

**County Council of Dorchester County
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015**

The County Council of Dorchester County met in regular session on August 18, 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, Acting 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; pursuant to §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and pursuant to §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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

REGULAR SESSION

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Nichols led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

The Council approved the following additions to the agenda: a discussion regarding nonsmoking policy, a request to advertise Soil Conservation District Manager position, change order requests for the incubator facility, a seafood buyers permit fee discussion and a bad debt reserve request for the Landfill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 4, 2015

The Council approved the minutes of August 4, 2015 with Councilman Nichols abstaining since he was not present at that meeting.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

The Council approved the vouchers as presented. Councilman Travers abstained for payments made to Simmons Center Market. Councilman Price opposed payment to Hertrich Fleet Services for the purchase of new Tahoes for the Sheriff's Office citing his decision during FY16 budget process to allocate a different figure for these vehicles as the reason for this opposition.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Councilman Travers reported total cash and investments as \$4,099,223.83.

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY

The County Council of Dorchester County convened in an Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 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; pursuant to §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and pursuant to §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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) discussed an amendment to a policy pertaining to County employees-agreed to discuss in open session; 2) approved a request to fill a Soil Conservation District Manager position by a 5 to 0 vote-agreed to consider a request to advertise in open session; 3) discussed a request to purchase County owned properties acquired by tax sale; 4) discussed the potential assumption of property-requested additional information; 5) discussed a matter regarding a County owned property; 6) discussed a party's interest in a County owned property; 7) discussed a matter regarding a County economic development project-agreed to discuss in open session; 8) discussed a matter with legal counsel relating to a permit fee-agreed to discuss in open session; 9) discussed with legal counsel a request from Finance to change debt reserve figure -agreed to discuss in open session; and 10) discussed with legal counsel a State law tax requirement-received an update.

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

OVERVIEW-WEB-BASED GIS MAPPING-PLANNING AND ZONING

Steve Dodd, Planning and Zoning Director, introduced Gary Baxter, GIS Specialist, noting he will provide a demonstration of the new web-based GIS mapping feature to be placed on the County's website. He said it will allow the Planning and Zoning staff, other County departmental staff and the public to access information regarding properties, including zoning and critical area data. He noted that this access will be free, no subscription is required and no special equipment is necessary.

Mr. Baxter explained that GIS is an acronym for geographic information system. He said the web-based GIS system stores, analyzes and displays geographic data, including parcel boundaries, critical areas and flood plain information and is the same data used in the Planning

and Zoning office. He noted that the information is stored on the Cloud and does not compromise the Department's security. He provided a demonstration of the system.

Mr. Dodd said Mr. Baxter compiled all of the information from public sources into one centralized location for user convenience. He advised that in addition to property owners and County staff, realtors, surveyors, appraisers and attorneys will benefit from utilizing this system. He commended Mr. Baxter for his efforts.

Councilman Travers questioned how the system will be marketed. Mr. Dodd explained that some realtors, builders and contractors are aware of this new system since they were used as test subjects. Mr. Baxter said another staff member also tested it and there was positive feedback from that individual as well. He noted that Facebook and other social media will be utilized as a marketing tool. Jeremy Goldman, Acting County Manager, advised that Economic Development and Tourism staff will also assist with marketing. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Mr. Baxter said it will be available for use tomorrow.

The Council thanked Mr. Dodd and Mr. Baxter.

PRESENTATION-PROPOSED PLANS-MACE'S LANE PROPERTY-BOND SERVANTS

Reverend Keith Cornish, representing Bond Servants, advised that Chuck Weber, a member of this organization and Marian Fisher, Mace's Lane Alumni Association, will provide information on proposed plans for old school building on the old Mace's Lane High School property (1103 Mace's Lane, Cambridge). He noted that Ms. Fisher, who is also a graduate from the school and a former principal, will provide the Council with information on a survey that was conducted over the weekend.

Ms. Fisher advised that public outreach efforts have been undertaken over the past few weeks to ensure that residents, particularly those adjacent to the property, are aware of the proposed plans. Ms. Fisher noted that all students of color attended the old Mace's Lane High School which was constructed in 1952. She explained that prior to this facility classes were held at various businesses in the County due to the loss of school. She said it is a cultural landmark and a place of diversity for the community. She stressed that resources will be available for the youth and young adults at the community center. Ms. Fisher explained that many citizens expressed concerns about proposed uses of the existing facility, including as a homeless shelter or housing development. She noted that residents also shared the concerns of the Mace's Lane Alumni Association that the building would be completely demolished.

