

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 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; 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 Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of March 7 , 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2018 Transportation Priorities

Mr. Wein discussed the administration's FY 2018 Transportation Priorities, which included a new priority for an interchange on I-95 near Belvidere Road. He discussed the approvals needed from the Federal Highway Administration and the possible public/private partnership for this project. Council questions and comments ensued.

Anti-Drug Strategy Plan Task Force Appointment

Council President Bowsbey led discussion on the Council appointment to the Anti-Drug Strategy Plan Task Force. She stated that Vice President Schneckenburger and Councilman Meffley expressed an interest in serving on the task force. Council President Bowsbey asked the administration if the Council could designate two members.

State Legislative Update

Council Manager Massey reviewed state legislation for the Council's consideration.

The Council agreed by consensus to send a letter of support for SB 1060/HB 1082 Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017.

The Council agreed by consensus to take no position on HB 742 Alcoholic Beverages - Class 4 Limited Winery Licenses because of flaws in the bill that did not address existing wineries that grow, process and sell in different locations.

The Council agreed by consensus to send a letter of opposition for SB 267/HB 487 Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Composition and Licenses.

Review of Legislative Agenda

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-01 Landfill Closure Investment Account and Board of Directors, is scheduled at tonight's legislative session. Mr. Wein provided comments on the Bill. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-02 Criminal Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, is scheduled at tonight's legislative session. Mr. Allison provided comments on this Bill. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-03 County Parks - Prohibition of Tobacco Use, is scheduled at tonight's legislative session. Mr. Wein provided comments on this Bill. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 13-2017 Approval - Maryland Transit Administration - Grant Application, There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #38 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 and events. He also updated the Council on the status of state legislation that they had taken a position on.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell attended a fundraiser for Perryville High School and commented on the proposed field house.

Councilman Meffley attended the Sheriff's Office Intel meetings and commented on the latest opioid related fatalities. He commented on the success of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Chesapeake City. He attended the Comptroller's tour of Gilpin Manor Elementary School and the Board of Education meeting. He also commented on the Gifted and Talented program and expansion of the School of Technology programs. He attended Chesapeake City Fire House banquet and commented on those who were recognized. He attended the Farm Bureau meeting and commented on the tier map discussion.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending today's work session.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the construction cost savings for the Gilpin Manor Elementary School. He attended the Chesapeake City Fire House Banquet and commented on someone whose life was saved by an EMT. He attended the Cecil County Fireman's Association meeting. He plans on attending the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Farm Bureau banquet, opening of the Giraffe Conservation Center and presentation of an Eagle Scout certificate to Jason Schmitz.

Council President Bowlsbey attended the Planning Commission and reported on the actions taken. She will be attending a chili cook-off at the Elkton Municipal Building.

CLOSED SESSION

9:45 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

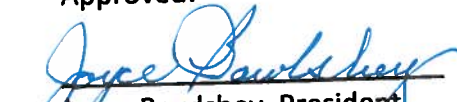
10:23 A.M.

The open session resumed at 10:23 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:23 a.m.

Approved:



Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

