

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 19, 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 – Elkton Town Hall, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, MD

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 15, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Watershed Stewards Academy Update

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided an overview of the Cecil County Watershed Stewards Academy. This program trains volunteers to help reduce pollution in local creeks and rivers by installing conservation projects. State funding provides support for these projects.

Marshall McSorley, Planner II, Stormwater Management Division, and Watershed Stewards Academy Coordinator, provided images of a variety of projects completed by Academy graduates. Projects included bio-retention rain gardens, bio-swales and horizontal green tables. The third year of Academy graduation included sixteen who were certified. Since 2014, the Academy has involved 2,100 participants, 1,286 native plants and 27,425 square foot of non-impervious surfaces.

Mechanics Valley Road Bridge Project

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, stated that he wanted to update the Council about the Mechanics Valley Road Bridge Project.

Phil Muzik, Chief of Construction and Engineering Division, stated that this 50 year old bridge crosses over the CSX lines. The new bridge will be 6' higher and wider. Federal funds will pay 80% of the total cost of \$8.15M. The bridge will be closed for six months for replacement.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Resolution No. 22-2018 Amendment – Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments or questions.

Resolution No. 23-2018 Appointment – Board of License Commissioners – W. Edwin Cole, Jr., will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments or questions.

Resolution No. 24-2018 Budget Amendment – Grants – State’s Attorney’s Office – Town of Rising Sun, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments or questions.

Resolution No. 25-2018 Appointment – Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board – Charlotte J. Loller, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments or questions.

Resolution No. 26-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Parks and Recreation – Wrestling and Football Equipment, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments or questions.

Bill No. 2018-05 Amendment – Capital Budget FY 2018 – Wastewater Capital Project – Grant Award – Construct CECO to Cherry Hill Connection, will be considered at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey stated that the Council will consider a decision on rezoning case #2018-02 Dwight Thomey. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under new business, Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #51 will be considered for approval at tonight’s session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He polled Council Members on their preference to cancel Council sessions on Tuesday, July 1, 2018. The Council agreed unanimously to cancel all sessions on July 3 because of Independence Day and the North East celebration held on July 3.

He stated that the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting with the Department of Transportation will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

Council Member Comments

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Cecil County Public Library’s kickoff for the summer reading program and commented on the value for children to keep up with their reading during the summer.

Vice President Schneckenburger attended the Army Alliance meeting and commented on the Army Research Lab’s new initiatives of artificial intelligence and a new advanced manufacturing consortium. He attended the ribbon cutting for Bethlehem Farms, a new venue for weddings. He participated at North East’s Flag Day ceremony and presented a proclamation. He also attended the

Susquehanna Workforce Network annual meeting and Cecil County Wade-In event, which was also attended by Ben Grumbles, Secretary of the Environment.

Councilman Patchell will be attending the Parks and Recreation public hearing on purchase of 10 acres tonight. He stated that there were two tournaments this weekend at Calvert Regional Park where there were reports of traffic problems.

Councilman Meffley expressed his appreciation for APG Federal Credit Union for opening a bank in Chesapeake City. He attended the Train Foundation for the School of Technology. At the Sheriff's intel meeting, he stated that statistics for overdoses and drug fatalities have increased. He attended several candidate forums. He also attended the Cecil County Public Library summer reading program and commented on its value for children to participate.

Council President Bowsbey reported on activities of the Commission on Aging, including the Volunteer Leadership Program and Healthy Option Program for Seniors. She stated that the Housing and Community Development Division will be conducting a survey of the homeless in August. She also reported on the actions of the Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Gregory also thanked the Public Works staff for keeping the Council up to date on the issues and their responses to constituent inquiries.

CLOSED SESSION

10:05 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to go into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m.

Council Manager Massey stated that pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Council, Counsel, and staff. Motion carried unanimously. The closed session was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Adjournment

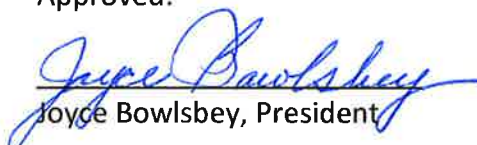
On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:38 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9 am.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President