Ms. Fisher advised that 569 signed survey signature cards were received, noting only one person opposed the proposed project and another did not indicate their position. She said there has been no negative feedback. She said she supports the renovation of this property and its use as a community center.

Tim Crosby, Architect, noted that the school has not been occupied since 2007. He said the Bond Servants organization shares with the community its goal of saving as much of the property as possible for use as a community center. He presented proposed plans for the building, including an aerial view of the site, photographs of the building and a view of those

sections that will either be removed or renovated, some of which will be repurposed. He explained that: 1) new handicapped accessible bathrooms and a large storage room will be added; 2) the power house will be converted to a commercial kitchen to support activities and to be used as a teaching kitchen; 3) Bond Servants and the advisory board are working with other non-profit organizations about their possible use of the property; 4) an educational party is interested in utilizing the new kitchen for a culinary program; 5) impervious surface will be reduced by almost 55% as a result of demolition; and 6) the parking lots will be resurfaced.

Mr. Crosby said alumni members and the community, said the most memorable portions of the building are the gymnasium and the gathering room/cafeteria including the stone fireplace in this room. He explained that although the structure around the fireplace will be demolished, it will be saved and used as the focus of an outdoor area. He noted that the cafeteria terrazzo floor will also be saved and utilized for outdoor activities. He advised that they will appear before the City of Cambridge Planning Commission in September 2015 at which time they hope to obtain site plan approval.

Mr. Crosby explained that a general contractor has provided a guaranteed maximum price of \$1,776,000 to renovate the building. He said no public funding is necessary and monies will be garnered through commitments from the alumni, the community and private investors.

Mr. Weber provided the Council with a copy of a community center flyer that was handed out on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at an informational gathering at the facility. Mr. Weber said due to a generator failure the school was opened to access electrical service which created an opportunity for residents to tour the building and reminisce. He explained that Bond Servants' goal is to utilize the community center as a cultural resource and for services to the youth and adults in the community. Mr. Weber thanked the Council for allowing them the opportunity to present their plans.

Ms. Fisher opined that the 569 individuals who provided survey cards are a fraction of the residents who are in support the renovation and utilization of this facility as a community center. She said the alumni association members strongly support this project. Reverend Cornish said although there will be a reduced footprint, like the school, the facility will bring the community together.

Derrick Griffin, a graduate of Mace's Lane High School and property owner close to the structure, expressed his support of the use of the facility as a community center. He applauded those individuals who are pursuing this project.

In response to Mr. Griffin's inquiry, Mr. Crosby said the investors are not seeking a financial or monetary return. He stressed that the investors are committed to the continued support and operation of the facility. Pursuant to another inquiry from Mr. Griffin, Mr. Crosby stressed that no public funds are involved in the construction phase of this project.

In response to a question from Cindy Smith, resident, Mr. Crosby said the preliminary plans do not show that a portion of the power house will be utilized for administrative offices.

Lorraine Henry, resident, and prior Board of Education member, opined that this facility will allow adults to work together to identify ways to assist youth in their physical and mental

development and to promote good citizenship. She noted that this facility will provide many children with a safe place to gather on the weekends.

Mike Bobcar said he attended a Boys Club in Toledo, Ohio that had a game room, library, computer lab and offered a study group. He expressed his desire for the entire building to be fully utilized to provide youth a multitude of activities. Mr. Crosby stated that it was not financially feasible to renovate the entire facility.

Sherwood McNamara, resident, expressed his support of the old school as a community center. He said it is easily accessible for youth and adults, who can walk or ride their bicycles to the facility. He commended the individuals who are pursuing this project.

David Henry, 1957 graduate of Mace's Lane High School, noted that the City of Cambridge was the first municipality in the State to have a public high school in 1917 called the Cambridge Colored High School, which became Pine Street Elementary School. He expressed his support for the proposed use of the property as a community center.

Senator Adelaide Eckardt commended the members of the community who have been diligently working together to save one of the County's historical icons. She stressed the need for continued support once the facility is completed.

Tyrone Seymour, Founder, President of the Mace's Lane Alumni Association and a 1961 graduate of the school, thanked those involved in developing the plans for a community center. He thanked Ms. Fisher for presenting information regarding the proposed project and expressed his hope this center will be realized.

In response to questions from Councilman Price, Mr. Crosby advised that: 1) only 17,000 square feet of the property is for the building; 2) the remaining acreage will consist of the parking lots and large open green spaces to include an outdoor activity space for youth activities; and 3) a board or group of individuals will provide oversight of activities and yearly operation/maintenance.

