

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
November 21, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: President Joyce Bowsbey, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the press; and members of the public.

Absent: Vice President Dan Schneckenburger

**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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CLOSED SESSION**

**November 14, 2017**

**10:11 A.M.**

On motion by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, and Gregory-Y  
The motion 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; Angela Vaca, Administrative Assistant; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; and Christopher Moyer, Director of Economic Development.

Mr. Allison provided legal advice related to the request by the University of Maryland, Baltimore to surplus the Donaldson Brown Center property.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:28 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, and Gregory-Y  
The motion 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 November 14, 2017, as

presented. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Schneckenburger was absent.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of November 14, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Schneckenburger was absent.

#### **Financial Projections – First Quarter**

Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager, presented the FY2018 first quarter fiscal projections.

Overall, the first quarter projection finds that General Fund expecting a favorable variance from budget of \$1,173,817.

The projected revenue is \$497,253 greater than budget.

Real property taxes are expected to be \$351,145 greater than budget reflecting an increase in taxable real property assessments versus the state's original estimate.

The projection of other governmental revenues has been increased by \$111,400.

Projected expenditures as usual are expected to approach but not equal the budget. A total of \$677,000 less than budget is projected to be spent.

Expenditures decreased by \$830,000 compared to FY2017.

The Landfill Enterprise Fund is projecting a \$87,762 decrease in operating revenues compared to budget and \$103,253 lower in expenditures.

The Wastewater Enterprise Fund is projecting no change to revenues at the end of the first quarter and savings in expenses compared to budget of \$99,000. The small gain will do little to make up the budgeted loss of \$1,025,387, which results in a projected operating loss at the time of \$950,990 for the year.

Council President Bowsbey asked Council Members to review the first quarter report and compile their questions for Ms. Anderson.

#### **Review of Legislative Agenda**

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-19 Budget Transfer – Wastewater Capital Project Budget – I&M Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands Project, is scheduled for tonight's legislative session.

Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager, provided comments on this legislation. There were no Council comments or questions.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2017-20 Budget Amendment – Wastewater Capital Project Budget – Elkton West Sanitary Sewer District – USDA Loan, is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation. There were no comments or questions.

Eric Senntrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, introduced Jason Boothe, Planner, who provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 57-2017 Roads – Renaming – Maggie’s Lane, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

#### **New Business**

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #45, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

#### **Council Manager Report**

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He reported on several issues on the federal and state level.

#### **Council Member Comments**

Councilman Patchell stated that he will provide his comments at tonight’s legislative session.

Councilman Meffley attended the Maryland Rural Development Corporation meeting and commented that this organization assisted ten families in Hollingsworth Manor and supported seven residents in passing their GED. He attended the Small Business of the Year and commented on Chuck Platt from Elkton Carpet and Tile receiving the award. He attended the Republican Club of Cecil County and commented on Al Wein’s update on the County. He also attended the Farm Bureau meeting and commented on the future of the Donaldson Brown Center. He met with Mayor Zang to discuss the request for MDOT to conduct a traffic survey of the Cecilton area.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Early Childhood Advisory Committee and commented on their two-part program series to address childhood trauma. She thanked the audience for attending and wished them a happy Thanksgiving.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Planning Commission and reported on the agenda. She stated her concern for traffic volume on Marley Road because of a proposed 176 unit housing project. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

The Council agreed by consensus to cancel the next scheduled work session of November 28, 2017, since there are no agenda items and the County will be closed for two days. The next scheduled Council work session will be held on December 5, 2017.

**Adjournment**

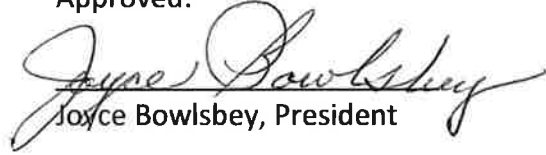
On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:27 a.m.

Attest:



James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey, President