

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-19
October 16, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of October 16, 2018 was called to order by Council President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council President Joyce Bowsbey introduced Rev. James Yeakel from Immaculate Conception Parish, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Meffley, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 16, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dee Emsley, Rising Sun, commented on black fly situation near Octoraro Creek and the county's efforts to mitigate the problem.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and commented on the establishment of the Friends of Parks and Recreation. He also reported that playground equipment has been ordered for the new park at Bittersweet Golf Course. He also stated that Calvert Regional Park has six tournaments scheduled this weekend and ten tournaments in 2019.

Councilman Meffley attended the Small Business of the Year event, sponsored by Elkton Chamber and Alliance. He also attended the opening of the new offices of Youth Empowerment Source, YES, which works with children in trauma. He also recognized the outstanding work of Beth Creek.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending.

Vice President Schneckeburger attended the opening of Fair Hill International. He will be attending Maryland Day Fair Hill and the Fair Hill International. He will be attending the North East Rotary's cook-off. He will also be attending the community reception in honor of Council President Bowsbey and him. He stated that it was his honor and privilege to serve as Council Member and looked forward to staying active in the community.

Council President Bowsbey thanked the members of the County Council and stated that it was her pleasure to serve five years. She welcomed the new members of the Council and stated that she would miss serving. She stated that she would be involved in several other organizations and hopes to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant – Community Services Department

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 in order to provide a total of \$639,720 over three years to the Community Services Fund – Department of Community Services to record the grant award from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime for the purpose of enhancing community responses to the opioid crisis by serving our youngest crime victims.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckeburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 40-2018.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2018 Support - Tax Credit – Plumpton Park Zoo

A Resolution to request the Cecil County Delegation to amend the Maryland Annotated Code to allow the Cecil County Council to grant a tax credit to the Plumpton Park Zoo.

There were no questions or comments.

On motion made by Council President Bowsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to table Resolution No. 41-2018 until such time as we get a ruling on the legality of this request.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-N, Bowsbey-Y
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1. Vice President Schneckenburger was opposed.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2018-16 Agricultural Preservation District – Losten’s Dairy, LP

A Bill to approve the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten’s Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on September 4, 2018 and public hearing held on October 2, 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. 2018-16.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2018-17 Agricultural Preservation District – Bare Family Farm

A Bill to approve the petition of Maynard Bare, Shirley Bare, Terrill Bare, Norma Mitchell and Robin Mecinski for property located at 1711 North East Road, North East, MD 21901, also known as Bare Family Farm (Acres 156.76, Election District 9, Tax Map 19, Parcel 112) requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on September 4, 2018 and public hearing held on October 2, 2018.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2018-17.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #55

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meffley, to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #55 in the amount of 129,041 for transactions during September 2018.

The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of 5 to 0.


ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bows adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Councilman Meffley thanked Council President Bowsbey and Vice President Schneckenburger for their good work on behalf of the County Council.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Council President

Attest:



Council Manager