Councilman Nichols expressed dismay about rumors that he was opposed to this proposed project and that information was not made readily available to him or the public. He noted that he only received one schematic drawing of project and was only invited to one meeting. He advised that it was approximately six months before he was shown the proposed plans. Councilman Nichols explained that his main goal is to ensure that the neighborhood stays intact. He dispelled rumors about the Council's opposition, noting that although they received information on this proposed project, no vote has been taken. He said the proposed project as presented is promising; however, he still has concerns about funding for construction and for ongoing and future operational costs.

Reverend Cornish said it is his understanding other partner organizations or entities using the facility will also fund activities at this facility. He stressed that only funding for the building is available at this time.

Councilman Nichols stated that he has advised residents who have questions regarding the proposed project to contact Bond Servants. He said one of the questions posed was what specific

programs will be held at the center. Mr. Crosby advised that athletic, culinary, educational and mentoring programs will be provided. He expressed his hope that local non-profit organizations will also hold programs at the facility, particularly those in need of space.

Mr. Crosby advised that Bond Servants is aware that there will have to be a continued financial commitment to this facility to cover maintenance and operational costs.

Bob Costos, a member of the Dorchester County Young Life Committee, said this organization is interested in utilizing this facility and are willing to provide funding to offset costs.

Mr. Crosby explained that since the property is located in an institutional zone there are limits on what activities can be pursued and the times they can be offered. He said Bond Servants will take into consideration how proposed activities and events will affect the adjacent community. He stressed that there will be no activities at the facility that involved alcohol.

Councilman Nichols reiterated his main goal is to ensure that the neighborhood remains the same and his concern about the lack of information available to the public on this project. He queried as to whether sufficient funding has been identified.

Mr. Weber advised that funding is available for the construction phase of the project. He said it will be challenge to garner monies for ongoing maintenance and operational costs. He explained that they are working with grant writers and have contacted other organizations in an effort to obtain funding. He expressed his belief that once construction has been completed organizations who use the facility will provide monies to offset costs. He stressed that it is their goal to continue to maintain the community center for future generations.

In response to a question from Councilman Nichols, Mr. Weber said the estimated annual operating costs for this proposed facility is \$20,000.

Mr. Crosby said their goal is for organizations or people using facility, whether on a rental, regular or limited basis, to pay 50% of the operational expenses and to obtain the other 50% through fundraising activities.

Councilman Satterfield expressed support for the facility to become a community center and thanked those individuals involved in the proposed project.

Pursuant to questioned posed by E. Thomas Merryweather, County Attorney, Mr. Weber said the following: 1) Bond Servants will be the owner and operator of the property; 2) verbal financial commitments for construction have been obtained; 3) final commitments will be obtained if Council agrees to transfer the property; 4) Bond Servants is amicable to entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Council for this property.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Weber, Mr. Goldman said he is working with a contractor to remove the fuel tank from the property and once the Maryland Department of Environment issues a permit the work will commence. He explained that there was a delay due to the lack of a unique identifier on tank, noting that the original tank had been replaced. Mr. Merryweather advised that it is the County's responsibility to remove the tank and perform remediation, if necessary.

Councilman Travers said he attended the school in 1969 and was in the first class after desegregation. He reminisced about the times he spent in the area of the fireplace. He expressed support for leaving the fireplace and cafeteria floor intact.

The Council agreed to transfer the property to Bond Servants contingent upon the receipt of written confirmation of financial commitments and the execution of a memorandum of understanding between Bond Servants and the County.

2016 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

Councilman Travers said this is the second opportunity for the Council to discuss proposed legislative initiatives and topics of discussion for the 2016 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session. He noted that a final discussion will be held at Council's September 15, 2015 meeting and the meeting with legislators is scheduled for October 6, 2015.

Councilman Bradshaw stated that he discussed with Senator Adelaide Eckardt the possible pursuit of legislation to allow home school children to attend programs at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center. In response to a question from Councilman Travers, she said there is a statewide law which may need variation at the local level to allow home schooled children to utilize this facility. Senator Eckardt said there is a Homeschool Consortium and she will contact them about this matter and will provide the Council with an update.

MANAGERS COMMENTS

FY15 BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST-FINANCE

The Council approved the FY15 budget transfer request submitted by Robert Willey, Assistant Finance Director, to transfer excess funding of \$4,900 in various expense categories into areas where actual costs were greater than original estimates.

