

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 15, 2022)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting Co-County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Prior to the business meeting, a Retirement Reception for Dr. Rebecca Bolton-Bridgett, County Administrator was held in the lobby of the Chesapeake Building.

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of February 8, 2022, and February 9, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

3. COMMENDATION

Dr. Rebecca Bolton-Bridgett was presented the following for her Retirement: Commissioners of St. Mary's County Commendation, Governors Citation, The Honorable Steny Hoyer Citation, The Honorable Chris Van Hollen Citation, The Honorable Ben Cardin Citation, Maryland General Assembly Citation from the Honorable Jack Bailey's Office, Maryland Delegation Citation, Sheriff's Office Recognition, Letter of Appreciation: Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Department of Social Services Recognition and St. Mary's County Library Recognition.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for new uses Solar, Major and Solar, Minor
Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

Present: William B. Hunt, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on January 28 and February 4, 2022. This public hearing was for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to add the two new uses for Solar, Major and Solar, Minor.

Commissioner President Guy requested Mr. Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Mike Thompson, 43865 Thompson Farm Lane, Hollywood, MD
Phil Dorsey, P.O. Box 530 Leonardtown, MD
Theresa Williams, P.O. Box 128, St. Mary's City, MD
James Raley, P O. Box 52, Avenue, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 10:15 a.m.

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map category from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use and Zoning Map from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use for the properties located at 23595 Pike Lane and 23556 Three Notch Road, Hollywood.

I move to approve the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map to change the Land Use Map category from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use and Zoning Map from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use for the properties located at 23595 Pike Lane and 23556 Three Notch Road, Hollywood and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for property located at 29871 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map category from Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Residential Mixed-use to entirely Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Zoning Map of the split-zoned property from Residential Mixed-use and Town Center Mixed-use to entirely Town Center Mixed-use.

I move that the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for property located at 29871 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map category from Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Residential Mixed-use to entirely Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Zoning Map of the split-zoned property from Residential Mixed-use and Town Center Mixed-use to entirely Town Center Mixed-use be denied.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to oppose HB 506/SB 603 -Constitutional Amendment - Beer and Wine Licenses - Retail Grocery Establishments and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to repeal letters of opposition to SB 250/HB 325 - State and Local Procurement - Payment Practices and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support with the amendments offered by MACO to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

No Vote

MOTION 3: I move to support SB 208 Criminal Law - Assault of a Public Transportation Service Provider – Penalties and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support to house and senate committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 4: I move to oppose SB 754 – Local Government Cybersecurity – Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Act of 2022) and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to house and senate committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 5: I move to support HB 1022 - State Highway Administration - Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support to house and senate committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 6: I move to support HB 445/SB 543 –Property Tax – Constant Yield Tax Rate – Notice Requirement and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I move to support HB 275/SB273 – Environment – PFSA Chemicals – Prohibitions and Requirements (George “Walter” Taylor Act) and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support with amendments to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 8: I move to oppose SB 552/ HB365 – Climate Crisis Plan – Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022) and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to house and senate committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 1 AND 8, 2022. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 22, 2022.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2023 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications for FFY2023, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$23,500, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

C. ST. MARY'S COUNTY LIBRARY - Semi-Annual Brief

Present: Michael Blackwell, Library Director

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of Library operations noting they are back to normal operating hours. He also discussed partnerships with St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, and St. Mary's County Health Department. Other topics discussed were the returning of In-Person inside programming, the 20th anniversary of the Lexington Park Library location, and the E-book Law enacted on January 1, 2022.

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Child Care Stabilization Fund Grant Award

I move to approve and accept the "Childcare Stabilization Fund Grant" Grant Award, from the Maryland State Department of Education, in the amount of \$84,650 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment for \$84,650 and related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Affordable Housing Project Payment In lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement Request from Osprey II LLC

I move to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements with Osprey Property Company II LLC for the Admiral's Landing affordable housing project and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - SOMD Seaplanes, LLC Lease Agreement

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the SOMD Seaplanes, LLC lease agreement for office space within the Captain Walter Francis Duke Terminal Building at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Calvert County Solid Waste Memorandum of Understanding

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the County Commissioners for Calvert County relating to the disposal of solid waste at the Appeal Landfill.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contract

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the employment contract for the St. Mary's County Government Director of Public Works and Transportation with terms and conditions as indicated.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Policy Manual Update

I move to approve the proposed personnel policy updates as presented with the edits incorporated into the St. Mary's County Government Manual of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:22 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 1, 2022

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2023 Budget Work Session CIP Follow-up and Operating

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director

During the budget work session, the Commissioners discussed the YMCA and made the following motion.

MOTION: I make a motion to approve the YMCA at the Great Mills site as presented from the YMCA at the previous meeting.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

The CIP Sheet will be updated for the March 1, 2022 work session.

11. ADJOURN