

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 3, 2017

PRESENT: Council Members: Council President Joyce Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. –Council President Bowsbey 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 Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 20, 2016, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion - Bill No. 2016-24 Amendment - Zoning Ordinance - Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks

Council President Bowsbey led discussion about Bill No. 2016-24 regarding concerns expressed by Indian Acres property owners that this legislation could apply to them.

Mr. Wein and Mr. Sennstrom stated that this legislation is applicable to Low Density Residential, LDR, zoned properties, and that Indian Acres is zoned MH, Manufactured Homes district. The Council requested that the administration contact the attorney representing Indian Acres to clarify that Bill No. 2016-24 applies only to property zoned as LDR.

The Council asked to explain the benefit of this legislation. Mr. Sennstrom explained that the Planning and Zoning office had been approached by an attorney representing a developer who is interested in being able to develop a campground with a hotel on the site.

The Council discussed the concerns of Indian Acre property owners that their campground could be rezoned to LDR by the property management company. Mr. Allison explained that the zoning change would require all property owners to agree to this change and the zoning change would go through the Planning and Zoning process and to the Council for approval.

The Council asked the administration to provide a clearly written statement that Indian Acres is not affected by Bill No. 2016-24.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Bowsbey led a review of the legislative agenda.

Mr. O'Connor provided introductory remarks about the rezoning case, File 2016-06 - Martin Imperial. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing is scheduled tonight for Bill No. 2016-23 Expedited Legislation - Budget Amendment - General Capital Project - Information Technology - Permitting System. Mr. Wein provided a summary of this legislation. Mr. Robinson provided additional information. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing is scheduled tonight for Resolution Nos. 57-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Goals and Objectives; Resolution No. 58-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Chesapeake City; Resolution No. 59-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map - Water Service Districts - Chesapeake City; Resolution No. 60-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map - Sewer Service Districts - Chesapeake City; and Resolution No. 61-2016 Recertification - Priority Funding Area Map. Mr. Wein stated that these Resolutions are regarding the expansion of the waste water treatment system in Chesapeake City. Mr. Sennstrom provided additional details. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 01-2017 Appointment - Electrical Examiners Board - Frederick T. Craig, Jr. will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 02-2017 Appointment - Dr. James W. Ziccardi - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council, will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 03-2017 Approval - Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan - Project Iron, will be introduced at tonight's session. Mr. Wein provided introductory remarks. Council questions and comments ensued. Funding for this Resolution comes from the Casino VLT funds.

Resolution No. 69-2016 Appointment- Board of Parks and Recreation - Jennifer Callaghan, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 70-2016 Supplemental Appropriation- Fund Balance- Maryland School for the Blind, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2016-23 Expedited Legislation - Budget Amendment - General Capital Project - Information Technology - Permitting System, will be considered for final reading at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reviewed reports received and upcoming events. There was discussion of the proposed upgrade of the Northeast Corridor that will include major rerouting of rails through Cecil County.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley extended wishes for a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Gregory extended wishes for a Happy New Year.

Vice President Schneckenburger extended wishes for a Happy New Year.

President Bowsbey extended wishes for a Happy New Year and commented on her excitement for the new administration.

CLOSED SESSION

9:34 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government, 10-508(a)(4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to local, expand, or remain in the State.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Gregory - Y, Bowsbey - Y.
The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

OPEN SESSION

9:57 A.M.

The open session resumed at 9:57 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:57 a.m.

Approved:


Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey

Council Manager

