

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 6, 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, Land Use and Development Services Director; Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager; Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator; 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.

CLOSED SESSION

June 1, 2017

1:35 p.m.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific employees.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Gregory - Y, Bowsbey - Y.
The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Present: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Schneckenburger, Councilman Meffley, Councilman Patchell, and Councilwoman Gregory.
Al Wein, Jason Allison, Winston Robinson, Rebecca Anderson, James Massey, and Terry Hale.

The Council discussed two amendments for Bill No. 2017-06 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance - FY 2018 related to salary adjustments for individuals. After discussion, the Council agreed to Amendment Nos. 13 and 14 to Bill No. 2017-06.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 1:48 p.m.

The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y and Gregory - Y.

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 23, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of June 1, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

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

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-12 Agricultural Preservation District- Appledale Farm, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments on this Bill. Council questions and comments ensued.

A public hearing 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- Water Service Districts - Rising Sun, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session as expedited legislation. Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 25-2017 Appointment—Board of License Commissioners - Stephen A. Miller, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

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-Water Service Districts - Rising Sun, will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session as expedited legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 23-2017 Appointment—Human Services Agency- Morgan Miller, Suanne Blumberg, Betty Johnson, Howard Isenberg and Matthew Barrett, will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session. Council President Bowsbey commented on the legislation.

Resolution No. 24-2017 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer - Housing Fund - Housing Counselor, will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued. The Council acknowledged the fiscal note for this legislation.

Bill No. 2017-10 Public Safety Pension Plan - Purchase of Prior Service, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-11 Public Safety Pension Plan - 25 Years of Service - Contribution Waiver, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued. Rebecca Anderson, Budget Anderson, responded to Council questions.

Bill No. 2017-07 Capital Improvement Program - FY2018-2022, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-08 Lease Purchase Agreement - Vehicles and Equipment Financing, will be considered for final 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 final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-06 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance - FY 2018, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Council President Bowlsbey stated that there are eighteen amendments, which were agreed by Council consensus. There were no Council questions or comments.

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 - FY 2018, 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 updated the Council on Montgomery County's new public campaign financing and the medical cannabis court cases.

Council Member Comments

Councilwoman Gregory attended the North East High School Awards Assembly to present the scholarship. She also attended Sunfest in Rising Sun and commented on its success.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended Sunfest in Rising Sun and commented on Cecil County's largest street fair. He will be attending the Rising Sun High School Awards Assembly to present the scholarship. He plans to attend the Economic Development Commission meeting. He will represent the Council at the Rising Sun High School and North East High School graduations.

Councilman Patchell attended the Perryville High School Awards Assembly to present the scholarship. He plans to attend the NASA downlink at Leeds Elementary School.

Councilman Meffley attended a drug counseling program at Bohemia Manor High School sponsored by Recovery Center of America and praised the program that should be held in every high school. He attended the STEM program at Elkton High School and commented on the impressive student projects. He also attended a fundraiser for Wayne Norman and Dan Schneckenburger. He plans to attend the Bohemia Manor High School Awards Assembly to present the scholarship. He will be attending the NASA program at Leeds Elementary School.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Elkton High School Awards Assembly and presented the scholarship. She will be attending the Elkton High School graduation and NASA event at Leeds Elementary School. She commented on attending two graduations of family. She also commented that Rising Sun High School won third place in a global award in Destination Imagination. She also commented on Bohemia Manor High School students, the Robotics, who won another national award this year. She also reminded Council Members that Citizens Corner is scheduled tonight at 6:00 p.m.


Adjournment

Council President Bowsbey adjourned the session at 9:23 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County