

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2017-17
September 5, 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 September 5, 2017 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, moved to approve the legislative agenda of September 5, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-16 General Obligation Bond Authorization

Synopsis: 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.

The Bill was introduced on August 1, 2017, advertised on August 16, 2017 and August 23, 2017, and scheduled for public hearing on September 5, 2017.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments about this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2017-16 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on September 19, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on MACo conference attendance, Phyllis Kilby's appointment, and Elkton's methadone clinics.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Meffley attended the grand opening of Cohen's Furniture and Brookbend Interiors.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending and participating in Citizens Corner. She commented that the school board did not attend the MACo conference.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented about the opioid epidemic and the Governor's Opioid Operational Command Center and a grant of \$123,000 given to Cecil County.

Council President Bowsbey commented on her thoughts and prayers for Houston and concern for the next hurricane coming to the East Coast.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-17 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer - Board of Education Capital Project - Gilp Manor Elementary School Replacement Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in order to provide an additional appropriation of \$78,698.23 in revenue and expenditure authority within the General Fund for the consideration received for property from the Town of Elkton; and amends the Board of Education's Capital Project's Fund revenue and expenditure authority

by \$78,698.23 in order to transfer the consideration to Cecil County Public Schools for the payment of permit fees for the Gilpin Manor Elementary School Replacement Project.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on September 5, 2017. The public hearing for Bill No. 2017-17 will be advertised and scheduled for public hearing on October 3, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-18 County Council - Procurement - Exemption - Publication of Notices and Codification of Laws

A Bill to amend the Code of Cecil County in order to exempt the legal notices and codification of the Code from procurement procedures.

James Massey, Council Manager, provided introductory comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on September 5, 2017. The public hearing for Bill No. 2017-18 will be advertised and scheduled for public hearing on October 3, 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 40-2017 Appointments - Commission on Aging

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointments of Miles Dean, Jamie McCloskey, Ginny Jackson, and Lois Sutherland to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, term to expire on June 30, 2019.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on September 19, 2017

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 41-2017 Budget Amendment - Casino Local Impact Fund Budget - VLT Local Community Grant Funds

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to provide \$15,331.34 in carry forward expenditure authority for the Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Local Community Grant Funds within the Casino Local Impact Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on September 19, 2017

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42-2017 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Legal Opinions

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures to provide a procedure for legal opinions.

James Massey, Council Manager, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on September 19, 2017

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 43-2017 Amendment – Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council – Request for Return

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures to delete section 5-13 Request for Return

James Massey, Council Manager, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on September 19, 2017

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 44-2017 Amendment - Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council - Final Reading of Bills

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedure Manual to allow the passage of legislation on the night of public hearing under certain conditions.

James Massey, Council Manager, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on September 19, 2017

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 45-2017 Approval- Transfer of Real Property - Town of Rising Sun - Rails to Trails

A Resolution to approve the transfer of real property located within the Town of Rising Sun for use by the Town as part of its Rails to Trails Program.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017. The public hearing on Resolution No. 45-2017 will be advertised and scheduled on October 3, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2017 Approval- Abandonment and Sale - Hayes Lane

A Resolution to approve the abandonment of a "paper" road called Hayes Lane, which is located in the Fifth Election District, Cecil County, Maryland, and an agreement to sell Hayes Lane to Eric Polansky and Charmie Polansky, and to PLLH, LLC, for consideration totaling Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on September 5, 2017. The public hearing on Resolution No. 46-2017 will be advertised and scheduled on October 3, 2017.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 39-2017 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees - Phyllis Kilby

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Phyllis Kilby to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to complete the term of Stephen Naughton term to expire on January 30, 2018.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 1, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 39-2017.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckeburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.
Motion was unanimously approved.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-14 Budget Transfer- Capital Budget- Board of Education- Rising Sun Elementary School- Boiler Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to move forward the project, including bond expenditure authority in the amount of \$184,000 requested for the boiler project at Rising Sun Elementary School within the Board of Education General Capital Projects Fund resulting in a reduction to FY2019 and an increase to the current 2018 fiscal year. This change will also be reflected in the Capital Projects Program.

The Bill was introduced on July 18, 2017 and public hearing held and concluded on August 15, 2017.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2017-14.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y , Bowlsbey-Y.
Motion was unanimously approved.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-15 Budget Transfer- Capital Budget- Board of Education- North East High School- Girls Locker Room

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$81,574.42 from completed School Capital Projects (Perryville Elementary Renovations \$44,169.25, Cecilton Elementary Exterior Envelope \$4,399.47, Perryville High School Cooling Tower \$3,044, Boiler Replacement Projects at Kenmore, Thomson Estates Elementary, Cherry Hill Middle, and Bohemia Manor \$29,961.70) to the North East High Schools' Girls' Locker Room Renovation Project.

The Bill was introduced on July 18, 2017 and public hearing held and concluded on August 15, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2017-15.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y , Bowlsbey-Y.
Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #43

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve CCPS budget amendment #43 in the amount of \$228,575.

By a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, Council President Bowlsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
President