

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on September 5, 2017 with the following members present: Ricky C. Travers, President; Tom C. Bradshaw, Vice President; 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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Satterfield led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Council approved the following additions to the agenda: Eastern Shore Innovation Center-License Agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-AUGUST 15, 2017

The Council approved the minutes of August 15, 2017.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$5,808,727.72.

CLOSED SESSION SUMMARY

The Council adjourned from a Regular Session and convened in a Closed 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; pursuant to §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter on September 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Action taken at the Closed Session: 1) approved the request of the Director of Corrections to promote several Correctional Officers and to reclass a Correctional Officer by a 5 to 0 vote; 2) confirmed the hiring by the State's Attorney of an individual as a Safe Streets

Grant Attorney to fill a vacancy by a 5 to 0 vote; and, 3) discussed a personnel matter relating to a County department.

The purpose of the Closed Session is also set forth in the Written Statement of Closing a Meeting Under the Open Meetings Act, which will be provided upon request. Voting in favor of the Closed Session were all of the present Council members.

REGULAR SESSION

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT-NEW AIRPORT DIRECTOR

Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, introduced Amber Hulsey, the new Airport Director.

REQUEST FOR USE OF CIRCUIT COURT GROUNDS-HARRIET TUBMAN ORGANIZATION-NANTICOKE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

The Council approved the request of Margret Ingersol, Committee Chair, and Bill Jarmon, Committee Member, for the use the Court House grounds on Friday, October 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a program being presented by the Museum and the Nanticoke Historical Preservation Alliance as part of "The Slave Dwelling Project." The Council acknowledged that: 1) Brett Wilson, Circuit Court Judge, has no objection to the requested use; 2) the organizations will use an outlet, Spring Valley, the band stand platform, Court House steps; and, 3) a sign will be placed on the property announcing the event.

REQUEST TO SOLE SOURCE AND PURCHASE VEHICLES-LANDFILL-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Ryan White, Public Works Director, to sole source and purchase two Chevrolet 2500 Silverado trucks from Sports Automotive under this year's State of Maryland Blanket Purchase Order at the cost of \$66,194, which is \$1,194 over budgeted FY18 funds. The Council also approved his request to move \$1,750 in unused funding allocated for the purchase of equipment from the FY17 Capital Budget to the FY18 Capital Budget to cover the overage.

PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES-PHASE II AND III PERMIT APPLICATION-LANDFILL-PUBLIC WORKS

A motion made by Councilman Travers to defer the request of Greg LeBlanc, Engineer, to accept a proposal for professional engineering services from Geosyntec to continue its design and permitting of the proposed Dorchester County Municipal Landfill directly adjacent to existing Beulah Landfill died due to the lack of a second. Councilman Bradshaw made a motion to accept the proposal which Councilman Satterfield seconded. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Mr. White confirmed that this will allow the project to begin sooner. Mr. White explained that the engineering services are

for the planning phase of the new cell. The Council agreed to accept the proposal for engineering services from Geosyntec, which Councilman Price opposed.

REQUEST TO AWARD BITUMINOUS MATERIALS-HIGHWAY DIVISION-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Mr. White to award the bid for bituminous materials to Slurry Pavers, Inc., dba Asphalt Emulsions.

REQUEST TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-DRAINAGE PIPE-HIGHWAY DIVISION-PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. White said he is seeking the Council's approval to re-advertise for proposals for aluminized and HDPE drainage pipe in order to allow staff the opportunity to revise the original specifications to provide a clearer understanding of the products the Highway Division requires. He explained that the current bidders' proposals were for two different types of pipe that did not meet the needs of this Division. In response to a question from Jeremy Goldman, County Manager, Mr. White advised that there are sufficient quantities of pipe on hand and if necessary, the current vendor is willing to extend its contract for an additional three months. The Council approved Mr. White's request.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST EXTENSION REQUEST-HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT-TOURISM-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the request of Cindy Smith, Grant Monitor, to extend the project deadline for a Maryland Historical Trust Hazard Mitigation Grant to complete an inventory of historic sites at risk for sea level rise and other natural disasters.

FY18 MANAGEMENT GRANT AWARD-TOURISM-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the request of Ms. Smith to accept a FY18 Maryland Heritage Area Authority Management Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to continue the operation of the local Heritage Area office. The Council acknowledged that there are monies included in the grant for the employment of three on-site personnel: Director, Program Administrator, and Outreach Coordinator.

FY18 MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY MARKETING GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE-TOURISM-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the request of Ms. Smith to accept the FY18 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Marketing grant award of \$45,000 with a cash match of \$40,000 from the Tourism General Advertising budget. a mini-grant match from the local community and in the form of in-kind services.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS-CONSULTANT-COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-PLANNING AND ZONING

The Council discussed the request of Rodney Banks, Assistant Finance Director, to advertise for proposals for a consultant for the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Goldman explained that this item was delayed for one meeting in order to seek input from other Departments. The Council approved the request pending comments from the Planning Commission with the understanding that additional changes may be necessary based on the comments recently submitted by Anna Sierra, Emergency Services Director.

