

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2018-09  
May 1, 2018**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of May 1, 2018 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 Vice President Schneckenburger, moved to approve the legislative agenda of May 1, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

The Council presented a proclamation to Sandra Turner, Tourism Director, in recognition of Tourism Month.

The Council presented a proclamation to Patrice Williams in recognition of National Mental Health Awareness Month.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

File: 2018-01; Applicant: Ryan D. Showalter, Esq. and Brendan S. Mulaney, Esq.; Request: to rezone 2.995 acres from High Density Residential (RM) to Business Local (BL); Property Location: 1500 Chesapeake Club Drive, North East, MD 21901; Election District: 5, Tax Map: 31, Parcel: Portion of 1326; Property Owner: North East Developers, LLC; Presently Zoned: High Density Residential (RM).

Notice of public hearing was published on April 18, 2018 and April 25, 2018.

Witnesses presenting testimony were sworn in by the Council Manager.

Ryan Showalter, representing the applicant, presented the request for rezoning, based on a mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning of May 1, 2011. He introduced Gary Munch of North East Developers LLC and owner of the property as a witness.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, stated that the Planning and Zoning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval based on a demonstrated mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning. Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, presented the staff report of the Finding of Facts, which recommended approval, based on a demonstrated mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments.

Marsha Swezey, 97 Ridge Run Road, Unit 28, North East, provided a PowerPoint and comments in opposition to the application.

David Ferguson, 150 Five Iron Drive, North East, spoke in opposition.

Myra Pilachowski, 30 Chip Shot Court, North East, spoke in opposition.

Mr. Showalter provided concluding remarks.

Council questions and comments ensued. The Council requested that Mr. Sennstrom provide definitions of a "festival" and an "event".

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing and announced that the rezoning case will be considered at the next legislative session on May 15, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 17-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Tables – Wastewater Treatment Plants–Elk Neck State Park**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Appendix B, Tables in order to revise Table 10 Inventory of Existing Select Wastewater Treatment Plants, to reflect a proposed upgrade in the type of treatment at Elk Neck State Park.

The Resolution was introduced on April 3, 2018, advertised on April 18, 2018 and April 25, 2018, and scheduled for public hearing on May 1, 2018.

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

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 17-2018 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on May 15, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 18-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Map– Water Service Districts – Foundation for Eldercare**

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Appendix D, Water System Maps, in order to revise the map to reflect that water service for the Foundation for Eldercare, located on Map 25, Parcel 462, Marley Road, Elkton, MD, will be provided by Artesian Water Maryland, Inc.

The Resolution was introduced on April 3, 2018, advertised on April 18, 2018 and April 25, 2018, and scheduled for public hearing on May 1, 2018.

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

Council President Bowsbey opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 18-2018 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on May 15, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kenley Timms and Royer Ball, representing the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, made a presentation to invite citizens to attend this exhibit coming to Easton, Maryland, on May 31 to June 6, 2018.

Katherine Derby, Principal of Bohemia Manor Middle School, commented in support of the school budget and the need to fund security at schools and therapeutic services for students.

Dawn Branch, Board President, Cecil County Board of Education, commented on partnering with the County on a watershed project at North East High School and a student's concern for school security.

Denise Sopa, Principal of North East Middle School, commented in support of school building funding.

**PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell stated that he presented his remarks at the morning work session.

Councilman Meffley thanked the audience for attending. He attended the legislative wrap-up held by the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors. He stated that State funds provided \$16M in Cecil County projects

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and praised the number of volunteers who give many hours of service to Cecil County.

Vice President Schneckenburger thanked the audience for attending and extended his appreciation for the school staff who spoke this evening. He commented on Charles MacLeod's presentation about the state's approval of the Water Quality Certification with conditions. He attended the legislative wrap-up and commented on the success of the delegation. He attended the ribbon cutting for the Transit route between Newark, Delaware and Perryville. He will be attending the Economic Development Commission and groundbreaking for Rising Sun's waterline from Chester County, Pennsylvania. He will also be attending the Rising Sun fire company banquet and Cecil College Gala.

Council President Bowsbey asked Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, about a state grant for Holloway Beach. Mr. Flanigan stated that this project was not in the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2019.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Bill No. 2018-05 Amendment – Capital Budget FY 2018 – Wastewater Capital Project – Grant Award – Construct CECO to Cherry Hill Connection**

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to provide grant appropriation authority from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) of \$2,850,000 to the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program for the construction of a force main and pump station to connect the sewer collection system in Manchester Park (CECO Utilities, Inc.) to the Cherry Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There were no comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on May 1, 2018. The public hearing for Bill No. 2018-05 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of June 5, 2018.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 22-2018 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures Manuel**

A Resolution to repeal the existing Cecil County, Maryland Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, and to enact a new Personnel Policies and Procedures Manuel, pursuant to Cecil County Code Chapter A384, §§ A384-1 (Adoption of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual) and A384-2 (Change or Repeal of Provisions; No Express or implied Contract of Employment).

There were no comments or questions.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on May 1, 2018. The public hearing for Resolution No. 22-2018 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of June 5, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools- Budget Amendment #49

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve the Cecil County Public Schools' budget amendment #49 in the amount of \$25,202. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**


On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
Joyce Bowsbey  
Council President

