

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 18, 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. –Council 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 Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of September 11, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Fair Hill Five Star Event Update

Nina Gregory, Executive Director, Fair Hill Foundation, introduced Terry Hasseltine, Executive Director, Maryland Sports; Gary McGuigan, Senior Vice President, Maryland Stadium Authority; Emily Wilson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Natural Resources; and Ross Peddicord, Executive Director, Maryland Horse Industry Board. Ms. Gregory explained the public/private partnerships that is working to move Fair Hill to a five star event.

Mr. Hasseltine discussed the process to develop the west side of Gallagher Road as a new event zone. He described the process of applying for a five star event status that includes building show rings, providing electronic screening for cross country events, and expanding the seating capacity. He stated that this process would evolve over four to six years in order to meet international standards. He provided an overview of the project and the timeframe.

Mr. McGuigan described the next step of the project that will include ensuring funding, developing the design and finalizing contracts.

Secretary Wilson stated that Fair Hill would become the seventh location in the world as a five star event status. She also stated that the State is looking for Cecil County's support for this project.

Council questions and comments ensued. The speakers confirmed that they are planning for a three star event in October 2018; and will gradually add a day annually until they reach a five star event in 2022. They also described plans to market to businesses, develop transportation logistics and cultivate hospitality resources. Ms. Gregory stated that information on their projects would be posted on the Fair Hill website.

Review of Legislative Agenda

A public hearing on Bill No. 2018-15 Amendment – Cecil County Ethics Law – Various Additions and Changes, is scheduled for tonight’s legislative session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that Jason Allison, County Attorney, would provide comments at the legislative session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 39-2018 Appointment – Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors – Martha Barchowsky and David Rudolph. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 37-2018 Grant Application – Maryland Community Development Block Grant – Warwick Mushrooms, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-14 Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under Old Business, the Council will consider a decision on rezoning case #2018-03 of Mohamed Sharkawy. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #54, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Council comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events. He provided responses from the State Highway Administration about projects that were not listed in the Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell attended Bainbridge Day.

Councilman Meffley attended the 9-11 memorial ceremony in Chesapeake City, Elkton Fall Fest, FOP Crab Feast, and Bainbridge Day. He will be attending the ground breaking for Elkton West Sanitary Sewer System.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the 9-11 memorial ceremony in Chesapeake City, the MACo Legislative Committee meeting, the open house for Project Chesapeake, and the Elkton Fall Fest. She commented about the Boys and Girls Club’s Kuff a Kop fundraiser.

Vice President Schneckeburger attended the 9-11 memorial ceremony in Chesapeake City, the Cecil County Commercial Brokers Event, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Oktoberfest, and FOP Crab Feast.

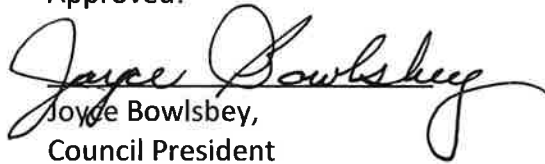
Council President Bowsbey attended the 9-11 memorial ceremony in Chesapeake City, the Cecil College Foundation Scholarship Breakfast, and the Cecil College Little Black Dress program.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:50 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey,
Council President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager