

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 28, 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; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; 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.

CLOSED SESSION

March 21, 2017

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.

Present: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Schneckenburger, Councilman Meffley, Councilman Patchell, Councilwoman Gregory; James Massey, Terry Hale, Al Wein, Jason Allison, Winston Robinson and County Executive Alan McCarthy.

County Attorney Allison provided his legal opinion to clarify Non-interference with the Executive Branch of government.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:22 a.m.

The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y and Gregory - Y.

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 21 , 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of March 21 , 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Calvert Regional Park - Fees

Councilwoman Gregory led discussion of the current user fees for Calvert Regional Park. She stated that several nonprofit organizations contacted her about their organization's difficulty in affording current fees. Ms. Gregory stated that other counties offer discounts for local nonprofit organizations.

Councilman Patchell stated that the Parks and Recreation Board is currently reviewing a proposal to reduce user fees at Calvert Park for county nonprofit organizations. The Council also discussed fee structures at other park facilities.

The Council agreed by consensus to send a letter in support of reducing user fees at Calvert Regional Park for County nonprofit organizations to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Anti-Drug Strategy Plan Task Force Appointment

Council President Bowlsbey stated that the administration asked for only one Council Member to serve on the Anti-Drug Strategy Plan Task Force. She stated that Vice President Schneckenburger and Councilman Meffley were interested in serving on this task force. The Council President asked them to work out who would be the Council's representative. After the meeting, Councilman Meffley deferred the appointment to Vice President Schneckenburger.

State Legislative Update

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

Senator Hershey's office requested that the Council send a second letter of support for SB 817 Public Safety - Agritourism - Permit Exemption because this Senate Bill has been sent to the House for consideration.

The Council reviewed HB 621 Cecil County Board of Education - Members - Salaries, which was amended to set the compensation at a minimum of \$3,500 that is their current compensation. The Council took no position on the Bill. This Bill does provide that the County Council can determine their compensation.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He distributed the new County Council brochure and budget hearing schedule.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell attended Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He also attended the public meeting on Susquehanna River Rail Bridge and summarized their plans to replace the current bridge with two bridges that will have two tracks each. There will be a minimal disruption to Perryville.

Councilman Meffley attended the Upper Shore Regional Council and commented on the role of this organization and grants that had been received. He attended the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs, Local Business Initiative Committee, Chili Cook-off, and Rise Up Against Hunger event.

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Farm Bureau annual banquet that honored the Clifford England family. He also attended the opening of the Giraffe Conservation Center at Plumpton Park Zoo. He invited Nick Lacovara to update the Council on zoo programs.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Chili Cook-off and the Upper Shore Regional Council. She also attended the Rise Up Against Hunger event, sponsored by Cecil College and North East Rotary, that filled 10,000 meals to be sent to children in third world countries.

CLOSED SESSION

9:37 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) (1)(ii) to discuss 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

9:53 A.M.

The open session resumed at 9:53 a.m.

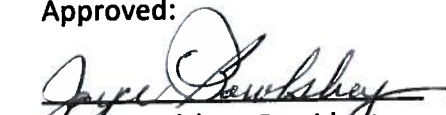
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:54 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

