

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-13
July 17, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of July 17, 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 Rev. Karen Bunnell from Elkton United Methodist Church who lead the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, moved to approve the legislative agenda of July 17, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The 2017 MRA Recycling Awards were presented by Cliff Engle, Solid Waste Management Chief, and Tanya Adams, Recycling Program Manager. Certificates of recognition were presented to Junkbeegone.com, Waste Management, Waste Master Solutions, Elkton Recyclers, Inc., W.L. Gore, Town of Chesapeake City, Stonegate Apartments, and Elkton United Methodist Church. Frank Vari, Chesapeake City Town Commissioner, joined Ms. Adams in recognizing David Brookens, Jr., former owner of Junkbeegone, for his long commitment to the Cecil County community. Mr. Brookens family were also recognized for their loss.

Commissioner Vari also presented an honorary Town of Chesapeake City patch to Council President Bowsbey and Vice President Schneckenburger to thank them for their service on the Cecil County Council and in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Parks and Recreation and commented on the newly formed Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation.

Councilman Meffley attended the Farm Bureau meeting and commented on the pollution on Lake Erie and the lack of nutrient plans and pollution programs in the state of Ohio. He also commented on the Farm Bureau's need for a permanent building at the Cecil County Fair and his plan to ask the Vo-Tec school to allow students to construct this building, with materials supplied by the Farm Bureau.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Women's Republican Club of Cecil County and commented about the attending the Cecil County Fair.

Vice President Schneckenburger thanked the audience for attending tonight's session. He commented that he serves as an ex-officio member to the Cecil County Fireman's Association and stated that they are still working to resolve a fire equipment funding issue with the administration. He also commented on the large number of public hearings to be held at the beginning of this fiscal year.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Correctional Officers graduation and commented on the several new correctional officers that have been trained in-house instead of taking training out of the county.

INTRODUCTION TO BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-06 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Private Schools – Industrial Zones

An Act to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part IV, Section 88 Schools, Private in order to allow private schools in M1 and M2 zoning; and to amend the table of permissible uses to reflect this change.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-07 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Solar Power Generating Facilities

An Act to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part XII, Section 156, Power Generating Facilities in order to permit solar power generating facilities in Business General zones as a special exception under certain conditions.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued. Vice President Schneckenburger requested a list of properties and locations that would be affected by this legislation.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-08 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Robert and Roberta Durgin

A Bill to approve the application of Robert and Roberta Durgin for the property of 255 Wilson Road (Tax Map 11, Grid 14, Parcel 24) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-09 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Randalia Farms, LLC

A Bill to approve the application of Randalia Farms, LLC for the property of 1055 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-10 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Janice Eggers-Abel

A Bill to approve the application of Janice Eggers-Abel for the property of 863 Lombard Road (Tax Map 5, Grid 15, Parcel 4) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-11 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – McKeown Family LLC

A Bill to approve the application of McKeown Family LLC for the property located on the north and east side of Locust Point Road (Tax Map 38, Grid 8, Parcels 511 and 532) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-12 Approval - Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Herring Creek Farm

A Bill to approve the application of Herring Creek Farm for the property of 662 Randalia Road (Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 3) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-13 Clean Energy Loan Program

A Bill to establish a clean energy loan program for commercial property owners to finance energy efficient projects and renewable energy projects.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued. Vice President Schneckenburger thanked the county administration for working out the arrangements in order to participate in this program.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

INTRODUCTION TO RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 27-2018: Appointment—Cecil County Ethics Commission-William De Freitas

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of William De Freitas made by the County Executive to the Cecil County Ethics Commission, completing the term of Donna Caudell, term to expire August 7, 2022.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted and scheduled for consideration on August 7, 2018

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 28-2018: Fees – Wastewater Rates

A Resolution to increase the rates of the Cecil County Wastewater system.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, presented a Powerpoint on the wastewater rate study, which included an overview of the current system and the reasons for the proposed rate increase. The administration's proposal includes increases in metered and non-metered rates for the next three fiscal years, establishing a two-tiered rate for high volume users over 100,000 gallons, and lowering the minimum metered rate to 9,000 gallons instead of 10,000 gallons.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on July 17, 2018. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on August 21, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 29-2018: Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation – Steve Cassard

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Steve Cassard as the Executive Director of the Bainbridge Development Corporation.

There was no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted and scheduled for consideration on August 7, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #52

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #52, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley. This budget amendment authorizes budget changes in June 2018 in the amount of \$1,027,888.

Motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

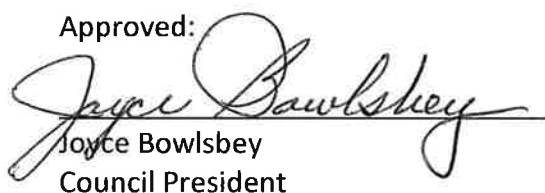
ADJOURNMENT

Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


Council Manager

Approved:

Joyce Bowsbey
Council President

