

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2017-01  
January 3, 2017**

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:

Joyce Bowsbey, Council President  
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President  
Bob Meffley, Council Member  
George Patchell, Council Member  
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of January 3, 2017 was called to order by President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Council President Bowsbey led the Council in a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of January 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Rezoning Application:**

File 2016-06 APPLICANT: Martin Imperial; REQUEST: To rezone .50 acres from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to Business General (BG); PROPERTY LOCATION: 538 Blue Ball Road, Elkton, MD 21921; Election District: 3, Tax Map: 305, Parcel: 41. PROPERTY OWNER: Ronmar Properties, LLC, Resident Agent Martin Imperial; PRESENTLY ZONED: Heavy Industrial (M-2)

Notice of the public hearing was published on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016.

Witnesses presenting testimony were sworn in by Council Manager Massey.

William F. Riddle, representing the applicant, presented the request for rezoning, based on a change of character of the neighborhood since the last comprehensive rezoning. He introduced Martin Imperial, the applicant and owner of the property, as a witness. Mr. Riddle also displayed Elkton Recycling Rezoning Exhibit, a map of the surrounding properties.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated that the Planning and Zoning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval based on a change of the character of the neighborhood since the 2011 Comprehensive Rezoning.

Stephen O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, presented the staff report of findings of facts, which recommended approval based on a change of character of the neighborhood since the 2011 Comprehensive Rezoning. Mr. O'Connor stated that his office had received one letter of support and a petition with five signatures in support of the application.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments.  
James Jones, North East, commented in support of the applicant.

There were no closing remarks.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing and announced that the rezoning case may be considered at the next legislative session on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2016-23 Expedited Legislation - Budget Amendment - General Capital Project - Information Technology - Permitting System**

An expedited Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in order to move forward the bond expenditure authority in the amount of \$600,000 requested for the Permitting System (61003) within the Information Technology General Capital Projects Funding, resulting in an increase to the current fiscal year 2017 and a reduction to FY 2018.

The Bill was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for public hearing on January 3, 2017 as expedited legislation.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Bill No. 2016-23 for public comment. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2016-23. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held during tonight's final reading of Bills.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 57-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Goals and Objectives**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 1, Section 1.2 Objectives for Water and Sewer Facilities and Services for the Land Use Districts , to add text regarding resource protection and rural conservation districts; and Section 1.3.1.K General Policies Regarding Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems, to add text regarding sewer service funded by MDE funding.

The Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for tentative consideration on January 17, 2017.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 57-2016 for public comment. There was no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 57-2016. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 58-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Chesapeake City**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 4 Sewerage Systems, Section 4.1.4.B Chesapeake City, to add text regarding limitation on service extensions in existing service areas and potential service area expansion; and to add text regarding sewer service area changed by the State, balancing of growth and demand, and service division within parcel.

The Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for tentative consideration on January 17, 2017.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 58-2016 for public comment. There was no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 58-2016. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 59-2016 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map - Water Service Districts - Chesapeake City**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, to revise the Water Service Districts map for Chesapeake City to reflect areas that were omitted in the previous map

The Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for tentative consideration on January 17, 2017.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 59-2016 for public comment. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 59-2016. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 60-2016 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map- Sewer Service Districts - Chesapeake City**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, to revise the Sewer Service Districts map for Chesapeake City to reflect areas that were omitted in the previous map

The Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for tentative consideration on January 17, 2017.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 60-2016 for public comment. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 60-2016. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 61-2016 Recertification - Priority Funding Area Map**

A Resolution to amend the Priority Funding Area Map for Cecil County in order to expand the current priority funding area by 398 acres, to correct the areas that are within the proposed service area for the consolidated wastewater treatment plant, which were not shown in the current Priority Area Funding Map.

The Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2016, advertised on December 21, 2016 and December 28, 2016, and scheduled for tentative consideration on January 17, 2017.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the legislation.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 61-2016 for public comment. There was no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 61-2016. She stated that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 17, 2017.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of December 20, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Jones, North East, commented on Horst family's chicken house.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on Drug Court and the County Executive's transition team.

Margaret Barnes, Salisbury, representing Moms Across America, commented on Wicomico County's Health Impact Assessment and chicken houses proposed for Cecil County.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell commented on Cecil County Public Library's new bookmobile and the value of its services.

Councilman Meffley commented on the new library bookmobile.

Councilwoman Gregory wished everyone Happy New Year.

Vice President Schneckenburger wished everyone Happy New Year. He will be attending Economic Development Commission's presentation by Dr. Anirban Basu of the Labor Market Study, commissioned by the Susquehanna Workforce Network.

Council President Bowsbey invited the public to attend the Economic Development Commission's meeting. She extended wishes for a Happy New Year and apologized for running out of time at tonight's Citizens Corner.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 01-2017 Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board - Frederick T. Craig, Jr.**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Frederick T. Craig, Jr. to the Electrical Examiners Board for a three year term to expire on January 17, 2020.

There were no introductory comments on this Resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on January 3, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on January 17, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 02-2017 Appointment - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council - James W. Ziccardi**



A Resolution to appoint Dr. James W. Ziccardi to the Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to a three year term to expire on January 17, 2020.

There were no introductory comments on this Resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on January 3, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on January 17, 2017.



Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 03-2017 Approval - Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan - Project Iron**

A Resolution endorsing a Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan pursuant to which the Borrower will establish a new 1M plus square feet distribution center and enter into a ten year lease in Principio Business Park in North East, Cecil County, Maryland.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided introductory comments on this Resolution. He stated that further information will become available on January 17, 2017. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on January 3, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on January 17, 2017.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 69-2016 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Jennifer Callaghan**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Jennifer Callaghan to the Board of Parks and Recreation to fill the vacancy of George Raley; term to expire on January 3, 2020.



This Resolution was introduced and posted on December 20, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2017. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution No. 69-2016, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Schneckeburger-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Bowsbey-Y. Motion was unanimously approved.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 70-2016 Supplemental Appropriation - Fund Balance - Maryland School for the Blind**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 in order to provide an additional appropriation of \$2,050 for the Maryland School for the Blind budget within the General Fund.



This Resolution was introduced and posted on December 20, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2017. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Schneckenburger made a motion to approve Resolution No. 70-2016, which was seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Bowsbey-Y. Motion was unanimously approved.

**CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2016-23 Expedited Legislation - Budget Amendment - General Capital Project - Information Technology - Permitting System**

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The Bill was introduced on December 6, 2016 and public hearing held and concluded on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2016-23.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

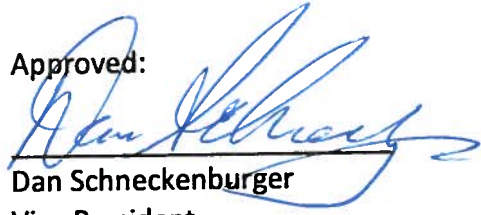
Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Dan Schneckenburger  
Vice President

