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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

Council Meeting

January 11, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Easton, Maryland

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chuck F. Callahan

Pete Leshner

Keasha N. Haythe - Via Telephone

Lynn L. Mielke

Dave Stepp - Via Telephone

Reported by

Diane Houlihan

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<p>1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: We'll go ahead and get</p> <p>4 started, then, Jess. Yup. Okay.</p> <p>5 I want to welcome everybody. Council is</p> <p>6 here. So we'll go ahead and stand and do the</p> <p>7 Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag.</p> <p>8 (Pledge of Allegiance.)</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. Okay.</p> <p>10 Let's start with the agenda.</p> <p>11 Let's start with the minutes of</p> <p>12 December 12th.</p> <p>13 SECRETARY: Didn't you want to approve the</p> <p>14 agenda?</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Oh, okay. Yup. All right.</p> <p>16 So we'll go ahead and make a motion to</p> <p>17 approve the agenda.</p> <p>18 MS. MIELKE: So moved.</p> <p>19 MR. LESHER: Second.</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>21 second to approve the agenda. Madam Secretary,</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>2 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>4 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>6 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>7 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>8 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Next on the agenda</p> <p>10 is the disbursements of December 19th, 26th,</p> <p>11 January 2nd, and January 9th. Do I have a</p> <p>12 motion?</p> <p>13 MR. LESHER: Move to accept.</p> <p>14 MS. MIELKE: Second.</p> <p>15 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>16 second to approve the disbursements. Madam</p> <p>17 Secretary, could you call the vote.</p> <p>18 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>19 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>21 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p>
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<p>1 could you call the vote, please.</p> <p>2 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>3 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p> <p>4 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>5 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>6 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.</p> <p>7 MR. STEPP: Aye.</p> <p>8 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>9 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>10 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>11 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>12 MR. CALLAHAN: Great. All right.</p> <p>13 Next on the agenda is the minutes of</p> <p>14 December 12th.</p> <p>15 MR. LESHER: I'll move for approval.</p> <p>16 MS. MIELKE: Second.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and</p> <p>18 second to approve the minutes. Madam</p> <p>19 Secretary, could you call the vote.</p> <p>20 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.</p> <p>21 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.</p>	<p>1 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.</p> <p>2 MR. LESHER: Aye.</p> <p>3 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.</p> <p>4 MS. MIELKE: Aye.</p> <p>5 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.</p> <p>6 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.</p> <p>7 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. All right. Next on</p> <p>8 the agenda is the county manager's report,</p> <p>9 county manager report.</p> <p>10 MR. STAMP: Good afternoon, Council.</p> <p>11 Under county manager report this evening, I</p> <p>12 have one item of business for your</p> <p>13 consideration.</p> <p>14 We're asking Council's approval to declare</p> <p>15 Tuesday, January 16, 2024, as a special</p> <p>16 legislative day.</p> <p>17 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.</p> <p>18 MS. MIELKE: Should we state what a</p> <p>19 special legislative day is?</p> <p>20 MR. CALLAHAN: Yes.</p> <p>21 MS. MIELKE: Just for record.</p>

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1 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 2 MR. LESHER: So --  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary --  
 4 MR. LESHER: Do we want to say what a  
 5 special legislative day is?  
 6 MS. MIELKE: Just for the record.  
 7 MR. STAMP: Yeah.  
 8 MR. LESHER: We are allowed, we are  
 9 allowed to schedule one additional day beyond  
 10 the two Tuesdays specified in the Charter, but  
 11 it must be so designated by Council to be done.  
 12 MR. THOMAS: Correct. We had a bill on  
 13 the agenda Tuesday that is actually going to  
 14 expire before the next meeting. So it needs to  
 15 be voted on before the next meeting, the  
 16 Council's next meeting.  
 17 And there was also, there was an amendment  
 18 to Resolution 348 that was going to be  
 19 introduced.  
 20 The Public Works Advisory Board is meeting  
 21 next week. So again, there wouldn't have been

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1 time to do that before they meet without having  
 2 a special legislative session.  
 3 So that's -- and the Charter requires us  
 4 to do that. So that's why we need to schedule  
 5 this for next week.  
 6 MR. CALLAHAN: Sure. Okay. Okay, then.  
 7 MS. MIELKE: Just for the record.  
 8 MR. CALLAHAN: No problem.  
 9 MR. LESHER: I'll move for the designation  
 10 as requested by staff.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 12 MS. MIELKE: Second.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. We got a motion and  
 14 second to make next Tuesday a special  
 15 legislation day. Madam Secretary --  
 16 MS. HAYTHE: Do you need a second, Pete?  
 17 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. He seconded it. Yup.  
 18 Thanks, Keasha.  
 19 MS. HAYTHE: Okay.  
 20 MR. CALLAHAN: Madam Secretary, could you  
 21 call the vote, please.


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1 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 3 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 4 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 5 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 6 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 7 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 8 MS. MIELKE: Aye.  
 9 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 10 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 11 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay.  
 12 MR. STAMP: Council, that concludes your  
 13 county manager report. It's a little bit short  
 14 this week, as explained by your county  
 15 attorney, but thank you very much.  
 16 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you. So I  
 17 think that's it on the agenda.  
 18 So is there anything else, Madam  
 19 Secretary?  
 20 MS. MIELKE: Motion to adjourn.  
 21 MR. LESHER: Do you need a motion to

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1 adjourn?  
 2 MR. CALLAHAN: Yeah.  
 3 MR. LESHER: Council will now meet in the  
 4 Bradley Meeting Room on January 16th preceded  
 5 by a closed session, as listed on the statement  
 6 for closing that meeting.  
 7 MR. CALLAHAN: Right. Is there a second?  
 8 MS. MIELKE: Second.  
 9 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Madam Secretary,  
 10 could you call the vote?  
 11 SECRETARY: Yes. The meeting will be at  
 12 four o'clock.  
 13 MR. CALLAHAN: Yup. Okay.  
 14 SECRETARY: Mr. Callahan.  
 15 MR. CALLAHAN: Aye.  
 16 SECRETARY: Mr. Stepp.  
 17 MR. STEPP: Aye.  
 18 SECRETARY: Mr. Leshner.  
 19 MR. LESHER: Aye.  
 20 SECRETARY: Ms. Mielke.  
 21 MS. MIELKE: Aye.

1 SECRETARY: Ms. Haythe.  
 2 MS. HAYTHE: Aye.  
 3 MR. CALLAHAN: Okay. Thank you.  
 4 MS. MIELKE: Thank you.  
 5 (Meeting concluded at: 4:36 p.m.)  
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1 STATE OF MARYLAND  
 2 I, Diane Houlihan, a Notary Public in and  
 for the State of Maryland, County of Baltimore City,  
 3 do hereby certify that the within named, Talbot  
 County Council Audio, personally appeared before me  
 4 at the time and place herein set according to law,  
 was interrogated by counsel.  
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 I further certify that the examination was  
 6 recorded stenographically by me and then transcribed  
 from my stenographic notes to the within printed  
 7 matter by means of computer-assisted transcription  
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 9 contained herein were entered into by counsel in my  
 presence.  
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 I further certify that I am not of counsel  
 11 to any of the parties, not an employee of counsel,  
 nor related to any of the parties, nor in any way  
 12 interested in the outcome of this action.  
 13 AS WITNESS my hand Notarial Seal this 12th  
 day of January, 2024, at Easton, MD  
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