

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2017-06
March 21, 2017**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Joyce Bowsbey, Council President
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President
Bob Meffley, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

NOTE: Audio recording and video recording of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of March 21, 2017 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Bowsbey led the Council in a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of March 21, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-01 Landfill Closure Investment Account and Board of Directors

A Bill to create a Landfill Closure Investment Account in the Landfill Enterprise Fund, to create a Facility Closure Investment Account Board of Directors, and to authorize the Landfill Closure Investment Account Board of Directors to invest and reinvest funds in the Landfill Closure Investment Account in accordance with applicable law and Board regulation.

The Bill was introduced on February 21, 2017, advertised on March 8, 2017 and March 15, 2017; and scheduled for public hearing on March 21, 2017.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2017-01 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on April 4, 2017.

Council Assistant Hale stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-02 Criminal Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

A Bill to amend Part II of the Code of Cecil County by adding a new Chapter 250 (Criminal Nuisance Abatement Ordinance), Sections 250-1 through 250-20, of the Cecil County Code, providing for regulation and imposition of penalty upon violation of Chapter 250.

The Bill was introduced on February 21, 2017, advertised on March 8, 2017 and March 15, 2017; and scheduled for public hearing on March 21, 2017.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided comments on this legislation. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments.

Norman Wehner, Elkton, President, Cecil County Landlord Association, spoke in opposition to the Bill.

Patrick Ullrich, Elkton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Candy Bathon, Elkton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Monty Litzenburger, Elkton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Christine Reeves, Rising Sun, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Tom Quinn, North East, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Robin Dahle, North East, spoke in support of the bill.

Bill Pickett, North East, commented on the legislation.

Russ Johnson, Elkton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Robert Hodge, Elk Neck, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Charles Albert, Elkton, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2017-02 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on April 4, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-03 County Parks - Prohibition of Tobacco Use

An Act to prohibit tobacco use on or about Cecil County Park property.

The Bill was introduced on February 21, 2017, advertised on March 8, 2017 and March 15, 2017; and scheduled for public hearing on March 21, 2017.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments.

Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer, spoke in favor of the bill.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2017-03 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on April 4, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of March 7, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tanya Emkey, Earleville, commented in opposition to the proposed campground closure period legislation. Derek DeWitt, Boys and Girls Club of Cecil County, commented in support of funding for the school budget. Victoria Pennington, Elkton, commented in support of funding the school budget.

Ray Nickson, Delaware County, PA, commented in opposition to the proposed campground closure period legislation.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on Robert Hodge, landlord and tenant issues, school closings, snow removal procedures, and the county proposed budget.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley had no comments.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on citizens comments on Bill No. 2017-02.

Council President Bowsbey commented on National Agriculture Day.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No.13-2017 Approval - Maryland Transit Administration- Grant Application

A Resolution authorizing the Cecil County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grant(s) under the Federal Transit Act.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on March 21, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on April 4, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #38

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of the Cecil County Public School Budget Amendment # 38, in the amount of \$23,154.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Patchell made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #38, which was seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger.

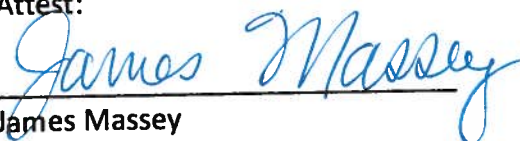
The Council unanimously approved Budget Amendment #38.

ADJOURNMENT

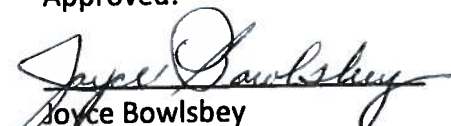
Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
President