

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 15, 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.

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 May 1, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

CASA of Cecil County

Guilia Hodge, Director of CASA of Cecil County, introduced the Court Appointed Special Advocates with a video describing the program. Ms. Hodge stated that CASA recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in court and in the community in order to achieve safety and permanency. She stated that the program matches up a volunteer with a foster child or sibling group. Currently, CASA of Cecil County has 170 children in the program.

Erin Gravel, a volunteer in the program, spoke to the Council about why she was committed to this program and its impact on children with trauma.

Lucy McCall spoke of her experience as a foster child and how her volunteer supported her through the program.

Greg Birney, Vice President of CASA, stated that the cost of training volunteers is \$1,000 and that each twenty-five volunteers must be supervised by a CASA employee. He also stated that CASA is seeking grants to support the program and hoped that they could apply for Cecil County funding in the future.

Council Members questions and comments ensued. Council President Bowsbey stated that she has served on the CASA Cecil County board from its beginnings. She also stated that one of Governor Hogan’s focus is disenfranchised youth.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council Manager Massey reviewed the proclamations to be presented at tonight’s session.

Resolution No. 17-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Tables – Wastewater Treatment Plants – Elk Neck State Park, will be considered for approval at tonight’s legislative session.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 18-2018 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Map- Foundation for Eldercare, will be considered for approval at tonight’s legislative session.

There were no Council questions or comments.

The Council will consider a decision on rezoning case #2018-01 of Ryan D. Showalter, Esq. and Brendan S. Mulaney, Esq. Councilwoman Gregory commented on her concern for events taking place at this site.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided additional comments on permissible uses.

The Council requested that Mr. Sennstrom provide the table of permitted uses and explanation of permitted activities in the proposed zoning.

Council Manager Report

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

Council Member Comments

Councilwoman Gregory attended the North East Fire Company awards banquet and commented on the volunteers’ outstanding service. She also attended the dedication of the Wildcat Point Generation Facility. She also attended the Employee Appreciation luncheon and commented on the impressive years of service and perfect attendance of county employees.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the North East Fire Company awards banquet and commented on the number of firefighters with sixty years of service. He also attended the Wildcat Point Generation Facility’s dedication ceremony and commented on their sizeable investment in Cecil County. He attended the Employee Recognition luncheon and congratulated Sandy Turner on her 18 years of perfect attendance. He attended the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce card exchange with Harford County, which was held at the Hollywood Casino.

Councilman Patchell attended the Employee Recognition luncheon and commented on his appreciation for county employees.

Councilman Meffley attended the Sheriff’s Office Intel meeting and reported on crime statistics.

He attended a meeting at the Health Department regarding operations at the homeless shelter and the need to apply for grant funding. He attended the Candidates Forum in Chesapeake City, the Wildcat Point Generating Facility dedication, and the candidate forum held at Cecil College. He attended the Singerly Fire Company Awards Banquet and commented on the large number of fire and emergency service responses during 2017. He encouraged volunteers to assist with the cleanup at the new county park at the former Bittersweet Golf Course on May 19.

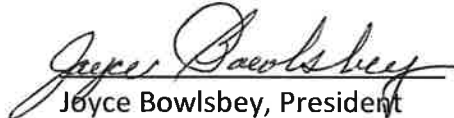
Council President Bowsbey attended Employee Recognition luncheon, Wildcat Point Generating Facility dedication, Singerly Fire Company Awards Banquet and Chamber of Commerce candidate forum. She also reported on the Local Management Board meeting and a new Local Care Team that supports families in need of services.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:55 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager