

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 4, 2021

The County Council of Cecil County met in work session in an online virtual meeting because of the current health crisis and based on the Governor's orders to avoid public meetings. Council Members and presenters participated in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building while the public observed the meeting by connecting online at www.ccgov.org/council and selecting "livestream".

The following members of the Council were present:

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

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 4, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Council President Meffley asked for a roll call of attending Council Members. The Council Manager called the roll and recorded the following Council Members in attendance:

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Present, Miller-Absent, Patchell-Present, Gregory-Present, Meffley-Present.

Council President Meffley announced that there were four Council Members present, which constitute a quorum. Councilman Miller was absent.

Suspension of Rules

Councilman Coutz made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council Members to meet together in the Elk Room with presenters that were prescheduled; and provide the public with access to observe the Council's public business by livestreaming the meetings because of the current health crisis and the Governor's order to avoid public meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Absent, Patchell- Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of April 20, 2021, as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Review of Legislative Agenda

A public hearing will be held for Rezoning Case #2021-05 at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Acting Director of Land Use and Development Services, and Bryan Lightner, Zoning Administrator, provided comments and stated that the staff and Planning Commission had recommended approval, based on a change in the character of the neighborhood since the last comprehensive rezoning. Council questions and comments ensued.

Bill No. 2021-07 Bond Authorization – General Obligation Project Bonds, will be introduced at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-08 Bond Authorization – General Obligation Refunding Bonds, will be introduced at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-09 Transfer of Appropriations – Board of Education Capital Budget – FY 2022 to FY 2021, will be introduced at tonight's session. James Appel, Finance Director, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-10 Transfer of Appropriations – Board of Education Capital Budget- North East Middle School, will be introduced at tonight's session. James Appel, Finance Director, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-11 Transfer of Appropriations – Board of Education Capital Budget – Chesapeake City Elementary School, will be introduced at tonight's session. James Appel, Finance Director, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 24-2021 Appointment- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Board- Robert Alt, will be introduced at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 25-2021 Authorization – Refunding Bonds of 2021, will be introduced at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-03 Establishment- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council comments.

Under new business, Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, introduced Angelia Lawson, whom the County Executive has nominated for the Director of Human Resources. Ms. Lawson was introduced and interviewed by Council Members.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, introduced Stephen O'Connor, whom the County Executive has nominated for the Director of Land Use and Development Services. Mr. O'Connor was introduced and interviewed by Council Members.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey commented on the Cecil County Farm Museum, the Town of Perryville transportation priorities, the Army Alliance meeting, and Sheilagh's Pantry.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments until the legislative session.

Council President Meffley stated that Councilman Miller was absent because of his mother's illness.

Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Motion was approved unanimously.

Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 6:21 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm so that the budget hearing can be scheduled at 4:30pm. Both sessions are planned as a virtual meetings because of the current health crisis. There will be limited seating for the public. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone. Limited seating will be available on a first come basis. Attendees must wear masks and observe social distancing.

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President


James Massey
Council Manager