

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

October 3, 2023

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

NOTE: The recording and transcription of this meeting are available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

PRESENT: Council Members: Bob Meffley, Rebecca Hamilton, Al Miller, Jackie Gregory; David Culver, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration and members of the public.

Call to Order

President Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and announced that there were four Council Members present which constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of September 26, 2023, as presented. The motion passed 4 to 0 with 1 absent.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Public Hearings

1. Bill 2023-09 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds to Capital Projects – Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is a multi-year project to extend wastewater services along Route 40 between North East and Elkton. This project is listed as Phase 3C and is to construct a pump station and force main for the Triumph Industrial Park and to close the existing lagoons at the park. This bill will allow the Capital Improvement Program budget to be amended to reflect the \$3,550,101 grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the project and noted that the remainder of the project cost will be paid for by Triumph. Councilman Miller verified that Triumph would pay the remaining cost and Director Overbay stated that was correct. Vice President Meffley inquired on how the lagoons would be closed and Director Overbay noted that the information on the closure would be sent to Council.

2. Resolution 53-2023 – Approval - Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018 - Amendment

Director of Land Use and Development Services Stephen O'Connor noted the amendment was heard by the Planning Board and received a positive recommendation. He noted that this will amend Table 6 and 16 of the plan to reflect changes in the Port Deposit service area. Under this change, Artesian Water Company will be seeking the ability through the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Maryland Department of the Environment to withdraw additional water to supply development in the Port Deposit area. Vice President Meffley inquired if this would be for the Bainbridge development and Director O'Connor indicated it would serve that area.

b. Introduction of Resolutions

1. Resolution 54-2023 - Budget Amendment – General Fund - Parks and Recreation – Donation from the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation

Director of Parks and Recreation Clyde Van Dyke noted that this donation would add \$8,000 to the Parks and Recreation budget and would fund scholarships for children to participate in programs that are financially challenged and to a construction project. Councilman Miller inquired about the scholarships and Director Van Dyke noted they raise funds to pay the program fees for children and young adults that need financial help. Vice President Meffley inquired as to the building program and Director Van Dyke noted it was for a pavilion at Brantwood Park.

c. Consideration of Resolutions

1. Resolution 52-2023 – Appointment – Economic Development Commission – Carl Roberts

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted Carl Roberts has been on this Commission, as well as the Bainbridge Development Corporation, for several years and has been a great asset to the Commission.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver noted the updated Council Manager report is in the packet. He noted that numerous event invitations are being reviewed and please respond as soon as possible so we can respond on attendance. He also noted Cecil Cares is on October 7 and volunteer opportunities still exist. He also noted that at the October 10 Work Session the presentation from the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway would be on the agenda. Finally, he noted the 5 Start Event is upcoming as well as visits by the MACo President and Secretary of Transportation.

Council Member Items

Councilmembers deferred comments to the Legislative Session of October 3, 2023.

CLOSED SESSION

Council President Gregory asked for a motion to recess the work session and to go into a closed session. Vice President Meffley made a motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Roll Call Vote

Hamilton - Y, Miller - Y, Culberson - A, Meffley - Y, Gregory - Y

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, Rebecca Hamilton, Al Miller, and Jackie Gregory; David Culver, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, also: Director of Administration Steven Overbay, Director of Finance Shon McCollum and Deputy Director of Finance Antonio Prattico.

Council Manager Culver announced that County Council is entering a closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions §3-305 (b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Council President Gregory recessed the work session at 4:41 pm.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the work session, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll Call Vote

Hamilton - Y, Miller - Y, Culberson - A, Meffley - Y, Gregory – Y

President Gregory reconvened the work session at 5:10 pm

OPEN SESSION

President Gregory announced Council was out of closed session and no further items are on the October 3, 2023 Work Session agenda.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley. Council President Gregory adjourned the work session at 5:10 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The session will also be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council.

Approved:


Jackie Gregory, Council President


David M. Culver
Council Manager