

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2017-24
December 19, 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

Absent: 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 December 19, 2017 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice President Schneckenburger introduced Pastor Steve Dixon from Porter's Grove Baptist Church of Conowingo, who delivered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 19, 2017. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

The Council presented a proclamation to Joanne Richart Young, Agriculture Coordinator, Department of Economic Development, in recognition of her retirement.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 57-2017 Roads - Renaming – Maggie's Lane

A Resolution to rename an unnamed road "Maggie's Lane", which is off of Jacob Tome Memorial Highway on the south side of Hunters Sale Barn in Port Deposit.

The Resolution was introduced on November 21, 2017, advertised on December 6, 2017 and December 13, 2017, and scheduled for public hearing on December 19, 2017.

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

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing on Bill No. 2017-21 for public comments. Maggie Creshkoff, 2068 Jacob Tome Highway, Port Deposit, commented in support of the legislation.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 57-2017 and announced that final consideration of this legislation will be held on January 2, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2017. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice President Schneckenburger wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He also recognized Maggie Creshkoff and recognized her reasons to request the naming of her road.

Councilman Patchell participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program and praised the program for the great experience and organization in helping needy children.

Councilman Meffley stated that he has been on the Council for a year and has gained a great deal of knowledge. He commented on receiving many invitations during the holidays. He also stated that he is working with Mayor Rob Alt to explore possible locations of a homeless shelter.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Local Management Board and commented on her interview with the library board regarding their strategic plan. She thanked the audience for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 58-2017 Supplemental Appropriation – Parks and Recreation – Former Bittersweet Golf Course

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to increase the revenue estimate and budget expenditure authority within the General Fund by \$138,000 in order to have sufficient budgetary authority to pay for operation and maintenance costs associated with maintaining and providing safe entry into the newly acquired park property, formerly known as Bittersweet Golf Course.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager, provided additional financial details.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 19, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on January 2, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 59-2017 Agreement – Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) – Unison Energy

A Resolution to approve the execution by the County Executive of an Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, PILOT, with Unison Energy.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 19, 2017 and scheduled for consideration on January 2, 2018.

CONSIDERATION 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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on November 7, 2017, advertised for public hearing on November 22, 2017 and November 29, 2017. The public hearing was held and concluded on December 5, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 55-2017.

Roll call vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- A, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.
Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on November 7, 2017, advertised for public hearing on November 22, 2017 and November 29, 2017. The public hearing was held and concluded on December 5, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 56-2017.

Roll call vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- A, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y.
Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Vice President Schneckenburger requested that Christopher Moyer, Director of Economic Development, provide an annual update of this program to the Council.

CALL FOR FINAL READING 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.

The Bill was introduced on November 7, 2017 and public hearing held on December 5, 2017.

There were no Council comments or questions about this legislation.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No.2017- 21.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley- Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory – A, Schneckenburger – Y, Bowsbey – Y. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

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.

The Bill was introduced on November 7, 2017 and public hearing held on December 5, 2017.

There were no Council comments or questions about this legislation.

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No.2017- 21.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley- Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory – A, Schneckenburger – Y, BOWLSBEY – Y. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

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.

The Bill was introduced on November 7, 2017 and public hearing held on December 5, 2017.

There were no Council comments or questions about this legislation.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No.2017- 21.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley- Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory – A, Schneckenburger – Y, BOWLSBEY – Y. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case – Final Consideration

FILE: 2017-07 APPLICANT: Dwight Thomey attorney for Wayne & Maralyn Webb. REQUEST: Request to rezone 3.9862 acres from Business Local (BL) to Business General (BG). PROPERTY LOCATION: Tome Highway, Rising Sun, MD 21911, Election District: 6, Tax Map: 10, Parcel: 784. PROPERTY OWNER: Wayne and Maralyn Webb. PRESENTLY ZONED: Business Local (BL).

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the application of Dwight Thomey attorney for Wayne & Maralyn Webb to rezone 3.9862 acres located at Tome Highway, Rising Sun, MD from Business Local (BL) to Business General (BG) based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley- Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory – A, Schneckenburger – Y, BOWLSBEY – Y. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #46

Councilman Meffley made a motion, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, to approve Budget Amendment #46 in the amount of \$78,438 for November 2017.

The motion was approved by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

ADJOURNMENT


On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
President