RESERVE DOCKAGE REQUEST-ANNUAL CHOPTANK HERITAGE SKIPJACK RACE

The Council approved the request of Lou Hyman, Race Committee Chair, Dorchester County Skipjack Committee, to reserve docking space along the County Office building bulkhead and the use of the parking lot on Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2015 for skipjacks visiting for the 19th Annual Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race. The Council acknowledged that the Committee will work with County Maintenance staff to post reserved signs along the bulkhead the week of the race and will remove them Saturday afternoon.

REQUEST TO USE SAILWINDS PARK AMPHITHEATRE-WORLD TRIATHLON CORPORATION

The Council approved the request of Gerry Boyle, Race Director, Ironman Maryland, to use the Sailwinds Park Amphitheatre adjacent to the Visitor Center for the Ironman Maryland Athlete Ceremony on October 1, 2015. The Council acknowledged that they will set up a projection screen and speaker system to perform the ceremony, followed by live musical entertainment and will invite limited food vendors to provide local specialties for sale to athletes and their families.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Travers, Mr. Boyle said at this event there will be a luminary for each registered athlete. Pursuant to questions posed by Mr. Merryweather, Mr. Boyle said 2,500 athletes have registered, which is 500 more than last year. He noted that they are moving the village at Long Wharf from the grass to the parking lot. He advised Council that they will receive invitations as VIPs to be at the finish line of the Ironman Maryland Race. In response to a question from Councilman Nichols, Mr. Boyle said Amanda Fenstermaker, Tourism Director, has discussed this event with the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Dorchester. Mr. Boyle thanked the Council for approving his request.

BID AWARD-GENERATOR-EMERGENCY SHELTER-GRANT MONITOR

The Council approved the recommendation Cindy Smith, Grant Monitor, submitted on behalf of Gipe Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, to award the bid for a diesel generator and installation for the emergency shelter at the Cambridge South Dorchester High School to John W. Tieder, Inc., lowest bidder, for cost of \$722,615. The Council recognized that: 1) the project is funded with a Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant; and 2) the cost of the generator and engineering is covered by the grant with an in-kind match to be provided by the Board of Education and County staff for infrastructure and program administration as outlined in the grant agreement Council approved on August 5, 2014. In response to a question from Councilman Nichols, Mr. Goldman said the natural gas generator option is too expensive. He explained that some of the remaining grant funds will be expended to purchase a fuel scrubbing system which will clean and warm the fuel. He noted that the Board of Education's 6,000 gallon tank will be utilized which will provide eight to nine hours of runtime per tank.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT AWARD-EASTERN SHORE INNOVATION CENTER-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Council approved the request of Keasha Haythe, Economic Development Director, to accept a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant award in the amount of \$21,400 for furniture and equipment for the Eastern Shore Innovation Center with matching funds of \$7,500 which are included in the Economic Development budget. Councilman Price opposed, citing his prior opposition to the project.

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST-OLD BEULAH CAPPING PROJECT-PUBLIC WORKS

The Council approved the request of Tom Moore, Public Works, to execute the Change Order No. 1 to the contract between Dorchester County and Sargent Corporation, contractor for the Old Beulah Capping project, which authorizes a change in pipe material for the gas vents. The Council acknowledged that this change, which represents a reduction in cost of \$5,208 has been approved by the Engineer and the Maryland Department of Environment. Councilman Bradshaw opposed.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT-WICOMICO COUNTY-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Jeremy Goldman as Emergency Services Director for authorization for the Dorchester County Department of Services to enter into a Mutual Aid

Agreement with the Wicomico County Department of Emergency Services for providing mutual aid and assistance in emergency situations, if available.

TRAVEL REQUEST-911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Mr. Goldman for authorization for three Emergency Services staff members to attend the Public Safety Systems, Inc. (PSSI) Users Group Conference from November 16 through November 20, 2015 in Scottsdale, Alabama, at the estimated cost of \$4,565, which includes hotel, food and transportation, from the 911 Communications Center budget. In response to an inquiry from Councilman Nichols, Mr. Goldman said staff has not purchased airfare and will seek lower pricing.

SPECIAL EVENTS AGREEMENT-BOARD OF EDUCATION-EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Council approved the request of Mr. Goldman for the execution of a Special Events Agreement between the Cambridge South Dorchester High School and the County Council for public safety services, which consist of one committed Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance and two BLS providers, for activities and events, including the school's football games, for the 2015/2016 school year.

