

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2017-15
August 1, 2017**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Joyce Bowsbey, Council President
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President
Bob Meffley, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

NOTE: Audio recording and video recording of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of August 1, 2017 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council President Bowsbey led the Council in a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, moved to approve the legislative agenda of August 1, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on the county budget, tax increases and Charter amendment.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell, Councilman Meffley, and Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the great success of the Cecil County Fair and commended the volunteers and 4H members for their efforts. He also commented on the record attendance day of the school bus demolition.

Council President Bowsbey commented on the impressive achievement of Fair Hill being nominated to host a world class four-star horse eventing competition.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-16 General Obligation Bond Authorization

An Act authorizing and empowering Cecil County, Maryland, from time to time, to borrow not more than Forty Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$42,400,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of certain public facilities in Cecil County described herein, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in one or more series; empowering the County Executive to execute and deliver one or more executive orders prior to issuing the bonds in order to fix, prescribe and determine the details of the bonds and the issuance and sale thereof; empowering and directing the County to levy ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or successor provision; authorizing the County to issue and sell bond anticipation notes in one or more series pursuant to the authority of Sections 19-211 through 19-221 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or successor provision, prior to and in anticipation of the sale of the bonds; providing that the County may issue and sell all or any portion of the bonds as bonds, the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 1, 2017. The public hearing will be scheduled and advertised on the Council legislative session on September 5, 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 35-2017 Appointment—Building Board of Appeals - Leroy H. Scott III

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Leroy H. Scott III by the County Executive to the Cecil County Building Board of Appeals, term to expire August 15, 2018.

There were no comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 1, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on August 15, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 36-2017 Appointment—Cecil County Plumbing Board - Ronald Dixon, Thomas Vaughn, Sr. and Melvin Reburn

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Ronald Dixon, Thomas Vaughn, Sr., and Melvin Reburn by the County Executive to the Cecil County Plumbing Board, term to expire on August 15, 2018.

There were no comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 1, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on August 15, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 37-2017 Expedited Legislation - Approval- Transfer of Real Property - Site Plan CCPS Athletic Building - Town of Elkton

An Expedited Resolution to approve the agreement of sale in order to transfer real property, identified as Site Plan CCPS- Athletic Building, from the Cecil County, Maryland to the Town of Elkton in return for a credit of \$78,698.23 related to construction of new Gilpin Manor Elementary School.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 1, 2017. This Resolution has been requested for expediting because of the need to complete the transaction in a short time.

The public hearing for Resolution No. 37-2017 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of August 15, 2017. Consideration will be scheduled on August 15, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 38-2017 Authorization of Refunding Bonds

A Resolution to authorize and empower Cecil County, Maryland to borrow, from time to time, not more than Twenty One Million Seven Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Dollars (\$21,774,000) and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in one or more series, authorized by Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, such bonds to be sold and issued for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the County in order to realize savings to the County in the total cost of debt service; to empower the County Executive to execute and deliver one or more executive orders prior to issuing the bonds in order to fix, prescribe and determine certain matters relating to such bonds and the sale thereof, as hereinafter described; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes in rate and amount sufficient, together with funds from other sources, to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as they mature; and to provide for and determine certain matters in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of such bonds.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

The Council requested that the administration provide the amount saved in 2016 when refunding bond process was authorized.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 1, 2017. Consideration of this Resolution has been scheduled on September 19, 2017 to coincide with final consideration for Bill No. 2017-16 General Obligation Bond Authorization.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Joyce Bowsbey
President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager