

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
May 2, 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; Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections; Sandra Turner, Tourism Manager; 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of April 18 , 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**2017 Building Safety Month**

The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of Building Safety Month to Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections, and Bill Funk, Chief Inspector, Department of Permits and Inspections.

**Tourism Strategic Plan**

Sandra Turner, Tourism Director, presented the Cecil County Tourism Strategic Plan 2017-2022. She reviewed the process of developing the strategic plan and statistics used to base the goals and objectives. Ms. Turner also provided a presentation of the impact of tourism on Cecil County, which included the tourism sales, labor income, tax receipts and employment. This strategic plan will be posted on the county's website.

Council President Bowsbey recognized Ms. Turner for her efforts in developing an outstanding group of volunteers. Council questions and comments ensued.

**Review of Legislative Agenda**

Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory remarks about the rezoning case, File 2017-02 Penntex Ventures, LLC. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-09 Hotel Rental Tax Rate - FY 2018, is scheduled for tonight's legislation session. Mr. Wein provided comments on this Bill. He also reviewed the fiscal note and comparison of hotel tax rates in other Maryland counties. Council questions and comments ensued. Councilwoman Gregory asked Mr. Wein to provide the hotel tax rate for New Castle County, Delaware.

Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2017-12 Agricultural Preservation District - Appledale Farm. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no introductory comments on Resolution No. 17-2017 Appointment - Drug and Alcohol Abuse County - Paul M. Katz, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 18-2017 Appointment - Council Attorney - Victor R. Jackson, LLC, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no introductory comments on Resolution No. 19-2017 Appointment - Human Services Agency - Dr. Richard C. Szumel and Darrell Hamilton, which will be introduced at tonight's legislative session. Council comments ensued.

Resolution No. 16-2017 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Thomas Richards House will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

#### **Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He also reported that the Board of Health is scheduled on May 23, 2017 at 9am prior to the Council work session. He updated the Council on the strategic highway safety plan, medical cannabis and Worcester County CAFOs legislation. He encouraged support for Irish War Cry, trained by local Graham Motion, that is running in the Kentucky Derby.

#### **Council Member Comments**

Council President Bowsbey commented on a notice from the Health Department that they would be putting building permit applicants on a waiting list until next year because of the drought and inability to test wells because of the very dry wet season. She asked Mr. Sennstrom about the impact of this delay. Mr. Sennstrom will look into this issue. In addition, Fred VonStaden will be invited to speak to the Council. Vice President Bowsbey attended the Social Services Board meeting and commented on their functions. She also provided an accounting of state funds that are coming to Cecil County, which had been provided by Delegate Hornberger.

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

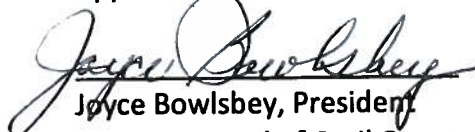
Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Tourism Partnership Breakfast and commented on the Tourism Awards. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Relations Committee and commented on Carl Robert's stellar efforts in keeping on top of state legislation. He plans to attend the Economic Development Commission meeting, Port Deposit Gas House dedication and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration.

Councilman Patchell and Councilman Meffley had no comments.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:44 a.m.

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey, President  
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager