

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 18, 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, Land Use and Development Services Director; Winston Robinson, Finance Director; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; members of the press; and members of the public.
Guests: Mike Brandon, The Paris Foundation.

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

July 11, 2017

10:35 A.M.

On motion by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, 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 individuals; and (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, and Gregory-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; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Jason Allison, County Attorney.

The Council discussed appointment of members to the poultry house CAFOs committee and agreed to ask Calvert Neighborhood Alliance for names to be appointed.

Mr. Allison was authorized to hire outside counsel for litigation.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 11:09 a.m.

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

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 July 11, 2017, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of July 11, 2017, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Homelessness in Cecil County

Mike Brandon, Executive Director of The Paris Foundation, provided an overview of homelessness in Cecil County. He is proposing to develop a comprehensive strategy to address this issue. Mr. Brandon described the current services available and the gaps in service that need to be addressed. He commented on the present organizations that he works with in providing homeless services. He provided examples of how the gaps of service can be filled through coordination with partners.

Sanitary District Policy

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided a presentation on Sanitary District Policy Memorandum #2: Mandatory Connection to County Sanitary Sewer System. He provided an overview of the two memorandums. He explained that the County Code requires that every abutting property owner, after due notice, must connect to completed sewer within ten years. Property owners must also abandon any on site disposal systems after connecting. He stated that Elkton West Sewer, phases 1 and 2, and Holloway Beach are planning for future sewer extension.

He explained that sewer connection must be done immediately when there is a threat to public health and environment. When a sewer extension was done for economic development purposes, connections can be deferred until triggering event or ten years pass, whichever occurs first. He explained triggering events include transfer of title, issuance of building permit, subdivision, need to upgrade existing on-site disposal system, or failure of existing on-site disposal system. Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

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

There were no introductory comments or questions regarding Bill No. 2017-14 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Board of Education - Rising Sun Elementary School - Boiler Project, which will be introduced at tonight's session.

There were no introductory comments regarding Bill No. 2017-15 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Board of Education - North East High School - Girls Locker Room, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 27-2017 Appointments- Human Services Agency- Raymond Hamm, Jr. and Berkeley Orr, Jr., will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 28-2017 Appointment- Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board-Shelley Hastings, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Mr. Allison commented on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 29-2017 Appointment- Planning Commission- A. Chad Johnston and Peter Kirsh, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 30-2017 Appointment- Board of Appeals- Brad Carrillo and Michael Linkous, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments.

Resolution No. 31-2017 Water and Sewers- Sewer Use- Connection Fee, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued. Mr. Allison responded to questions.

Resolution No. 32-2017 Budget Amendment- Land Use and Development Department- Development Plans Review Division, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council President Bowsbey commented on this legislation. There were no Council questions.

Resolution No. 33-2017 Budget Amendment- Orphans' Court- County Council- Department of Public Works Roads Division, and the Maryland School for the Blind, will be considered at tonight's session. Council President Bowsbey commented on this legislation. There were no Council questions.

Resolution No. 34-2017 Creation and Appointment- Poultry House CAFOs Committee, will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Vice President Schneckenburger requested an amendment to add a member to represent the Delmarva Poultry Industry. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to amend this Resolution.

There were no comments about rezoning case, File #2017-04 Penntex Ventures, LLC, which is scheduled for consideration at tonight's session.

There were no comments on Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #42, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

He stated that the Governor's Conowingo Dam Summit will be held on August 8, 2017. He also stated that Perdue has issued an annual report on animal welfare.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell commented that the public hearing on the acquisition of the former Brentwood Golf Course for a county park will be held this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Elk Room. He also stated that he will be on vacation next week.

Councilman Meffley attended the Sheriff's Office's Intel meeting and stated that there were 26 overdoses in Cecil County in July with two fatalities. He stated that the Cecil County Sheriff's Office led the state in the number of arrests of drug dealers. Mr. Meffley attended the Pearce Creek Implementation Committee meeting and reported on the progress in connecting homes to the water system. He also reported that Bayview Estate residents were concerned about the condition of their roads. He attended Cecil County Public Library's start up teen entrepreneurs program and praised the youths for their proposals. He also attended the Farm Bureau meeting and commented on the public school's efforts to encourage students to enroll in the agriculture curriculum.

Councilwoman Gregory had no comments.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended MACo's Legislative Committee meeting and reported on Zero Waste Program and the Open Meeting Act requirement. He commented in support of the Governor's Conowingo Dam Summit and the recent newspaper articles about pollution behind the dam. He attended the Cecil County Firemen Association meeting and reported on their concern for the state funds coming to Cecil County for drug prevention. He also attended the library's teen program on entrepreneurship.

Council President Bowsbey reported on actions of the Planning Commission. She encouraged Council Members to attend the pool party for CASA volunteers.

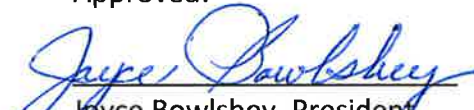
Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:40 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County