

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 18, 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; Eric Sennstrom, Planning and Zoning Director; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; members of the press; and members of the public.

Guest: Linda Burris, Delmarva Power

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 April 4 , 2017, as presented.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Heike Button and Lise Champagne

The Council presented proclamations in recognition of Cecil County employees, Heike Button and Lise Champagne, on becoming United States Citizens.

Delmarva Power Update

Linda Burris, Public Affairs Manager of Delmarva Power, made a presentation to update the Council on projects and services of Delmarva Power. She provided the customer contact telephone number to report outages and described the outage map that indicates how long services will be disrupted. She also commented on their new Crescent Substation to be constructed off Route 272 near Rising Sun High School. She stated that this substation will enhance services and minimize outages in the area. Ms. Burris also discussed the rate increase that was approved in February 2017 because of enhancements made by the power company. She stated that the average customer saw an increase of \$10 per month. Council comments and questions ensued.

Geographical Naming of Barrens

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of a request from the US Board of Geographical Names regarding the naming of Rock Spring Barrens, Pilot Barrens and Goat Hill Barrens. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to send a letter in support of naming these barrens as indicated.

State Legislative Update

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of the end of the state legislative session and Mr. Massey reported on local laws passed during the session. Vice President Schneckenburger

discussed several heroin and opioid related bills and the Governor's plan to support programs addressing these issues.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Mr. Wein provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-10 Public Safety Pension Plan - Purchase of Prior Service and Bill No. 2017-11 Public Safety Pension Plan - 25 Years of Service - Contribution Waiver, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Members of the Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees were present to support these bills. Council comments and questions ensued. Vice President Schneckenburger requested fiscal notes for this legislation.

Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 16-2017 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Thomas Richards House, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council comments and questions ensued.

Bill No. 2017-04 Supplementary Appropriation - Capital Budget - Board of Education - BTOP and E-rate, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-05 Transfer of Appropriations - Capital Budget - Board of Education, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Mr. Sennstrom provided comments on rezoning case 2017-01, Noe V. Mejia, which is scheduled for approval at tonight's session.

Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #39, will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He also reported that the Clean Chesapeake Coalition will meet in the Elk Room on May 17, 2017 where they will discuss a meeting with Exelon and a public private partnership.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell and Councilman Meffley had no comments.

Councilwoman Gregory extended good wishes for the Easter holiday. She attended the Maryland State Police open house in North East and commented on the many demonstrations and information provided.

Vice President Schneckenburger extended good wishes for the Easter holiday. He attended fire company banquets for Hacks Point and Water Witch. He also stated that there is a meeting on Wednesday at the Sheriff's Office with EMS and the county's new heroin coordinator to discuss how to capture the data of the administration of Naloxone by the fire companies and EMS to drug users who have overdosed. Vice President Schneckenburger asked the administration when the Executive's Anti-Drug Prevention Task Force will meet. Mr. Wein stated that task force

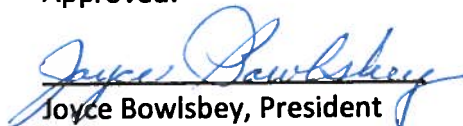
members were still being appointed and that the first meeting may occur in May or later. Vice President Schneckenburger also displayed a plaque presented by the Water Witch Fire Company to thank Cecil County Government for their support.

Council President Bowsbey commented on her recent visit to North Bay and their outstanding environmental and life skills programs, which are going nationwide. She also reported on the Planning Commission meeting.

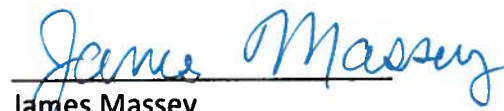
Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:01 a.m.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager