

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 7, 2021**

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: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, Donna Culberson and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration, and members of the public.

Call to Order

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

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 November 23, 2021, as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

Administration of Oath

Brandy Douglas from the Cecil County Clerk of the Court's office administered the Oath of Office to Donna Culberson, who was selected by the Council on November 16, 2021, to the office of Council Member from the 4th councilmanic district. Ms. Culberson is replacing former Councilman George Patchell whose term will expire on December 5, 2022.

2022 Council Calendar

Council Manager Massey provided a revised 2022 Council calendar for review. He indicated that the Board of Elections' use of the Elk Room for early voting will be minimal. The Council's work session and legislative session of June 21, 2022, will be relocated to the Elkton Town Hall because early voting being held in the Elk Room. The work sessions of October 25 and November 15 will also move to the Elkton Town Hall, unless cancelled.

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve the Council 2022 legislative calendar, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley led a review of the legislative agenda.

A public hearing will be held for the proposed 2021 Council redistricting plan. Council Manager Massey provided comments. Councilman Coutz and Council President Meffley commented in support of the redistricting plan. Ruie Lavoie, Election Director, stated that the plan will have minimal impact on voters and to the election budget.

A public hearing will be held on Bill No. 2021-15 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Roads and Bridges – Belvidere Road. James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments.

Councilman Miller clarified the location of the gap in the road. Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided additional information on the project.

Resolution No. 59-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Tourism – Winter Lights, Cecil Nights, will be introduced at tonight's session, James Appel, Finance Director, and Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Miller clarified that funds were distributed to all municipalities.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported that the first meeting of the Residential Noise Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. He also stated that visitors to Aberdeen Proving Ground will be asked to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the visit.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz, Vice President Gregory, Councilman Miller, and Council President Meffley welcomed Councilwoman Culberson to the Council.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 4:49pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 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. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President