NON SMOKING POLICY DISCUSSION

The Council agreed to adopt a proposed Resolution to amend the County policy entitled "No Smoking or Use of Tobacco or Smokeless Products Dorchester County Employees" to add vapor delivery devices, e-cigarettes and other non-traditional nicotine and/or other substance delivery systems,

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER POSITION

The Council agreed to advertise a Soil Conservation District Manager position in-house and in local news publication(s) concurrently.

CHANGE ORDER REQUESTS-EASTERN SHORE INNOVATION CENTER

The Council approved the request of Tom Moore, Public Works Director, to accept and execute the following change orders for the Eastern Shore Innovation Center project for which funds will be used from the \$100,000 contingency line item in the project budget: 1) Change Order No. 1, design alternate #3-metal siding at rear to match front, \$5,121; 2) Change Order No. 2, design alternate #4-wire mesh screen wall, \$1,254; 3) Change Order No. 3, design alternate #6-install new light fixtures vs. reconditioned, \$523; and 4) Chase Order No. 4, phase 1 site planning for early site work, \$1,900. The contract cost will remain as \$2,418,497. Councilmen Bradshaw and Price opposed. Councilman Price cited his opposition to the project as his reason.

SEAFOOD BUYER PERMIT FEE DISCUSSION

The Council agreed to review the Seafood Buyers Permit fee as part of the annual County's Fee Schedule review process in order to ensure that monies collected cover the cost of electricity used by permit holders at the County's marine facilities.

BAD DEBT RESERVE REQUEST

Based on the recommendation of Robert Willey, Assistant Finance Director, the Council agreed to reduce the bad debt reserve in the Landfill Enterprise Fund from \$58,235 to \$25,000, effective June 30, 2015

TELEPHONE POLL CONFIRMATION

The Council confirmed its action in the interim between meetings, by means of a poll, to send a letter of support for the request of the Union Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church for grant funds from the Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area for the Cordtown one-room schoolhouse located in Cambridge, Maryland, by a 5 to 0 vote.

2015 DORCHESTER COUNTY HIGHWAY PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

Mr. Goldman advised that at a meeting at the Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference last week Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Peter Rahn explained that the list of potential transportation improvements along State Highways in Dorchester County for future State of Maryland funding consideration the Council sent to should be prioritized. The Council recognized some of the items on the list have been completed and agreed to defer this item until its September 1, 2015 meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Council briefly reviewed a list of the term expiration dates for Boards and Committees through the months of December 2015 and January 2016. The Council agreed to reappoint Nichols Kovach, 911 Dispatcher, to the 911 Advisory Board. Mr. Goldman advised Council that David Kreek, the consumer representative for this Board has resigned. He noted that the Council recently adopted a resolution to automatically change the names for the appointees for all entities once they are elected or appointed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Gray, resident, said he tried to contact Dr. Henry Wagner, Superintendent of Schools, and several members of the Board of Education about the three Verizon towers that have been installed on the Sandy Hill Elementary School. He expressed his understanding that residents in that area are concerned about potential health risks to the public, particularly children. He provided the Council with information about possible health hazards within a quarter of a mile to a mile radius relating to this equipment. In response to a question from Councilman Travers, Mr. Gray said he one of the Verizon workers advised him of the potential negative health impacts. Mr. Gray expressed his understanding that the Board of Education is receiving revenue from Verizon for these towers.

Councilman Travers explained after receiving anonymous correspondence about the installation of towers on this school the Council sought information about them. He noted that the Council historically does not follow up on anonymous letters. He said the Board of Education advised that they are cell phone receptors and the City of Cambridge zoning process was followed by the

Board, which also spoke about this at open meetings. He stressed that the Council does not have control over the Board of Education. He said the correspondence will be forwarded to the Board and they will be advised that concerns have been expressed about this matter.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS/ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Price referenced the Council's prior decision to send correspondence to Governor Larry Hogan asking for his consideration of rescinding a portion of the Zero Waste" Executive Order that Governor Martin O'Malley issued prior to leaving office, which restricts the Maryland Department of Environment from permitting new landfill capacity, to allow for expansion of existing landfills. In response to his inquiry, Mr. Goldman said he will contact Governor Hogan's aide and if necessary State representatives and inquire as to the status of this request.

Councilman Price said during the meeting with Maryland Department of Transportation officials at the summer Maryland Association of Counties Conference there were positive indications that the Governor's Office is in favor of the restoration of highway user funds.

Councilman Travers announced that the next meeting is September 1, 2015 and the Council reserves the right to meet in executive session prior to regular session.


With no further business to discuss, the Council adjourned.

ATTEST:


Jeremy Goldman
Acting 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 September, 2015.