

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 10, 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, 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.

Council President Bowsbey announced that a group of Cecil County residents, while touring Napa Valley, had to evacuate their hotel when the fire approached. All are safe and out of the dangerous areas.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of October 3, 2017, as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership

Brian Ambrette, Coastal Resilience Manager, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, made a presentation about Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Partnership. He stated that the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is proposing a plan to prepare the eastern shore for changes in weather patterns, flooding and other environmental conditions. He explained the benefit of regional collaboration for grant opportunities and cost effectiveness. Mr. Ambrette also updated the Council on recent activities and planned actions. He has requested support for these activities and stated that a more formal proposal will be brought to counties in a year or more.

Legislative Initiative Agenda - Mandated Sewer Hookup

Councilwoman Gregory requested that the Legislative Initiative agenda should include "Mandated Sewer Hookups". Vice President Schneckenburger and Councilman Meffley also supported her request.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He reported on several issues regarding the relicensing of Conowingo Dam and correspondence from Congressman Harris regarding HR 3043.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell commented that the new turf field at Perryville High School was well received by the attendees at the turf opening ceremony.

Councilman Meffley also attended the turf field opening and commended on its tangible value to taxpayers. He attended the Economic Development Commission with Vice President Schneckenburger and commented on the new business prospects. He attended the Elkton Town Commissioners meeting and commented on regulations for a new brewery in town. He also commented on discussion of conditions of the homeless and the Town's plans to prohibit tents on town property. He stated that the Town intentions to assist the homeless with finding suitable places to live and other services. County resources will work together to address their needs. Councilman Meffley will invite Mayor Rob Alt to address the Council on their proposal. He also attended the Arts Council Cook Off with other elected officials. Vice President Schneckenburger suggested that Councilman Meffley stay involved in this issue to represent the Council.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She also attended the Arts Council Cook Off benefit event.

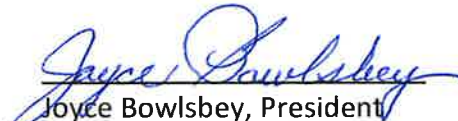
Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Economic Development Commission and commented on a very promising job outlook. He will be attending the Board of Realtors annual meeting and Fair Hill International opening event. He will also participate in the Tourism Booth at Fair Hill. He will be attending the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting and Legislative Request meeting with the delegation. Next week, he plans to attend the Bainbridge Development Corporation annual meeting and Firemen's Association meeting.

Council President Bowsbey attended the turf opening at Perryville High School and commented on its value to the community. She stated that she will be away on vacation for the rest of the week.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:27 a.m.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager