

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2018-17  
September 18, 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:** The audio and video recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of September 18, 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. Nicholas Sircharki, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Elkton, who lead the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of September 18, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

The Council presented a proclamation to David Hollenbaugh, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works, upon his retirement after thirty-nine years of service to Cecil County Government.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2018-15 Amendments – Cecil County Public Ethics Law – Various Additions and Changes**

A Bill to amend Cecil County Public Ethics Law to make additions and changes to the definitions, post-employment limitations and restrictions, use of prestige of office, public records, filing deadlines and registration statement as required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

The Bill was introduced on August 21, 2018, advertised on September 5, 2018 and September 12, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on September 18, 2018.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:  
There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2018-15 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on October 2, 2018.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Bob Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dee Emsley, Rising Sun, commented about a serious black fly problem near Slicers Mill Road in Rising Sun. Nicole Schultz, Rising Sun, commented about the black fly problem in Rising Sun.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the black fly problem and his opposition to Resolution No. 33-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Board of Education – School Security.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell attended the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting at Calvert House, which is owned by the department and used for offices and conference space. He commented that Friends of Parks and Recreation is being formed as a 501c3 nonprofit organization to raise funds for the department.

Councilman Meffley attended the 9-11 memorial service at Chesapeake City and commented on remarks by General Randy Taylor. He attended Bainbridge Day and commented on his personal experience when he lived on the former naval base. He also attended the ground breaking of Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Project and commented on his hopes that it will spur development along the Route 40 corridor.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She attended the Open House for Project Chesapeake and commented on the many services available. She attended the MACo Legislative Committee and commented on their legislative priorities. She commented on the Kirwan Commission's recommendations for schools. She will be attending the "Kuffed by Kops" fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. She will be participating in Cecil Cares Volunteer Day.

Vice President Schneckenburger thanked Ms. Emsley for coming to the Council session and stated that the administration would be following up with the black fly issue in Rising Sun. He commented on his support for plans to make Fair Hill a five star event and the economic impact on Cecil County. He attended the ground breaking for Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Project and expressed his hope for growth in the Route 40 corridor. He will be participating in Cecil Cares Volunteer Day. He plans to attend the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gold Star Mothers program. He commented on the lack of funding for the fire equipment and the administration's choice to fund schools but not the fire companies.

Council President Bowsbey commented that she had not been aware of the black fly problem in Rising Sun. She asked that the administration keep the Council updated on this issue.

## **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Resolution No. 39-2018 Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors – Martha Barchowsky and David Rudolph**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Martha Barchowsky and David Rudolph to the Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors terms to expire October 31, 2022.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided introductory comments on this legislative. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on September 18, 2018; and scheduled for consideration on October 2, 2018.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Resolution No. 37-2018 Grant Application – Maryland Community Development Block Grant – Warwick Mushrooms**

A Resolution to authorize the Cecil County Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division, to apply for funds from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 37-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowlsbey-Y  
Motion carried unanimously.

## **CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Bill No. 2018-14 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects**

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$210,521.87 from a completed School Capital Project (North East High Schools' Girls' Locker Room Renovation Project \$14,931.42) and an awarded but not completed project (Bohemia Manor High Roof Replacement \$195,590.45) to five incomplete projects (Cecil Manor Elementary Waterline Installation \$43,455.77, Bohemia Manor High Water Line Installation \$104,196, Cecil Manor Elementary Roof Replacement \$31,250, Perryville High Boiler Replacement \$18,500 and Conowingo Elementary Boiler replacement \$13,120.10) .

The Bill was introduced on August 7, 2018 and public hearing held on September 4, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2018-14.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Rezoning Case: 2018-03; Applicant: Mohamed Sharkawy; Request: To rezone 1.229 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Business General (BG); Property Location: Telegraph Road, North East, MD 21901; Election Map: 4, Tax Map: 12, Parcel: 336, Lot 30; Property Owner: Mohamed Sharkawy

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion to approve the application of Mohamed Sharkawy to rezone 1.229 acres located at Telegraph Road, North East 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-N, Patchell-N, Gregory- N, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y  
Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3. Councilman Meffley, Councilman Patchell and Councilwoman Gregory were opposed.

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to deny the application of Mohamed Sharkawy to rezone 1.229 acres located at Telegraph Road, North East MD from Rural Residential (RR) to Business General (BG) based upon no convincing evidence of a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-N, Bowsbey-N  
Motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 2. Vice President Schneckenburger and President Bowsbey were opposed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #54

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, to approve Cecil County Public Schools' Budget Amendment #54 in the amount of \$2,785,347 for July and August 2018.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

Joyce Bawlsbey  
Joyce Bawlsbey  
Council President