

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-19

RESOLUTION NO. 55 – 2020 As Amended

Title of Resolution: Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-
Council Work Session and Workshop Meetings

Synopsis: A Resolution to amend Section 2-2 in the Council's Policies and Procedures to remove specified times for sessions and workshops so that the Council has flexibility to set times as they determine.

Introduced by: Council President Meffley

Introduced and ordered posted on: September 1, 2020

Public Hearing scheduled on: October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: October 20, 2020

By: James Massey
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Resolution, having been posted by September 1, 2020 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland, and having been published, according to the Charter on September 23, 2020 and September 30, 2020, a public hearing was held on October 6, 2020 and concluded on October 6, 2020.

By: James Massey
Council Manager

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING RESOLUTION
~~Strike through~~ indicates language deleted from existing Resolution
Underlining indicates language added to Resolution by Amendment
~~Double Strike Through~~ indicates language stricken out of Resolution by Amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 202 of the Charter of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Charter”),
2 the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland (the “Council”) is the Legislative Branch of government;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the legislative powers and procedures are outlined in the Charter; and

5 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter, the Council may adopt and publish
6 additional rules of legislative procedure that may be desirable and not in conflict with the Charter;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that additional policies and procedures are necessary
9 to support the legislative process in order to operate in a consistent and efficient manner; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the policies and procedures of the Council may be amended by the Council
11 according to the legislative procedures in Sections 303-304 of the Charter.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
13 **MARYLAND**, that the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures of the Cecil County Council is
14 hereby approved as follows:

15 Chapter 2. Meetings Generally

16 **2-2. Council Work Session and Workshop Meetings**

17 ~~a) The Council President may schedule a Council Work Session on Tuesday morning and/or Council~~
18 ~~Workshop on Tuesday afternoon AS NEEDED. Scheduling will be based on the Council’s need to~~
19 ~~discuss issues and/or allow presentations from other departments, agencies and public.~~

20 a) The Council President may schedule a Council Work Session or Council Workshop on any Tuesday
21 of the month, as needed. Scheduling will be based on the Council’s need to discuss issues and/or
22 allow presentations from other departments, agencies, and the public.

23 ~~b) Council Work sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Council Workshops will begin at 1:30 p.m. Both~~
24 ~~work sessions and workshops will be held in the Elk Room OR AS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNCIL~~
25 ~~AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCED, so that the business can be recorded. Minutes will be taken by Council~~
26 ~~staff, subject to approval by the Council.~~

27 b) Council Work Sessions and Council Workshops will be held in the Elk Room, or such location as
28 authorized by the Council with public announcement so that the business can be recorded. Minutes
29 will be taken by the Council staff, subject to approval by the Council.

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- 30 c) An agenda will be drafted in advance of Council work session and Council workshops by the Council
31 President, and such agendas will include topics for discussion. The Council President will ask for
32 suggested topics from Council Members. The final agenda, with supporting documents, will be
33 distributed to Council Members and the public by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday prior to a Tuesday
34 meeting.
- 35 d) Public Notice will be given for the Council work sessions and Council Workshops in the same manner
36 as the Legislative Sessions. The public is permitted to attend all meetings with the exception of
37 closed sessions, as permitted by the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Title
38 10, Government Procedures, Subtitle 5. Meetings, Section 10-508(a).
- 39 e) The Council may only take votes on procedural matters that are not legislative in nature at the
40 Council work sessions and Council Workshops.

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
42 all provisions of this Resolution shall take effect on the date the Resolution is adopted by the
43 Council.

INTRODUCED: September 1, 2020

ADOPTED: October 20, 2020



President of the Council

ATTEST:



Council Manager