

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 20, 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; Eric Sennstrom, Land Use and Development Services Director; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; 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.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of June 6, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Maryland Rural Development Corporation

Councilman Meffley introduced Christopher Benzing, Executive Director of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation. Mr. Benzing explained that the MRDC is the community action agency in Cecil County since 1979. He stated that their mission is to work in partnership with governmental and non-governmental agencies in providing opportunities for families to become self-sufficient and create a strong sustainable rural Maryland by providing community and educational services to those in need. He explained that in Cecil County, MDRC provides Head Start, Early Head Start, Adult Education and Summer Feeding programs. MDRC works with the public schools, Health Department, Department of Social Services and the Judy Center. He invited Council Members to tour the Family Education Center.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

Council President Bowsbey led discussion about possible Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation, CAFOs, legislation. The Council agreed to appoint an ad hoc committee that could make recommendations to the Council. The Council suggested that the committee should be composed of the stakeholders, including representatives of the community opposition, Farm Bureau, Health Department, public schools and other citizens outside these groups. The Council agreed that this committee should be quickly formed so that their recommendations can be developed within three months. All Council Members agreed to participate in this committee. Mr. Massey was asked to go forward with this plan.

Taxicab Regulations

Council President Bowsbey led discussion of the need for local taxicab regulations. The owner of a local taxi company had suggested that Cecil County should develop regulations to ensure the safety of this public transportation as authorized in state law.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that the administration had concluded that no taxicab regulations were needed. Mr. Massey reviewed possible topics for regulations and that the Office on Aging provides vouchers to eligible citizens for local cab companies, which must follow federal regulations.

The Council agreed to invite Mr. Trolio, Director of Community Services, to discuss their federal regulations for consideration at a future work session.

Review of Legislative Agenda

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

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-13 Monthly Statement of Claims - Posting on County Website, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, provided comments on this Bill. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Resolution No. 22-2017 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile Home Estates, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no introductory comments on Resolution No. 26-2017 Appointment—Department of Social Services Board- Deron Brown, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 25-2017 Appointment - Board of License Commissioners - Stephen A. Miller, will be considered for approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2017-12 Agricultural Preservation District - Appledale Farm, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #41, will be considered for approval 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 changes in the Open Meetings Act, which requires training of at least one person in a public body. Council Members agreed to take the online or MACo sponsored training. He also updated the Council on Naloxone availability at local pharmacies for opioid overdoses and the latest prediction on water quality in Chesapeake Bay.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended Bohemia Manor High School graduation, the NASA astronauts on the International Space Station downlink at Leeds Elementary School and the radio training. He commented on his concerns for the county's new emergency radio system.

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the school supply drive conducted by Lisa Tome. He attended the Economic Development Commission meeting and commented on the new business, Fortress Steel, coming to Elkton. He also attended the Susquehanna Workforce annual meeting and 8th annual Wade-In at Foot Log Beach.

Council President Bowsbey congratulated Dr. Devine for her election as President of the Public School Superintendents of Maryland. She attended the Planning Commission and reported on their actions.

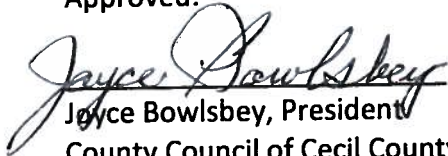
Adjournment

Council President Bowsbey adjourned the session at 10:08 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

