

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2016-04
February 16, 2016**

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 February 16, 2016 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 R. Kevin Brown from Wright's African Methodist Episcopal Church of Elkton, who lead 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 February 16, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Council Members presented a proclamation to Wesley Miller, Maryland Department of Agriculture Outstanding Young Farmer of the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of February 2, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on the tragedy for the Harford County Sheriff's Deputies who were killed and extended his condolences to the families and fellow officers. He applauded the Cecil

County Sheriff's Office for their support for Harford County Sheriff's Office during the funeral events. He also wished Council President Hodge a happy birthday.

Councilwoman Bowsbey expressed her condolences for the Harford County Sheriff Deputies and their families. She also wished President Hodge a happy birthday.

Councilman Patchell attended a public meeting with Upper Chesapeake Medical Center regarding their proposal for a new hospital. He stated that he will be attending another public meeting on February 24. He stated that Richard Brooks, Director of Emergency Services, and others expressed concern for the impact of closing the hospital in Havre de Grace and the additional time and distance to transport the injured for medical treatment. Councilman Patchell also expressed concern for safety that the State will allow bicyclists to ride on Hatem Bridge after July 1, 2016.

Vice President McCarthy expressed his condolences for the Harford County Sheriff's Deputies who were killed last week.

Council President Hodge extended thoughts and prayers for the Harford County Sheriff's Office and their families.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2016-02 Budget Transfer - Roads and Bridges Capital Improvement Program- Waibel Road Bridge and Road Improvement Projects

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to transfer \$250,000 of existing bond budget authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital Improvement Program budget from the completed Replacement of Baron Road Bridge over CSX Project to the Replacement of Waibel Road Bridge (\$175,000) and Waibel Road Improvement (\$75,000) Projects.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided introductory remarks on this Bill. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced and posted on February 16, 2016. The public hearing for Bill No. 2016-02 will be advertised and scheduled at the Council legislative session of March 15, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2016-03 Budget Amendment - Capital Budget - Animal Care and Control Facility

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 that will increase bond budget authority within the Approved General Fund Capital Improvement Program budget by \$500,000 in order to purchase real property and existing improvements, and acquire necessary equipment for, an animal care and control facility and further, for the purpose of providing financial savings versus the existing rental arrangement.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks on this Bill. Council questions and comments ensued. Council President Hodge stated that the Council wants to have more information about the selected property and service provider before considering approval of this legislation.

Introduced and posted on February 16, 2016. The public hearing for Bill No. 2016-03 will be advertised and scheduled at the Council legislative session of March 15, 2016.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 05-2016 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant Funds - Emergency Services

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 \$1,843 to the Special Revenue – Other Grants Fund budget to fund the Local Government Insurance Trust Grant (LGIT) awarded to the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution. There were no Council comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 16, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 06-2016 Appointment—Animal Care and Control Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of S. Lee Lewis, recommended by the County Executive; and of Arnold Fox, recommended by the County Council, to the Cecil County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, to serve a two-year term, term to expire on March 1, 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 16, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 07-2016 Appointment Recommendation - Tax Appeal Board

A Resolution to recommend candidates for appointment by the Governor of Maryland to the Cecil County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board. The recommended candidates in priority order are Steven F. Pearson, Frank Muller and Suzan Doordan.

There were no introductory comments on this Resolution. Council President Hodge commented on this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 16, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 08-2016 Tax Credit – North East Fire Company - Fire Hall

A Resolution to grant the request of the North East Fire Company for tax credit for their fire hall at 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 16, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 1, 2016.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 04-2016 Budget Transfer - Fund Balance - Snow Removal

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 the Road's Maintenance Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$325,000 to be expended for County snow removal.

There were no Council comments or questions.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 2, 2016.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 04-2016.

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

FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2016-01 Amendment - Zoning Code - Sawmills

An Act to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part XII Industrial Uses, Section 144 - Sawmills to eliminate the three year limitation on Special Exception for Sawmills.

The Bill was introduced on January 5, 2016 and public hearing held on February 2, 2016.

Council comments and questions ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2016-01.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - N, Hodge - Y. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

James Massey
James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:

Robert Hodge
Robert Hodge
President

