

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 19, 2016

PRESENT: Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff; 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.

CLOSED SESSION

July 5, 2016

10:00 A.M.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene a closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508(a)(13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Schneckenburger was absent.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - absent, Patchell- Y, and Hodge - Y.

Present: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, and Councilman Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator; James Massey, Council Manager; and Angela Vaca, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. O'Connor updated the Council regarding ranking of farms to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:13 a.m. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Schneckenburger was absent.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - absent, Patchell - Y and Hodge - Y.

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 July 5, 2016, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the closed session of July 5, 2016, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Business Incubator Update

Norman Gaither, Chairman of the Economic Development Technology Committee, introduced members of the committee including Danny DeMarinis, Dr. Carl Roberts, Mike Lara, Frank Cardo; and Economic Development staff members, Lisa Webb, Director, and Susan O'Neill, Manager.

Mr. Gaither provided an update of the committee's initiative to implement a Cecil County business incubator. He reviewed the regional partnerships, the history, the benefits, and the proposed phasing of the incubator.

He stated that during phase 1, Cecil College will provide space at Elkton Station for a co-working space incubator, which will be managed by a volunteer director who will provide administrative services and resources for entrepreneurs. During phase 2, the incubator will become a 501c3 nonprofit organization to be relocated on the former Basell property and serve as a maker space. Funding for phase 2 will be requested in next year's budget.

Mr. Gaither asked the Council to promote support for the business incubator to the public and keep informed as the initiative develops. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Work Session Schedule

Council President Hodge led discussion on the Council work session schedule and whether to consider cancelling work sessions held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to follow the current schedule but allow the Council President discretion to cancel a work session when there are no items for the agenda.

Update on Heroin Trafficking

Cecil County Sheriff, Scott Adams, reviewed the National Heroin Threat Assessment Summary, issued by the US Drug Enforcement Administration in June 2016. He stated that heroin deaths are increasing significantly in the Mid-Atlantic region because of increased drug trafficking from Mexico. He also stated that the use of Fenanyl has increased because of its higher potency and recovering addicts who relapse.

Sheriff Adams also provided copies of Substance Use and Outcomes, 2015 Maryland State Epidemiological Profile, which provides additional overdose data.

He also stated that each Maryland county will receive HIDTA funds to hire a Heroin Coordinator who will assist with all drug cases and conduct in-house analyses for the county. Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led a review of the legislative agenda.

Council President Hodge provided introductory remarks regarding Bill No. 2016-16 Compensation for County Council Members, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session. Council Members discussed the implementation date and agreed that all Council Members will receive the increased compensation as of December 3, 2018. There was also discussion on the text of the bill sponsor. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to change the wording of the introduction for Bill Nos. 2016-16 and 2016-17 to the following: "Council President at the recommendation of the Compensation Review Commission."

Council President Hodge provided introductory remarks about Bill No. 2016-17 Compensation and Allowance for County Executive, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session. Jason Allison, County Attorney, stated that any change in compensation of the County Executive must be effective at the beginning of a term, referencing Section 406(b) of the Charter. After discussion, Council Members agreed by consensus to set the effective date at December 3, 2016. The administration agreed that additional funding would not require a supplemental appropriation.

Resolution No. 24-2016 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on the Resolution.

Resolution No. 35-2016 Appointment - Ethics Commission - L. Michelle Henson, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 36-2016 Appointment - Economic Development Commission - Dr. Richard Szumel, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 37-2016 Appointment - Ethics Commission - Robert Boonstoppel, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 38 -2016 Appointment—Board of Appeals - Mark Saunders, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 39-2016 Appointment—Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board - Robert W. Miller Sr., will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 40-2016 Supplemental Appropriation - Public Library - Elkton Parking Lot, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-13 Agricultural Land Preservation District - Steve and Lindsay Haines, will be considered for adoption at tonight's session. There were no Council comments or questions.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reviewed the calendar of upcoming events He updated the Council about a film showing "If Only" at the Recovery Center of America in Earleville, a new Comcast program to offer internet services to public housing residents, coming programs sponsored by Voices of Hope, and a visit to Chesapeake City by Comptroller Peter Franchot.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on Governor Hogan's recent visit to Cecil County. He participated in the Cecil County Public Library's Start Up program, conference call with the Rural Counties Coalition and Sheriff's Office ride-along program. He presented proclamations to recognize three Eagle Scouts from Troop 336. He attended meetings of the Susquehanna Workforce Network and Cecil County Firemen Association. He also attended the open house for the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership.

Councilwoman Bowsbey also attended the RAMP open house. She reported on the Planning Commission's recent agenda.

Vice President McCarthy commented on the significant impact that the Clean Chesapeake Coalition has made to the State, which includes the Governor's support for efforts to cleanup sediments behind Conowingo Dam. He attended the MACo Legislative Committee to discuss possible legislative issues for next year's General Assembly.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Council President Hodge reminded Council Members and the public that the Cecil County Fair will begin on July 22 and encouraged support for the 4-H livestock auction.

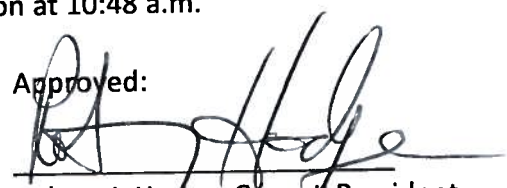
Adjournment

Council President Hodge adjourned the work session at 10:48 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


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