

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-12
June 19, 2018**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the Commissioner Chambers of the Elkton Town Hall, 100 Railroad Avenue, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of June 19, 2018 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 Robert McKnight from United Redeemer Church in Elkton who lead the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, moved to approve the legislative agenda of June 19, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented certificates of achievement to Victoria Heath and Sarah Holmes for their Maryland State Gymnastics Championship Xcel Silver Division awards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwight Thomey, Elkton, commented on Rezoning Case #2018-02 and the use of the Elk Room for Early Voting.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Gregory attended the kickoff of the Cecil County Public Library's Summer Reading Program and commented on its benefits to young readers.

Vice President Schneckenburger had reported on the meetings that he attended during the work session. He will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. He thanked the Town of Elkton for allowing the Council to use their facilities for our sessions.

Councilman Patchell commented on attending the Parks and Recreation public hearing on the purchase of 10 acres adjacent to Calvert Regional Park. He stated that one neighbor of the park expressed her concern for traffic and parking last weekend. He also stated that settlement on the property will occur in August and the State's open space grant will pay \$437,000, the total cost of the property. He stated that construction of the turf field at Bohemia Manor High School would begin next week. The turf field should be finished by August 31, 2018. He stated that Calvert Regional Park begins phase 3 of the plan, which includes a memorandum of understanding with the Cecil County Board of Education to design parking on school property to parking lot to be shared with Rising Sun High School and Calvert Park. Councilman Patchell also stated that there would be a large tournament this weekend at Calvert Park involving 149 teams. He said that the revenue for the two tournaments would provide \$30,000 in county fees and approximately \$1M in economic development.

Councilman Meffley expressed his concern that the proposed park at Brentwood will not be open until the fall of 2018. He attended the Friends of Bohemia and commented on the new State Park, which is north of the Bohemia River and off Route 213. He also attended the Airmen of Note concert at Harts Amphitheater and praised the event.

Council President Bowsbey provided her comments during the morning work session.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 22-2018 Amendment - Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

A Resolution to repeal the existing Cecil County, Maryland Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, and to enact a new Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, 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).

The Resolution was introduced on May 1, 2018 and public hearing held and concluded on June 5, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 22-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 23-2018 : Appointment—Board of License Commissioners - W. Edwin Cole, Jr.

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of W. Edwin Cole, Jr. to the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners to four year term, which will expire on June 30, 2021.

The Resolution was introduced on May 1, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 23-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 24-2018 Budget Amendment – Grants –State’s Attorney’s Office – Town of Rising Sun

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to provide a total of \$18,628 in additions to the Special Revenue – Other Grants Fund – State’s Attorney’s Office from the Town of Rising Sun asset forfeiture.

The Resolution was introduced on May 1, 2018.

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. 24-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 25-2018 Appointment—Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board- Charlotte J. Loller

A Resolution to recommend to the Governor of Maryland the reappointment of Charlotte J. Loller to the Cecil County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board to a five year term, which will expire on June 1, 2023.

The Resolution was introduced on May 1, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 25-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 26-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Parks and Recreation – Wrestling and Football Equipment

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to increase the revenue estimate and budget expenditure authority within the General Fund Department of Parks and Recreation budget by \$20,000, in order to have sufficient budgetary authority to pay for necessary equipment for the wrestling and football programs.

The Resolution was introduced on May 1, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 26-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowlsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CALL FOR FINAL READING 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.

The Bill was introduced on May 1, 2018 and public hearing held and concluded on June 5, 2016.

Vice President Schneckenburger thanked Mr. Allison and Mr. Flanigan for the favorable negotiations with the Maryland Department of the Environment. There were no other Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2018-05.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowlsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

File 2018-02; Applicant: Dwight Thomey; Request: to rezone 1.9554 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Business General (BG); Property Location: 94 Childs Road, Elkton, MD 21921; Election District: 3; Tax Map: 20; Parcel: 857; Property Owner: Laurel P. Jones.

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger to approve the application of Dwight Thomey to rezone 1.9554 acres, located at 94 Childs Road, Elkton, MD, from Rural Residential (RR) 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-Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #50

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #51, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley. This budget amendment authorizes budget changes in May 2018 in the amount of \$615,483.

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 7:28 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Joyce Bowsbey
Council President

Attest:



Council Manager