

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-20
October 15, 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 15, 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 Pastor Laurie Brown from Moores Chapel United Methodist Church who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 15, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

The Council presented a proclamation in honor of Economic Development Week, October 20-26, 2019, to Sandra Edwards, Economic Development Manager.

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 October 1, 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 announced that the Fair Hill International begins this week. He also commended the Economic Development Department for its new brochure that featured agriculture in Cecil County.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He stated that he attended the Manufacture Appreciation Luncheon and stated that speaker, Kelly Schulz, Secretary of Commerce, focused on a new state apprenticeship program, which should mesh with the School of Technology curriculum. He attended the Fallfest at Perry Point Veterans Hospital and commented on the good attendance. He also attended the Spooktacular at Rising Sun, Apple Butter Festival in Fair Hill, Elk River Brewery anniversary celebration, and birthday celebration of Elkton Commissioner Rob Massimiano.

Vice President Gregory attended the Singerly Fire Company crab feast and commented on the large attendance. She also attended the opening of Showcase on Main in downtown Elkton.

Council President Meffley discussed the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting held by the Maryland Department of Transportation. He stated their discussion of the repair and future expansion of the Bay Bridge. He summarized the proposal to extend the MARC train to Newark in order to connect passengers with SEPTA, and the difficulty in working with AMTRAK. He discussed the Cecil County bridge projects being undertaken by the State. He also related the increase in traffic volume through Warwick, Cecilton and Chesapeake City because of the expanded US 301. He stated that highway user funds have been increased from 9.5% to 13.5% to Cecil County.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 56-2019 Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Shana Proctor, Stevens Remillard, Beth Remillard, Dianne Fox, Linda Willis and the appointment of Randall Schwandt to the Cecil County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board, for a three year term to expire on November 5, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 57-2019 Appointment—Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Jean-Marie Kelly, Carol Masden, Suanne Blumberg, Cameron England, Brittany Mullins, Frederick Martin and Placida Braswell to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for a three year term to expire on November 5, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 58-2019 Appointment—Department of Social Services Board – Randy Bailey and Natalie Gentry

A Resolution to confirm the re-appointment of Randy Bailey and Natalie Gentry to the Department of Social Services Board, term to expire on June 30, 2021.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 59-2019 Appointments—Commission on Aging

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Mary Klesius and Shawn Markey to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, term to expire on November 5, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 60-2019 Amendment – Sustainable Community Area – Town of Perryville

A Resolution to amend the Town of Perryville's Sustainable Community Area boundary to include parcel 355, Tax Map 29 (1.162 acres) located in the unincorporated area of Cecil County to enable the proposed sidewalk project to receive 100% funding from the Maryland State Highway Administration

Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that this legislation will add a parcel to Perryville's sustainable community area so that State highway user funds can pay the total cost of installing sidewalks along MD 222 near the public school facilities. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 61-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Volunteer Fire Service

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department Budget within the General Fund additional expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$232,338. The additional expenditure authority will provide funding for the allocation budget to fund the error by the Maryland State Assessment Office in the assignment of fire district codes to new County properties for the four prior fiscal years (FY2016-FY2019).

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation, which will fund a SDAT error in the calculation of assignment of new properties in fire district codes for the previous four fiscal years. Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager, was commended for working with the fire companies and SDAT to calculate the amount lost over four years.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 62-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Sheriff’s Office – School Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide a total of \$15,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund -Sheriff’s Office to record the award of the FY2020 School Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant to Cecil County.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation, which explained that the grant would be used for overtime. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on October 15, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on November 5, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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 and public hearing held and concluded on October 1, 2019.

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

Council President Meffley asked for the amendment to be read into the record.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**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.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 50-2019.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 50-2019 as amended.

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. 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.

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 Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 55-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

Motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #67

Councilman Coutz made a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve Budget Amendment #67 in the amount of 1,461,155 for September 2019.


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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, November 5, 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