

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 20, 2018**

PRESENT: Council Members: President 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.

CLOSED SESSION

March 13, 2018

9:57 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to convene into Closed Session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions, Title 3, Open Meeting Act, Subtitle 3. Open Meeting Requirements, Section 3-305(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

PRESENT AT CLOSED SESSION: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Robert Meffley, George Patchell, Jackie Gregory; and James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Brian Anderson, Council Attorney; and Jason Allison, County Attorney.

Mr. Allison provided legal advice about the County's RFP for radio communication system.

The closed session was adjourned at 10:39 A.M. by motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, and approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y.

Council President Bowsbey adjourned the closed session at 10:39 A.M.

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 March 13, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of March 13, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

State Legislative Update

Council Manager Massey reviewed the legislation that the Cecil County Council took a position. He noted that March 19, 2018, was the crossover deadline for legislation to be brought over to the opposite chamber for consideration.

Trash Bash

Council President Bowsbey announced that County Executive McCarthy and she were kicking off Trash Bash program on Sunday, April 22, 2018, which is Earth Day. She said that this program encourages businesses, organizations and residents to pick up and properly dispose of trash along the roadways in Cecil County. Current "Adopt the Road" participants will be recognized and other County activities are planned to stress the importance of cleaning up our environment. She said that more details will follow.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 11-2018 Appointment – Department of Social Services Board – David Rudolph, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 12-2018 Appointment – Historic District Commission – Ron Edwards, Audrey Edwards and Nancy Simpser, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 13-2018 Appointment – Human Services Agency – Shalini Arora and Clyde Van Dyke, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 14-2018 Appointment – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – Lorri Irrgang, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 15-2018 Budget Appropriation – Grant Fund – Animal Services – Maryland Department of Agriculture, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 02-2018 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan – Water Service Map – Town of Perryville, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 03-2018 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan – Sewerage System – Town of Perryville, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-01 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Poultry Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation – CAFOs, will be considered at tonight’s session. Amendment Nos. 1-3 will also be considered. Vice President Schneckenburger and Councilman Meffley provided comments in support of the legislation.

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #48, will be considered at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued. Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from Council Members.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

Council Member Comments

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

Councilman Meffley attended the ribbon cutting for Bayheads Brewing Company in Chesapeake City. He attended Chesapeake City’s St. Patrick’s Parade and commented on the outstanding event. He also attended the Elkton Town Run and Blue Grass Festival at Cecil College. He attended the traffic control meeting in Cecilton and commented on the excessive amount of truck traffic on Route 213 because of their avoidance of the tolls and scale on US 301. Councilman Meffley attended the Tobacco Task Force meeting and commented on his concern regarding the use of small packaged tobacco that are being used in classrooms, the difficulty to observe its use, and the high amount of tobacco being consumed.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the community center planning team advisory group that is studying the feasibility of a community center. She also attended a Cub Scout Arrow of Light ceremony. She hoped that everyone enjoyed St. Patrick’s Day celebrations.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the ribbon cutting and opening of Bayheads Brewing Company and commented on Jason Zang, former Economic Development Manager, about his entrepreneurial enterprise. He attended the St. Patrick’s Parade in Chesapeake City and thanked Mayor Taylor and Commissioner Vari. He attended the Cecil County Firemen’s Association meeting and commented on the county rebidding the contract for the radio communication system. He also stated that the timeline is very short with the bid package being released April 1, 2018 and the deadline of May 1, 2018. He congratulated the administration for the purchase of land for the Chesapeake City Elementary School from the fire department. He also commented in speaking with the state about the recent storm and his concern for the communications with Cecil County. He asked the administration when the meeting with the state will occur. Vice President Schneckenburger commented on his concern that the Cecil County Public Schools were using their

fund balance for a new field house instead of spending on security measures. He stated that the Council had written to the school board president about their concern.

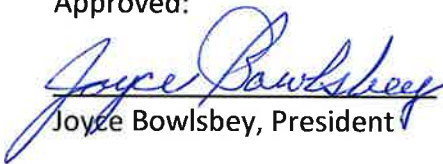
Council President Bowsbey attended the Planning Commission meeting. She reported on several amendments for the Master Water and Sewer Plan and a special exception for a business. She also announced that the 2017 annual report from the Department of Land Usage and Development Services was presented at the Planning Commission. Copies of this report will be sent to Council Members. She congratulated UMBC Retrievers for their upset over the University of Virginia.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:38 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager