17, to reduce Animal Control overall budget was rejected by consensus.

Item 18, to reduce Parks and Recreation - Building and Improvement for paving one mile trail at Conowingo Park. Discussion of delay of entire project. No consensus reached.

Items 19-22, to reduce Central Landfill - Professional Services by \$18,000 was supported by consensus.

Item 23, Waste Water - user rates revenue was eliminated from consideration.

Item 24, to reduce Waste Water - Professional Services for rate study was rejected by consensus.

Item 25, to reduce Waste Water - North East Sanitary District - Sludge Disposal by \$30,000 was rejected by consensus.

Council President Hodge led a review of possible amendments to the proposed capital budget. He stated that no final decisions will be made until tonight's legislative session.

Item A, to reduce Public Works - Waste Water - Upgrade NERAWWTP replacement of control building by \$300,000 was discussed. By consensus, Council President Hodge requested two amendments to be prepared as follows: (1) Amendment to reduce Upgrade NERAWWTP by \$300,000; and (2) Amendment to reduce Upgrade NERAWWTP by \$2,900,000 (elimination of project).

Item B, to reduce Library - North East Library by \$6,000,000 was discussed. By consensus, the Council will take no action but will request an additional meeting with the Library management.

Item C, to reduce Facilities Management - Health Department parking lot and curbing by \$325,000. The Council agreed to reduce the project to \$375,000 and eliminate project by consensus.

Item D, to reduce Parks and Recreation - Calvert Regional Park - Development by \$913,000 and requesting \$913,000 in FY 2018, which was supported by consensus.

Item E, regarding a second entrance to Cecil College was eliminated by consensus and will be discussed after the FY 2017 has been adopted.

Item F, to reduce Waste Water - Holloway Beach - construct sewer by \$2,900,000 and request project to be proposed in FY 2018, was supported by consensus.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led a review of the legislative agenda.

Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory remarks about the rezoning case, File 2016-04 - TES Red Toad Solar. Council questions and comments ensued.

There were no comments or questions about Bill No. 2016-10 Supplemental Appropriation - Board of Education Capital Budget - BTOP and E-rate, which is scheduled for public hearing at tonight's session.

Mr. O'Connor provided comments on Resolution No. 18-2016 Approval - Critical Area Growth Allocation- Town of Chesapeake City, which is scheduled for public hearing at tonight's session. Council questions or comments ensued.

Mr. O'Connor provided introductory remarks on Bill No. 2016-13 Agricultural Land Preservation District - Steven and Lindsay Hines, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 24-2016 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures will be introduced at tonight's session. Donna Nichols, Director of Human Resources provided introductory comments. There were no Council comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions about Resolution No. 25-2016 Appointment - Board of License Commissioners - Timothy Snelling, which will be introduced at tonight's session.

Councilman Patchell provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 26-2016 Garrett Island - Letter of Support, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 21-2016 Appointment - Historic District Commission - Heidi Coleman, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 22-2016 Appointment - Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 23-2016 Appointment - Building Board of Appeals, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-06 Lease Purchase Agreement - Vehicles and Equipment Financing, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-07 Fees - Transfer of Interest in Land, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-08 Disposal Fees - Central Landfill, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-05 Capital Improvement Program - FY 2017-2021 with amendments, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-04 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance FY 2017 with amendments, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 15-2016 Adoption of Property Tax Rate - FY 2017 with amendment, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings and events. In addition to events included in his written report, he updated Council Members about the MACo summer conference, the MACo dinner, Hatem Bridge bicycle access and opening of ground-nesting bird sanctuary at Fair Hill.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Schneckenburger will be attending Rising Sun High School graduation. He also stated that a public hearing on expansion of the Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company into Cecil County will be held on June 29 at Singerly Fire House at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Patchell attended the senior awards ceremony at Perryville High School where he presented the Cecil College scholarship award.

Vice President McCarthy attended a drug awareness forum, "Heroin Alert".

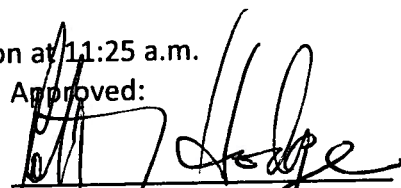
Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the senior awards ceremony and graduation at Elkton High School.

Council President Hodge attended the North East High School senior awards ceremony and announced that their senior graduating class earned over \$900,000 in scholarships. He also announced that Red Toad Road will be closed between June 13-27. He also stated that Citizens Corner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and legislative session at 7:00 p.m. tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Hodge adjourned the work session at 11:25 a.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, Council President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager