

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**May 23, 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; 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 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).

Council President Bowsbey announced that Vice President Schneckenburger is out of town and will be unable to attend tonight's budget public hearing.

**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 16, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Schneckenburger was absent.

**Budget Public Hearing**

Council President Bowsbey led discussion regarding the public hearing on the budget bills to be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Elkton High School. The Council agreed by consensus to limit each speaker to three minutes. Council Members were reminded that they should not respond to any questions by the audience during the public hearing. Council President Bowsbey will give opening and closing remarks. Al Wein, Director of Administration, will summarize the proposed budget.

**Budget Deliberation Sessions**

Council President Bowsbey led discussion regarding the budget deliberation sessions scheduled on May 30, 2017 and June 1, 2017. The Council agreed by consensus to schedule the preliminary sessions at 9 a.m. on May 30, 2017. The final deliberation session, if needed, will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Council Members are asked to bring all amendments that they wish to be considered to the deliberation session.

**Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He also reminded the Council that because of July 4 holiday falling on the first Tuesday, the Council legislative sessions are scheduled on July 11 and July 18, the second and third Tuesday of the month. Citizens Corner will be held on July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

**Council Member Comments**

Council President Bowsbey stated that Mayor Joe Zang requested that the Council send a letter of support for a grant application from the Town of Cecilton for the Cecilton Elderly Housing to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Councilman Patchell made a motion to send a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Cecilton, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley. By a voice vote, the Council agreed to send the letter of support by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Schneckenburger was absent.

Council President Bowsbey also updated Council Members on the efforts of Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna in repairing and building homes in Cecil County. She attended the tour of Gilpin Manor Elementary School and the meeting with Secretary David Brinkley from the Maryland Department of Management and Budget. She reviewed Secretary Brinkley's discussion about the state budget and state projects approved for Cecil County.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Clean Chesapeake Coalition and commented on their efforts with Conowingo Dam. She attended the Boys and Girls Club Youth Celebration Dinner and commented on the importance of this organization to the lives of children. She also attended the County Employee Recognition Luncheon.

Councilman Patchell attended the County Employee Recognition Luncheon and commented on the June 9th NASA simulcast with astronauts at Leeds Elementary School.

Councilman Meffley attended the Boys and Girls Club Youth Celebration Dinner, the Sheriff's Office criminal intelligence meeting, and County Employee Recognition Luncheon. He commented on enjoying the awards presented to students at Chesapeake City Elementary School's Field Day. He also attended the BEPAC Annual Preakness Pride event, Relay for Life at Elkton, and Cecil College graduation. He commented on meeting with Secretary Brinkley regarding the state's financial conditions and the secretary's praise for Cecil County Public Schools responsible spending.

Vice President Schneckenburger was absent.

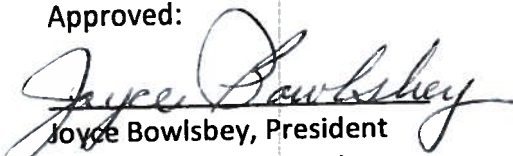
#### **Adjournment**

Council President Bowsbey adjourned the session at 10:31 a.m.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey, President  
County Council of Cecil County