

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 21, 2022

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, Jackie Gregory, William Coutz, Al Miller, and Donna Culberson; 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.

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 June 14, 2022, as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

Policies and Procedures of the Council

Council Manager Massey reviewed proposed revisions to the rezoning process with Council Members. Council President Meffley suggested that Council Attorney MacLeod and County Attorney Lawrence Scott should be asked to review. After their review, the Council will consider proposing these changes.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley led a review of the legislative agenda.

Bill No. 2022-09 Fire Companies Volunteer – Emergency Services Expenses – Reimbursement, will be introduced at tonight's session. Councilman Coutz, Bill sponsor, provided comments. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, suggested that the county should contact the Maryland Insurance Commission about this proposed legislation that would allow volunteer fire companies to bill insurance for emergency ambulance use. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, stated his concerns on the legislation's impact on citizens who do not have insurance and the county taking citizens to civil court for their debt. Councilman Coutz stated this legislation would have no effect on 911 calls for fire-related emergencies. He stated that this legislation is needed so that insurance companies will agree to pay the fire companies for transport of their insured persons. Further discussion ensued. Council President Meffley asked that Charles MacLeod, Council Attorney, review this legislation regarding the issues raised.

Resolution No. 37-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Liquor Board –

Youth Empowerment Source – Drug Free Cecil, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. Councilman Miller stated that the funds will be used by the Liquor Board for programs to discourage underage drinking.

Resolution No. 38-2022 Supplemental Appropriation– Grant Funds – Solid Waste Division – Public Works Department –Scrap Tire Event, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 39-2022 Appointment – Board of Appeals – Norman Anderson, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Miller clarified that Mr. Anderson will be a full-time board member.

Resolution No. 40-2022 Appointment—Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Leslie Cheyney, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under Old Business, Council President Meffley stated that Bill No. 2022-06 As Amended Residential Noise Ordinance, had been vetoed by the County Executive on June 21, 2022. He stated that this item will be discussed in tonight’s legislative session.

Under new business, Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #99, in the amount of \$1,449,295 for May 2022 expenses, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

James Massey, Council Manager, reminded the Council that there will be no sessions on Tuesday, July 19, because of the Primary Election. The Council work session and legislative will be held on July 26 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm, respectively.

Council President Meffley stated that he would like to cancel the work session scheduled on July 12, 2022, unless there are issues that need to be addressed.

Council Member Items

Council Members Items were postponed until tonight’s legislative session.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:14 pm.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved: 
Robert Meffley, Council President