

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 24, 2017

PRESENT: Council Members: President Joyce Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckeburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Rebecca Anderson, Budget Director; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; members of the press; and members of the public.
Guest: Rod Kornrumpf

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 Schneckeburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of January 17, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ashley Addiction Treatment Center

Rod Kornrumpf, Regional Executive Director for Behavior Health, Union Hospital, made a presentation about the new Ashley Addiction Treatment Center. Ashley is establishing an intensive outpatient program to provide treatment and therapies. The center will be able to partner with Union Hospital in offering both mental health and substance abuse services. Council questions and comments ensued. The new center is located at the Union Hospital Professional Building.

FY 2017 Second Quarter Projections

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Anderson presented the FY 2017 second quarter projection.

Mr. Robinson stated that the second quarter projection finds the county's general fund expecting less of a deficit than the revised budget with a projected deficit of \$2.3M. He stated that the projected net of all revenue streams is \$766,368 less than budgeted. He also stated that projected expenditures are expected to approach but not equal the budget. A total of \$1M less than budget is projected to be spent. Compared to last year, revenues are up \$2.5M and expenditures have increased by \$2.6M.

The Landfill Fund is projecting a \$240,402 increase in operating revenue compared to budget and \$416,170 lower in expenditures. Compared to last year, revenues are up \$199,467 and expenditures are down \$428,120.

The Wastewater Fund is projected to minor changed to revenues and expenses compared to budget with \$13,498 more in projected user fee revenue, \$5,183 in investment revenue, and

\$81,176 less in projected expenses. Compared to last year, revenues are down \$419,182 while expenditures are up \$201,926.

Mr. Robinson reported on changes in the fund balance for the first six months of FY 2017. The fund balance increased from \$2,474,523 to \$2,662,504. There were no changes in the fund balance of solid waste or wastewater.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Letter of Support - SB 211 Cecil County Orphans' Court - Travel Expenses Allowance
Council President Bowsbey reviewed SB 211 Cecil County Orphans' Court Travel Expenses Allowance. After discussion, Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to approve a letter of support for SB 211, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell. The Council approved of the motion unanimously.

Annual State of the County

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of the Council's participation in the Annual State of the County, sponsored by the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, the Council agreed to select topics so that each member could speak on a different topic.

Vice President Schneckenburger will speak about economic development, CAFOs, and tier maps.

Councilman Meffley will speak on the Local Business Initiative and Incubator program.

Councilwoman Gregory agreed to speak on Amazon.

Councilman Patchell will speak on transportation, bus service to MARC, Elkton Train Station, proposed Susquehanna River Railroad Bridge, moving toll facility to the Delaware line, use of Hatem Bridge EZpass on I95 Tydings Bridge, the State Transportation Budget, highway user funds, connecting SEPTA to MARC, and the North East Maintenance Facility.

Council President Bowsbey will provide an overview, review accomplishments and speak about substance abuse.

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

The Council discussed an amendment to Bill No. 2016-24 that would specify that the changes in this Bill do not apply to Manufactured Home zoning such as Indian Acres. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to support this amendment in order to provide clarity.

Vice President Schneckenburger requested that Sandra Turner, Tourism Manager, be asked to address the Council on February 7, 2017, about the economic impact of the proposed Blue Water Development project to develop a campground with hotel on Old Field Point Road. He also asked that she provide an update on the application of Fair Hill to become a USEF CCI4 event.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He stated that a draft of the Council departmental budget will be sent by next week so that it can be discussed at the work session on February 7, 2017 and approved on February 14, 2017. He also stated that last year's State Bill to raise the percentage of the proceeds for Hollywood Casino will be reintroduced.

The Council also agreed by consensus to support Fair Hill as being the priority for Rural Legacy Program.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended Singerly Fire Company Anniversary Celebration, the Annual Derrick Lowe Memorial Evening of Blue Grass, and the Sheriff's Office Crime Investigation Update.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the School of Technology graduation and commented on the scholarship awarded to Joanna Tarango. She congratulated the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce for their office move to Route 40. She also attended the Singerly Fire Company Anniversary Celebration.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the School of Technology graduation and the Singerly Fire Company Anniversary Celebration. He congratulated Councilwoman Gregory and Councilman Meffley for their attendance at so many events in the county. He stated that he would be participating in the Rural Maryland Council conference call. He also stated that he attended the MACo Legislative Committee meeting and commented on several Bills being discussed.

Council President Bowsbey attended the School of Technology graduation.

CLOSED SESSION

10:10 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)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

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

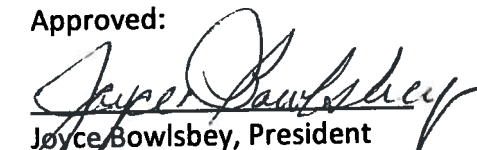
10:40 A.M.

The open session resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:40 a.m.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager