

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-19
October 1, 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
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Vice President

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 October 1, 2019 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Meffley asked for a moment of silence for the problems facing the United States, from shootings and murders, and for our elected officials.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 1, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

The Council presented a proclamation in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Anne Bean, coordinator of the Family Violence program at the Community Services Department.

The Council presented a proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month to Sheelagh Stewart, manager of the Breast Cancer Center at Union Hospital.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 50-2019 Enterprise Zone - Elkton

A Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone by 1,788± acres of which 372± acres fall within the Town of Elkton.

The Resolution was introduced on September 3, 2019, advertised on September 18, 2019 and September 25, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on October 1, 2019.

Sandra Edwards, Economic Development Manager, provided comments on the Resolution and details on Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 50-2019.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO RESOLUTION NO. 50-2019**

Title: Enterprise Zone - Elkton

Synopsis: To remove various parcels from the proposed enterprise zone including all of those parcels located within the Town of Elkton.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

On Page 1, within the Title of Resolution, delete "Expedited Legislation" and "Elkton".

On Page 1, within the synopsis, delete "1,788± acres of which 372± acres fall within the Town of Elkton" and insert "855± acres".

On Page 2, line 10, delete "twenty (20) properties" and insert "five (5) properties".

On page 2, lines 11-12, delete "1,786.76 acres, more or less, of which 372.23 acres, more or less, lie within the Town of Elkton, and" and insert "855 acres, more or less, and".

On page 3, lines 30-31, delete "twenty (20) parcels totaling 1,788± acres" and insert "five (5) parcels totaling 855± acres".

Exhibit A, entitled "Proposed Enterprise Zone Expansion" map, delete in its entirety and insert Exhibit A (revised) map, as attached.

Exhibit B, entitled "2019 Proposed Enterprise Zone Expansion Parcel Listing", delete in its entirety and insert Exhibit B (revised) listing, as attached.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments.

Winston Robinson, Elkton, provided comments on the need to provide additional financial projections.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 50-2019 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on October 15, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of September 17, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell stated that he provided his comments at the Council work session.

Councilman Miller will be participating in Cecil Cares Day at Calvert Park. He stated that he hopes better signage can be installed from I-95 to the park. He attended the kickoff for the Census Counting Committee and stated how important that every resident should be counted, or risk losing \$1,800 in

government funding for the county. He stated that residents can participate online, by telephone, or completing their Census form.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He thanked Ms. Stewart for her work with the Breast Cancer Center and stated that his mother was a 36 year breast cancer survivor. He attended Shop with a Cop dinner, which raised one-third of the budget from this well attended event. He stated that there are many county events this weekend. He will be attending the art festival in downtown Elkton and cookoff, and Art Council Showcase on Main.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She attended Kuffs for Kids, which raises funds to support the Boys and Girls Club. She attended Cruising for the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis. She stated that she will be attending several weekend events including the Union Hospital 5K race and the Cecil Cares program.

Council President Meffley attended the Kuffs for Cops, which raises funds to support the Boys and Girls Club. He will be participating in the Cecil Cares program at the animal shelter.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-16: Amendment – Plumbing Code

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 270, PLUMBING to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, and to update the edition of the International Plumbing Code to 2018.

There were no comments from the administration. Council President Meffley voiced his opposition to Section 270-14C: Transfer, regarding the assignment of all responsibility for project to the plumber who is hired after the original plumber was removed.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 1, 2019.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-16 will be advertised and scheduled on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-17: Amendment – Energy Conservation Standards

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 195, ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS to revise references to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, and to update the edition of the International Energy Conservation Code to 2018.

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

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 1, 2019.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-17 will be advertised and scheduled on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-18 Amendment – HVAC Standards

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 229, HVAC Standards to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections, to update the edition of the International Mechanical Code to 2018, and assignment of responsibilities when contractor is removed.

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

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 1, 2019.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-18 will be advertised and scheduled on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-19: Amendment – Building Construction – Building Code

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 157, Building Construction to update references to the Division of Permits and Inspections and Division Chief, the Department of Land Use and Development Services, and Maryland Department of Labor; to update to the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and International Residential Code to 2018.

Bill Funk, Chief of the Division of Permits and Inspections of the Department of Land Use and Development Services, commented that standardizing all the editions of code books to 2018 will be beneficial to contractors. Council President Meffley agreed with Mr. Funk's comment.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 1, 2019.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-19 will be advertised and scheduled on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-20: Agricultural Preservation District - William and Wanda Creeger - Hidden Valley Farm

A Bill to approve the petition of William and Wanda Creeger for property located at 669 Wilson Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911, (Acres 96.908, Election District 9, Tax Map 11, Grid 9, Parcels 155), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

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

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 1, 2019.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-20 will be advertised and scheduled on November 5, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 55-2019 Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors – Carl Roberts, Raymond Hamm, Jim Reynolds, and Joseph Brant.

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Carl Roberts, Raymond Hamm, Jim Reynolds, and Joseph Brant to the Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors terms to expire October 31, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 1, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on October 15, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 53-2019 Amendment – Personnel Policies and Procedures – Retirement Benefits

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Post Retirement Benefits for Eligible Employees (“OPEB”) policy; including eligibility requirements, health reimbursement, and contribution rates.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on September 17, 2019; and scheduled for consideration October 1, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 53-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
Motion was unanimously approved.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 54-2019 Appointment—Planning Commission – Bill Miners and Wyatt Wallace

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bill Miners and Wyatt Wallace to the Cecil County Planning Commission; to a three year term, which is to expire on August 31, 2022.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on September 17, 2019; and scheduled for consideration October 1, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 54-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager