

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 5, 2017**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Joyce Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckeburger, 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.

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 21, 2017, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

North East Library Project

Morgan Miller, Library Director, introduced the design team for the new North East Library; including Charles Wray of BCWH, Jeff Hoover of Tappe Associates, and Bruce Morgan of KCI Technologies. Ms. Miller summarized the process of selecting the design team and her goals for the project. Mr. Wray presented his summary of the overall construction plans of the project. Mr. Hoover discussed how community input and demographics will be used in the design of the project. Mr. Morgan stated his commitment to this local project.

Ms. Miller also discussed the impact of the library's decision to build at the North East Station and its economic impact on the property.

Council questions and comments ensued. Council Members expressed their enthusiasm for this project.

Route 40 Sewer Extension Projects

Scott Flannigan, Public Works Director, introduced Phil Muzik, Engineering and Construction Division Chief, and Craig Marker, project manager. Mr. Flannigan reviewed the capital project that will extend sewer service in the Marley Road area and Mill Run. He stated that a public hearing on this project will be held on December 12, 2017. He stated that Marley Road project should be completed by October 18, 2017 and Mill Run by the summer of 2019.

Council questions and comments ensued. The Council requested copies of the detailed maps of properties to be affected.

Cecil Transit

Dave Trolio, Community Services Director, introduced Suzanne Kalmbacher, Transit Chief. Mr. Trolio summarized the operations of Cecil Transit, which includes demand response and fixed route. He described the four fixed routes and one shared with Harford County. He stated that Cecil Transit has increased ridership of 62% on their fixed routes since 2015, a total of 75,000 rides. He also stated the demand response usage has increased by 7% since 2015, a total of 23,000 rides. He provided statistics of transit stops based on the nature of their destination such as retail, health or education. He also provided which transit stops were the most popular such as Walmart, Cecil College and Acme Markets. He estimated that 14% of main route usage is used for educational purposes. He also stated that a new strategic plan was to be developed to address unmet needs and future growth. Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Due to a time constraint, the Council President asked if Council Members had any questions on six public hearings at tonight's legislative session.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on Bill No. 2017-19 Budget Transfer – Wastewater Capital Project Budget – I&I Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands Project, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on Bill No. 2017-20 Budget Amendment – Wastewater Capital Project Budget – Elkton West Sanitary Sewer District – USDA Loan, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He reported that the Maryland Department of Planning will conduct a listening session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the Elk Room. The Council and administration will be meeting with the department at 1:30 p.m. while a session for citizen input will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room.

Council President Bowsbey requested that the Council Manager work with Council members to determine topics to be presented at the Chamber of Commerce State of the County on January 30, 2018.

Council Member Comments

Due to a time constraint, Council President Bowsbey suspended the rules to postpone Council members comments until the evening legislative session.

Councilman Meffley and Councilwoman Gregory requested to be excused because of personal business, which was granted by Council President Bowsbey at 10:06 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

10:07 A.M.

On motion made by Councilman Patchell, 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 (a) (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley - A, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Gregory - A, Bowsbey - Y.
The motion was carried by a vote of 3 to 0. Councilman Meffley and Councilwoman Gregory were absent.

OPEN SESSION


10:17 A.M.

The open session resumed at 10:17 a.m.

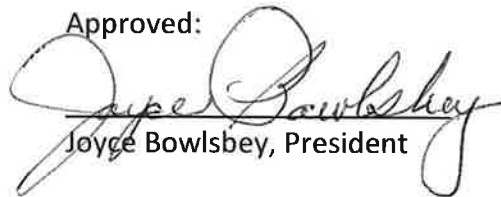
Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilman Patchell, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:17 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President