

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 4, 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; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator; Susan O'Neill, Economic Development Manager; Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager; members of the press; and members of the public.
Guest: Vincent Fiorelli, Chesapeake Utilities

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 28 , 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 28 , 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Natural Gas Project

Vincent Fiorelli, Chesapeake Utilities, provided an update on his company's progress on the installation of natural gas along Route 40. He stated that the project included the installation of 8,000 feet of pipe, approximately two miles along Route 40 in the area the North East Creek. He stated that Chesapeake Utilities should complete the installation from Mechanics Valley Road to Belvidere Road by May or June 2017. Plans in the future include providing natural gas on the north and south sides of Route 272.

State Legislative Update

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

He stated that HB 621 Cecil County Board of Education Members - Salary has been withdrawn.

Bunky Luffman, Eastern Shore Governmental Affairs, notified the Council that Governor Hogan signed HB 684, which will result in Cecil County Public Schools receiving an additional \$191,000.

Review of Legislative Agenda

A public hearing on Rezoning File #2017-01 Noe. V. Mejia is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Mr. O'Connor provided introductory remarks stating that the Planning and Zoning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval of the applications based on a mistake. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-04 Supplemental Appropriation - Capital Budget - Board of Education - BTOP and E-Rate, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Mr. Wein provided comments on this Bill. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-05 Transfer of Appropriations - Capital Budget - Board of Education, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Mr. Wein provided comments on this Bill. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Resolution No. 12-2017 Expedited Legislation - Enterprise Zone - Perryville, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. This Resolution will be considered for approval at tonight's session because of its urgency. Mr. Wein provided comments on this Resolution. Council questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-06 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance - FY 2018; Bill No. 2017-07 Capital Improvement Program - FY2018-2022; Bill No. 2017-08 Lease Purchase Agreement - Vehicles and Equipment; and Bill No. 2017-09 Hotel Rental Tax Rate - FY 2018; which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 14-2017 Adoption of Income Tax Rate - FY 2018; and Resolution No. 15-2017 Adoption of Real Property and Personal Property Tax Rate - FY2018; which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 12-2017 Expedited Legislation - Enterprise Zone - Perryville, will be considered for approval at tonight's session, which has been expedited. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 13-2017 Approval - Maryland Transit Administration- Grant Application, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-01 Landfill Closure Investment Account and Board of Directors, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-03 County Parks - Prohibition of Tobacco Use, will be considered for final 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 stated that he will provide copies of respondents for the Council Attorney position for their evaluation.

Council Member Comments

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on his intention to work with Council Members on the proposed budget.

Councilman Patchell attended the County Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and commented on the proposed budget.


Councilman Meffley commented on his experience in testifying on a Bill in Annapolis.

Council President Bowsbey commented on the busy schedule of meetings and events on Thursday, March 30. She also praised the County Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:30 a.m.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

