

County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on November 17, 2015 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; William V. Nichols; Rick M. Price and Don B. Satterfield. Also present were E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney; Jeremy Goldman, County Manager; and Donna Lane, Executive Administrative Specialist.

REGULAR SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned from a Regular Session and convened in a closed Executive Session pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction and pursuant to §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Voting in favor of the closed Executive Session were all Council members.

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Travers led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for those who were involved in the recent events that occurred in France.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Council agreed to add the advertising of the Emergency Services Director position to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-NOVEMBER 3, 2015

The Council approved the minutes of November 3, 2015 as amended.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$8,638,811.24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in an Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on November 17, 2015 in a closed session at Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland, pursuant to Title 3 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, pursuant to §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction and pursuant to §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Motion made, seconded and carried to conduct a closed session pursuant to the above. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative to conduct the closed session for the purposes stated above and to discuss the topics listed below.

Action taken at the closed session: 1) agreed to amend the Emergency Services Director position job description by a 3 to 2 vote-agreed to consider advertising in open session; 2) discussed a matter relating to employee payroll deductions; 3) discussed a matter regarding health insurance; 4) discussed the Incubator Manager position-requested additional information; 5) discussed an expression of interest in acquiring County owned property.

The above information is being provided to the public pursuant to and in compliance with Section §3-306(b) and (c) of Title 3 of the General Provisions Article.

REGULAR SESSION

MANAGERS COMMENTS

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT AWARD-AIRPORT APRON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Tom Moore, Public Works Director, to accept a Maryland Aviation Administration Grant Award in the amount of 5% or up to \$155,000 towards the total Airport Apron Construction project cost of \$3,100,000. The Council acknowledged that: 1) the County's portion of the project remains at 5% or \$155,000 with a Federal Aviation Administration contribution of 90% or \$2,790,000; 2) the County's share consists of \$71,053 in the FY14 Capital Budget and \$65,398 in the FY16 budget; and 3) an additional \$18,549 needs to be identified in the FY17 budget to equal the County's share of project.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT-AGRICULTURE SCRAP TIRE-DROP OFF EVENT 2016-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved Mr. Moore's request to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) for an Agricultural Scrap Tire Drop Off event. The Council acknowledged that MES will reimburse the County for all costs associated with this event. The Council also recognized its October 6, 2015 decision to participate in this event late this winter for a two week period between January 1 and March 6, 2016.

ATM LEASE RENEWAL-STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION OF MARYLAND

The Council agreed to extend an ATM lease agreement dated December 29, 2003 between Dorchester County and the State Employees Credit Union of Maryland for a one year period with an expiration date of March 29, 2017 at the monthly rate of \$250.

COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION-HEARN BUILDING STABILIZATION-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the request of Cindy Smith, Grant Monitor, to adopt a resolution supporting the submission of a Community Legacy Grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for funds of \$500,000 for the stabilization of the Hearn Building, 509-511 Race Street, Cambridge. Councilmen Price and Nichols opposed. The Council recognized its November 6, 2015 approval of the submission of the grant application. The Council recognized that DHCD will accept a resolution post submittal.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION REQUEST-COUNCIL'S OFFICE

The Council approved the request of Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, to declare the following items surplus: one task chair, a rolling computer cart, two mid back chairs and one high back chair.

TELEPHONE POLL CONFIRMATIONS

The Council confirmed its decisions in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll, to: 1) accept a Preservation Maryland grant award of \$10,000 for emergency stabilization of the Hearn Building, with no match requirements, by a 3 to 2 vote; and 2) sole source with Baker, Ingram & Associates, the same company the City of Cambridge brought in to conduct the initial engineering work, to create shoring design documents for the stabilization of the facade of the Hearn Building at 509-511 Race Street by a 3 to 2 vote based on the request of City officials.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT REQUEST

Based on the recommendation of County's Planning Commission, the Council agreed to appoint Mary Losty as the liaison between the County's Planning Commission and the City of Cambridge's Planning and Zoning Commission.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR POSITION

The Council agreed to advertise the Emergency Services Director position in-house and in local news publication(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bradshaw wished everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and encouraged citizens to remember those who are less fortunate.

Councilman Bradshaw inquired as to whether the County is prepared for any incident that crosses over from other areas, such as Baltimore. Mr. Goldman explained that emergency disaster drills are conducted for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant on a regular basis pursuant to Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements and an all hazard response drill is incorporated into those events. He noted that there is a strong relationship between partner agencies.

Councilman Price said local waterman have expressed concern that the area between the Fredrick C. Malkus, Jr. Memorial Bridge to Oyster Shell Point is not open to shellfish harvest even though the waters are clear of bacteria and other contaminants. Based on a motion made by Councilman Price, the Council agreed to send correspondence to the Maryland Department of Environment and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources asking for consideration to be given to opening all or a portion of this area for the hand tonging of oysters, if this information is accurate.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Bradshaw, Mr. Goldman confirmed that he sent correspondence to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources requesting a list of active or proposed bottom leased areas in and around the County. He said he also spoke to a DNR representative and will follow up on this request.

The Council wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Councilman Satterfield encouraged citizens to be mindful of their surroundings in light of recent events. He commended law enforcement and emergency service providers for providing assistance to residents.

Councilman Travers referenced the recent tragedy in France and encouraged the public to be careful during large holiday and sports events. He said a Community dinner will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church on noon on Thanksgiving Day.

Councilman Travers announced that the next County Council meeting is December 1, 2015 and the Council reserves the right to convene into closed session.

With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:



Jeremy Goldman
County Manager

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL:



Ricky C. Travers, President



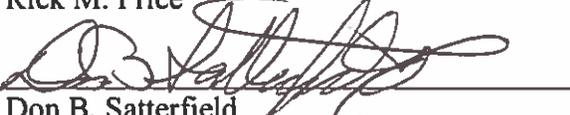
Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President



William V. Nichols



Rick M. Price



Don B. Satterfield

Approved the 1st day of December, 2015.