FY17 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AWARD- EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Ms. Sierra to execute a FY 2017 Sub-recipient Agreement which serves as the formal Grant Award Notice for the FY 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant award of \$71,468.00. The Council acknowledged that the County's 100% match is covered through the 911 surcharge/expenses and that no General Funds are required.

REQUEST TO ADOPT 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN-EMERGENCY SERVICES

Pursuant to the request of Ms. Sierra, the Council agreed to adopt the 2017 Hazard Mitigation plan which she presented at the Council's August 1, 2017 meeting by resolution. The Council acknowledged that the adoption of plan is necessary in order for the County to be eligible for several Federal Emergency Management Agency grants. Ms. Sierra advised that the plan will now be presented to each municipality for approval.

TRAVEL REQUEST-EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ms. Sierra said she is seeking Council's approval for herself and several employees to attend an annual user conference held by Spillman, a Computer Aided Design vendor, which was recently purchased by Motorola, in Utah from September 18 to September 22, 2017. The Council approved Ms. Sierra's request for her, Kim Vickers and Loreal Vaughn to attend this conference. The Council acknowledged that all costs will be borne by Spillman

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Council recognized that there are vacancies on several County Boards and Committees. The Council approved the request of Daniel McDermott, Executive Director, to appoint Dion Banks as a private sector representative for Dorchester County on the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board. The Council also approved the request of Lisa Hartman, Director, Dorchester County Department of Social Services, to reappoint the following individuals to the Adult Guardianship Review Board for another term: Lorraine Caldwell, Lay Individual; Dr. Evangeline Garica, Physician; and Dr.

James McAnulty, Physician. The Council also approved Ms. Hartman's request to appoint Mary Denard Turner as the Dorchester County Senior Council representative and Darlene Sampson, representative of Hurlock Methodist Church on the Adult Guardianship Review Board.

POLL CONFIRMATIONS

The Council, confirmed its following decisions, in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll to: 1) allow the boat owned by Walter Kersey, who leases slip 6 at the Ragged Point Marina, to remain on land at the marina until the ramp is repaired by a 4 to 1 (no answer) vote; and, 2) approve the request of Cindy Smith, Grant Monitor, to accept a FY17 Interlocal Agreement-Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award of \$10,729, of which the City and County will each receive 50%, by a 4 to 1 (no answer) vote.

LICENSE AGREEMENT-EASTERN SHORE INNOVATION CENTER

The Council agreed to enter into a License Agreement with IES Diagnostics for Suite No. 028 for a 24 month period commencing September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019 with monthly installments being based on licensed square foot due on or before first day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gloria Dolan, resident, referred to the Council's earlier approval of a proposal for engineering services for the design and permitting of a proposed landfill. Pursuant to her inquiry, Mr. Goldman said this will be for a horizontal expansion. Ms. Dolan questioned whether the public will have the opportunity to provide comments during the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Goldman explained that the request for proposals for a consultant for this plan includes public hearing and public comment requirements.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Satterfield expressed concern about the potential impact to the County if Hurricane Irma moves toward the area. He said he hopes that the conflict between the United States and Korea can be resolved peacefully. He thanked law enforcement and emergency services personnel for their service. He recognized that Joey Hughes, Director of Corrections, is present. He commended him for his performance, based on positive comments he has received from other individuals.

Councilman Price said his thoughts are with those who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey. He applauded the immediate response from individuals to rescue people and animals. He noted that September is Emergency Preparedness Month.

Councilman Bradshaw encouraged motorists to pay attention when meeting and/or behind school buses which may stop frequently. He said Governor Lawrence "Larry" Hogan is proposing \$68 million in cuts to cover a State shortfall. He cited his concern

regarding a proposed reduction for Preservation Maryland Grants. He explained that this year was the first year in the several during which these grants were funded. He referenced the preservation of cultural and historic sources of the County, noting that these grants provide funding to survey sites and identify ways to preserve them from hazards, such as floods. Based on his motion, the Council agreed to send a letter in opposition to a budget cut for these grants. Councilman Bradshaw referred to prior hurricanes in the County, including Isabe, and commended people in the areas affected by recent hurricanes for coming together to assist others. Councilman Bradshaw said his thoughts and prayers are with those who have been impacted by them. He expressed his hope Irma will not travel up the coast and enter into the Chesapeake Bay.

Councilman Travers referred to the potential impact of Irma to the County and said his prayers are with those in its path. He announced that the next Council meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2017 and the Council reserves the right to meet in closed session prior to regular 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 19th day of September, 2017.