

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 4, 2018**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President 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. –President Bowsbey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

NOTE: Audio and video recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of August 28, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Cecil County Farm Museum

Mel Bacon from the Cecil County Farm Museum made a presentation about the history, purpose and future of this nonprofit. He described the museum, located on the property of the School of Technology and owned by the Board of Education. He stated that the museum received Video Lottery Terminal funding that will be used to develop a curriculum for school tours. He also described an expanded Apple Butter Festival to be held on October 20, 2018. He discussed a partnership with the Cecil County Public Schools and plans to host elementary school trips to the museum. He also discussed a problem with obtaining potable water on the site. Council questions and comments ensued.

Bainbridge Day

Rebekah Ragan, archivist at the Bainbridge Museum, made a presentation about Bainbridge Day that is scheduled on September 16, 2018. She stated that will include a concert by the US Navy Band, bus tour of the former naval base, and additional exhibits at the museum. Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory remarks on Rezoning Case #2018-03 Mohamed Sharkawy. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Bill No. 2018-14 Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects, is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing on Resolution No. 37-2018 Grant Application – Maryland Community Development Block Grant – Warwick Mushrooms, is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director

of Administration, provided comments. Vice President Schneckenburger asked about the procedure used to select Warwick Mushroom to receive the block grant. Dave Trolio, Community Services Director, clarified the process and why Warwick Mushroom was awarded the block grant.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2018-16 Agricultural Preservation District – Losten’s Dairy, LP, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory comments on Bill No. 2018-17 Agricultural Preservation District – Bare Family Farm, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued.

Christopher Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 38-2018 Expedited Legislation – Enterprise Zone – North East and Perryville, which will be introduced at tonight’s session. Council questions and comments ensued. Council Manager Massey stated that the administration has requested that this legislation be expedited, which requires a supermajority of four Council Members to approve for expediting.

Resolution No. 28-2018 Fees- Wastewater Rates, will be considered for approval at tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that the administration is supportive of Amendment No. 1 that proposes increases for two years and then evaluate. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 33-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Board of Education – School Security, will be considered for approval at tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilwoman Gregory expressed her concern if the Board of Education continues to propose additional funding requests. Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided clarification of the school budget’s use of their fund balance. Ms. Gregory stated that citizens are divided in their support for this resolution. She also stated that she was concerned that the school system has not already spent approved funding for school security upgrades. Councilman Meffley clarified that the school system will be reimbursed after the invoice is submitted to the county.

Bill No. 2018-06 Amendment- Zoning Ordinance- Private Schools- Industrial Zones, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-07 Amendment- Zoning Ordinance- Solar Power Generating Facilities, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-08 Approval- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation- Robert and Roberta Durgin, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-09 Approval- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation- Randalia Farms LLC, will be considered for final approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-10 Approval- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation-Janice Eggers-Abel, will be considered for final approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-11 Approval- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation-McKeown Family Farm, will be considered for final approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-12 Approval- Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation- Herring Creek Farm, will be considered for final approval at tonight's legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-13 Clean Energy Program, will be considered for final approval at tonight's legislative session. Amendment No. 1 to Bill No. 2018-13 has the support of the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He summarized recent developments with Upper Chesapeake's plan to consider a new location in Aberdeen rather than Havre de Grace because of issues with the City. Vice President Schneckenburger suggested that Cecil County Government oppose moving the future site of the medical center from Havre de Grace to Aberdeen.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell stated that he was on vacation last week.

Councilman Meffley attended the Chamber of Commerce mixer with New Castle County and enjoyed discussions with Delaware officials on infrastructure and buildings. He will be attending the 9-11 memorial service in Chesapeake City. He stated that Cecil County citizens are divided in their opinion on legislation to provide \$1M for school security renovations.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She will be attending the 9-11 events at Harts Amphitheater and the Pell Gardens in Chesapeake City.

Vice President Schneckenburger will be attending the Economic Development Commission meeting tomorrow.

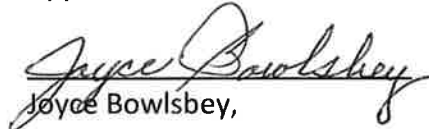
Council President Bowsbey will be attending the 9-11 memorial service at Chesapeake City where she will be speaking.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 10:02 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey,
Council President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager