

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2017-21
November 7, 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 November 7, 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 Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, moved to approve the legislative agenda of November 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were initially no public comments. During Council Comments, Council President relinquished her time to allow Harold McCanick to address the Council.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented in support of the rezoning case. He also commented on a very busy recreation center in Sussex County, Delaware, and hoped that Calvert Regional Park will have as heavy use. He spoke in opposition to Bill 56-2017 and commented on the County's budget priorities.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell commented on his recent tour of the Village at Perry Point and commended the project to revitalize, restore and rebuild dwellings for homeless Veterans.

Councilman Meffley attended the Economic Development Commission and commented on Mayor Alt's proposed improvements to downtown Elkton. He also applauded the Philadelphia Eagles win over the Denver Broncos. He attended a recent high school football game between Bohemia Manor and Perryville and praised the new turf field.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She attended the Watershed Implementation Plan committee and commented on progress in solving stormwater management problems at several county school sites. She invited the audience to attend "Raising Drug-Free Kids", a drug prevention event for parents and children at Elkton High School on November 10. This program is also scheduled at Perryville High School on November 29. She also commented on the administration's public hearing on sewer policy and proposed changes to mandated hookup.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the Elkton West sewer extension and the administration's public hearing on sewer policy. He commented on the tour of Bohemia River State Park and expressed his approval of the proposed plans. He also reminded the audience that we are waiting to hear that Fair Hill has been approved as a four star designation. He commented on the 7,000 participants and 80 teams that used Calvert Regional Park this past weekend. He also thanked the audience for attending.

Council President Bowlsbey relinquished her time so that Harold McCanick could address the Council under Public Comments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017- 21 Amendment - Subdivision Regulations - Land Use and Development Services

A Bill to amend the Subdivision Regulations to reflect the changes in plan of organization that the Department of Planning and Zoning will be known as the Department of Land Use and Development Services; and to reflect the new divisions of Planning and Zoning, Permits and Inspections and Plan Review.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory comments on this legislation. There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on November 7, 2017. The public hearing will be advertised and scheduled on the Council Legislative Session of December 5, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-22 Amendment - Zoning Ordinance - Land Use and Development Services

A Bill to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the changes in the plan of organization so that the Department of Planning and Zoning will be known as the Department of Land Use and Development Services, and to reflect the new divisions of Planning and Zoning, Permits and Inspections, and Plan Review.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory comments on this legislation. There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on November 7, 2017. The public hearing will be advertised and scheduled on the Council Legislative Session of December 5, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2017-23 Bond Authorization - Mill Run Sewer Extension - USDA

Synopsis: An Act authorizing and empowering Cecil County, Maryland, from time to time, to borrow not more than Eight Million Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$8,070,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of the Mill Run Sewer Infrastructure Extension, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bond at private sale to the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development; empowering the County Executive to execute and deliver an executive order prior to issuing the bond in order to fix, prescribe and determine the details of the bond 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 bond; exempting the bond from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or successor provision; providing that the County may issue and sell the bond as a bond 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 bond.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on this legislation. Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided additional details about this Bill.

Council questions and comments ensued. The Council requested a fiscal impact note on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on November 7, 2017. The public hearing will be advertised and scheduled on the Council Legislative Session of December 5, 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 55-2017 Approval – Mill Run Sewer Extension – USDA Loan Resolution

A Resolution to approve the loan resolution for the Mill Run Sewer Extension through the sale of \$8,070,000 in bonds to the USDA with specified conditions, as specified in Bill No. 2017-23.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on November 7, 2017. The public hearing will be advertised and scheduled on the Council Legislative Session of December 5, 2017.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 56-2017 Approval - Revolving Loan Fund – Governing Policies - Cecil Catalyst

A Resolution to amend the Department of Economic Development's Revolving Loan Fund governing policies to change the name of the Fund to Cecil Catalyst, revise loan making authority, restructure the governing board, expand uses for which Fund loans can be used, and to provide a streamlined application process for "micro" loans.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on this legislation. Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided additional details on the County's revolving loan fund. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on November 7, 2017. The public hearing will be advertised and scheduled on the Council Legislative Session of December 5, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case

FILE: 2017-06 APPLICANT: North East, LLC. REQUEST: Request to rezone 170 acres from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Business General (BG). PROPERTY LOCATION: 765 Mechanics Valley Road, North East, MD 21901, Election District: 5, Tax Map: 25, Parcel: 200. PROPERTY OWNER: North East, LLC, c/o Charles Narvel. PRESENTLY ZONED: Low Density Residential (LDR).

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, stated that the Planning staff and Planning Commission had recommended approval of the application based on a mistake in the zoning classification during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion to approve the application of North East LLC to rezone 170 acres located at 765 Mechanics Valley Road, North East, MD, from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Business General (BG), based upon a mistake in the zoning classification during the last comprehensive rezoning. Councilwoman Gregory seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
President