

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 21, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: 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, Director of Finance; Pat Conway, Director of Permits and Inspection; 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of February 14, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Council President Bowsbey announced that the presentation by Linda Burrell from Delmarva Power will be rescheduled due to illness.

**Amendment to HB 621 Cecil County Board of Education Compensation**

Council President Bowsbey led a discussion on HB 621 Cecil County Board of Education - Members - Salaries. Delegate Hornberger provided an amendment in response to the Council's concern that the minimum compensation for school board members should remain the same but allow the Council authority to determine any increase. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to support the bill with the amendment.

**County Attorney**

Mr. Massey reviewed a suggested process and timeline for Council Members to select a Council Attorney. A notice of expression of interest will be published on April 1, 2017, deadline to be May 1, Council Members to rank by June 1, and interviews to be set by June 15. All Council Members will participate in the interviews.

**Council Summer Internship**

Mr. Massey reviewed the proposed job description for the Council's intern. Interns will be contracted for the 2017 fall and 2018 spring semesters through Cecil College. Interns will be asked to work 10 hours per week and receive a compensation of \$10 per hour. After discussion, the Council determined that they will not offer a summer intern program.

**Videotaping Council Sessions**

Mr. Massey updated the Council on plans to begin videotaping meetings. The camera and tripod will be purchased and set up to show Council Members and the presenters. The

podium and presentation table will be relocated to the right side of the Elk Room to allow presenters to be shown on camera.

#### **State Legislative Update**

The Council discussed SB 817/HB 1547 Public Safety Agritourism Permit Exemption. Mr. Conway and Mr. O'Connor provided additional comments on the proposal. Council questions and comments ensued. The Council agreed by consensus to support SB 817/HB 1547.

Mr. Massey reported on legislative actions on state bills that the Council has supported or opposed.

Vice President Schneckenburger reported on bills that were discussed at the MACo legislative committee. He suggested that the Council support SB 1090 Maryland Transportation Authority - John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway - Toll Plazas, which proposes to move the toll plaza to the state line when the State converts to electronic toll collection. The Council agreed by consensus to send a letter of support for SB 1090.

Vice President Schneckenburger also stated that we should follow HB 519 Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Consumption Facility Program. This bill would provide a safe house for drug use under supervision of health care professionals. Although this bill is unlikely to go forward, he stated that we should monitor any progress.

#### **Review of Legislative Agenda**

Council President Bowsbey led a review of the legislative agenda.

A public hearing for Resolution No. 06-2017 Land Conveyance - Estate of Richard D. Mackie, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Mr. O'Connor provided comments on this resolution. Council Member questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-01 Creation of Landfill Closure Investment Account and Board of Directors, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Mr. Robinson provided additional comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger asked if a Council Member could be a member of this board. Mr. Allison stated that this board was within the executive branch management structure and cited Charter section 212 regarding the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches.

Mr. Wein and Mr. Allison provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-02 Criminal Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-03 County Parks - Prohibition of Tobacco Use, which will be introduced at tonight's session. This proposal has been approved by the Cecil County Board of Parks and Recreation. Council questions and comments ensued.

There were no comments or questions about Resolution No. 11-2017 Appointment - Board of License Commissioners - W. Edwin Cole, Jr., which will be introduced at tonight's session.

Resolution No. 07-2017 Appointment- Weed Control Advisory Committee, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 08-2017 Appointment- Board of Parks and Recreation- Brian Morgan, will be considered at tonight's session. Mr. Wein commented that Mr. Morgan was attending today's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 09-2017 Appointment- Historic District commission- Mike Dixon and Patricia Folk , will be considered at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 10-2017 Supplemental Appropriation- Health Insurance Fund - Fund Balance, will be considered at tonight's session. Mr. Wein provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #37 will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

#### **Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings.

#### **Council Member Comments**

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger stated that he is participating in the MACo Legislative Committee and Rural Counties Coalition Legislative Committee. He attended the Cecil County Fireman's Association meeting and commented on Perryville Fire Company's need for water a source at the fire station near the Perryville Outlets. He will be attending the reception for Christopher Moyer.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley had no comments.

Council President Bowsbey commented on the updated Council budget hearing schedule and asked the administration to encourage department heads to adhere to the allotted times.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**10:00 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, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b) (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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**  
**10:16 A.M.**

The open session resumed at 10:16 a.m.

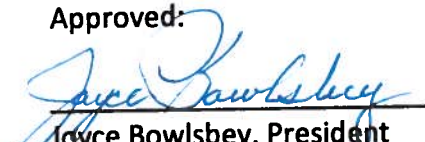
**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:17 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey, President  
County Council of Cecil County