# COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY WORK SESSION MINUTES May 16, 2017

PRESENT: Council Members: President Joyce Bowlsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Angela Vaca, Administrative Assistant; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Planning and Zoning Director; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager; members of the press; and members of the public.

# **OPEN SESSION – Elk Room**

**9:00 a.m.** --Council President Bowlsbey 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 May 9, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Review of Legislative Agenda**

Council President Bowlsbey led a review of tonight's legislative agenda.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-10 Public Safety Pension Plan - Purchase of Prior Service, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Ms. Anderson and Mr. Robinson commented on this legislation. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-11 Public Safety Pension Plan - 25 Years of Service - Contribution Waiver, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Allison responded to Council questions. Ms. Anderson stated that a fiscal note had been provided for this Bill at the Council's request.

Council President Bowlsbey stated that Bill No. 2017-13 Monthly Statement of Claims - Posting on County Website, will be introduced at tonight's session. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Allison responded to Council questions.

Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 20-2017 Expedited Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Rising Sun, and Resolution No. 21-2017 Expedited Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map - Rising Sun, which will be introduced at tonight' session. He explained that the administration requested that these Resolutions need to be expedited because of a deadline for Rising Sun to submit to MDE. Mr. Sennstrom stated that Calvin Bonenberger can address this question during tonight's public hearing. Council questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Sennstrom provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 22-2017 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile May 16, 2017 Work Session Meeting - Page 1

Home Park, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council President Bowlsbey provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 23-2017 Appointment - Human Services Agency - Morgan Miller, Suanne Blumberg, Betty Johnson, Howard Isenberg and Matthew Barrett, which will be introduced tonight. There were no Council questions or comments.

Ms. Anderson provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 24-2017 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer - Housing Fund - Housing Counselor, which will be introduced tonight. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 17-2017 Appointment- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council- Paul M. Katz, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 18-2017 Appointment- Council Attorney- Victor R. Jackson, LLC, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 19-2017 Appointments- Human Services Agency-Richard C. Szumel and Darrell Hamilton, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-09 Hotel Rental Tax Rate- FY 2018, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no comments about Rezoning Case #2017-02 Penntex Ventures, LLC, which is scheduled for consideration at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #40, will be considered 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 also reminded the Council of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting here on May 17, 2017. The Board of Health will be held next Tuesday, May 23 at 9am, prior to the Council work session.

## **Council Member Comments**

Councilman Patchell commented on program to be held on June 9 at Leeds Elementary School for students to communicate with astronauts on the International Space Station. He stated that this is a national program that encourages students to pursue careers in engineering and that it was an honor that a Cecil County school was chosen to host this program.

Councilman Meffley had no comments.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the celebration at the Health Department's National Accreditation and congratulated Stephanie Garrity and her staff. She attended the groundbreaking for the HELP project at Perry Point that was attended by Governor Hogan.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Glen Farms Homeowners Association meeting to discuss the issue of using residential properties for commercial purposes. He asked the administration to address this issue. He attended the Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Leaders Social with Council President Bowlsbey and met General Taylor, the new senior commander. He commented on job opportunities at APG. He also attended the Cecil County Firemen Association meeting. He is planning to attend the Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting.

Council President Bowlsbey polled Council Members who will be attending Cecil College graduation, Emergency Services employee recognition and Cecil Leadership Institute graduation. She attended the Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Leaders Social and commented on opportunities for students to participate in STEM programs sponsored by APG Communications Section. She attended the Singerly Fire Company awards banquet and commented on recognitions presented to volunteers with thirty to seventy years of service. She attended the Planning Commission and reported on their actions.

Approved:

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**County Council of Cecil County** 

## Adjournment

Council President Bowlsbey adjourned the session at 9:27 a.m.

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager

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