

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-10
May 21, 2019**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

NOTE: The video and audio recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of May 21, 2019 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Troy Guthrie from Endeavor Church of Elkton who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of May 21, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week to Sheriff Scott Adams.

The Council also presented a proclamation to TFC Charles Tittle of the North East Barrack in recognition of his award as 2018 Maryland State Trooper of the Year.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-07 Trust Fund – Volunteer Length of Service Award Program - VLOSAP

A Bill authorizing the establishment of the Cecil County, Maryland Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund; approving the form of Trust Agreement relating thereto and the provisions therein regarding the administration of the Trust Fund; authorizing and empowering the trustees of the Trust Fund to invest and manage the assets of the Trust Fund; and generally providing certain matters with respect to the Trust Fund.

The Bill was introduced on April 16, 2019, advertised on May 8, 2019 and May 15, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on May 21, 2019.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation and stated that the administration was in favor of amendments that were being considered by the Council. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-07 and announced that final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on June 4, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 29-2019 Amendment – Purchasing Manual

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Purchasing Manual.

The Resolution was introduced on April 16, 2019, advertised on May 8, 2019 and May 15, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on May 21, 2019.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation and stated that the administration was in favor of amendments that were being considered by the Council. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 29-2019 and announced that final consideration of this legislation is scheduled on June 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell stated that he hoped that the video recording of Council sessions is beneficial to the public in keeping them informed.

Councilman Miller attended the BEPAC event. He attended the graduation at Cecil College and congratulated graduates and commended the college for awarding a posthumous degree to the family of T.J. McMillan.

Councilman Coutz stated that he was very glad to recognize law enforcement. He attended the Sheriff's Office Intel meeting and reported that there were no substance-related fatalities this week. He stated that overdose statistics are ahead of last year's figures. He attended the adult drug court graduation and commented on its impact on the lives of former addicts.

Vice President Gregory attended the Tourism Partnership Appreciation breakfast and commented on its effects of marketing in the county. She attended the Employee Recognition Luncheon and the Armed Forces Day Challenge Golf Tournament. She attended Cecil College's graduation and commented on the students' speeches.

Council President Meffley attended the adult drug court graduation and commended the graduates for this achievement. He attended Foster Parents Appreciation Night and commented on the seventy Cecil County families who participate. He attended the county's Employee Recognition Luncheon and commented on speaking with many of the staff. He attended the Town of Cecilton's Commissioner meeting where Joe Zang was sworn in for another term as Mayor. He spoke about progress in Cecilton with the new Maryland Rural Development Corporation's Head Start building and the reduction of hookup fees for water and sewer.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 32-2019 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer – Fund Balance - Volunteer Length of Service Award Program

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 in order to provide the Cecil County Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund, accounted for by the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$400,000 to be expended to contribute the unfunded liability of the Trust Fund.

There were no comments from the administration on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 32-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 33-2019 Approval – Internet Service – Windstream – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a five (5) year agreement between the County and Windstream Enterprise for the provision of internet services for a maximum period of five (5) years at the monthly rate of \$623.92; pursuant to which Windstream will provide a onetime credit of \$4,600.00 to offset a portion of the cost associated with the installation of a 4" conduit to run cable into the Stemmers Run Department of Public Works office.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 33-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2019 Amendment – Personnel Procedures and Policies

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to comply with new provisions of federal law and to clarify existing policies regarding use of fleet vehicles and travel reimbursement across all departments and divisions of Cecil County government.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 34-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #62

Vice President Gregory made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz, to approve Cecil County Public Schools' Budget Amendment #62.

The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0. There was no opposition.


Budget Amendment #62, in the amount of \$113,498, includes changes in the operating budget in April 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President