

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 2, 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, which constitutes a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 26, 2022, as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley led a review of tonight's legislative agenda.

A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2022-10 Budget Transfer – Capital Projects – Circuit Court – Courthouse Parking Lot. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments and stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilman Miller clarified that this legislation adds leftover funds of \$12,218 from the interior courthouse renovation project to the courthouse parking lot project.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 41-2022 Master Water and Sewer Plan- Elkton West and Route 40 Business Corridor – Triumph Industrial Park. Mr. Overbay introduced Steve O'Connor, Director of Land Use and Development Services, to provide detailed comments and stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 45-2022 Approval – Franchise Agreement – Armstrong Cable Television. Mr. Overbay introduced David Black, GIS Coordinator, to provide detailed comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 49-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Board of Education – Safe and Secure School Entrances will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. Council President Meffley clarified that other

schools are being considered but the timing is limited to summer construction, and he stated that he hoped these funds will be used for design and engineering of the seven remaining schools. Councilwoman Culberson clarified that some schools have been designed, but not all the schools that need safe entrances modifications. Councilman Coutz stated that the Providence School may also need safe entrance modifications.

Resolution No. 47-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Information Technology – Broadband Expansion – Matching Funds, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. David Black, GIS Coordinator, also provided comments on the county's matching funds for this grant. There were no Council questions and comments.

Resolution No. 48-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation – Rising Sun High School – Turf Field, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2022-09 Fire Companies Volunteer – Emergency Services Expenses - Reimbursement, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Vice President Gregory discussed her amendments to the legislation and thanked Councilman Coutz for sponsoring the legislation. Councilman Coutz stated that he supported the amendments and stated that the Firemen's Association and Wayne Tome, Director of Emergency Services, also agreed with the amendments. Councilwoman Culberson provided information from the Maryland Insurance Administration that the State has no regulations that would interfere with this legislation and that they would encourage fire companies to submit complaints when the insurance companies fail to provide reimbursement.

Council Manager Massey read Amendment Nos. 1 to 7 into the record. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, thanked the Council for their efforts on behalf of the fire companies and stated that the administration was in agreement with these amendments.

Council President Meffley asked Carson Widdoes, President of the Cecil County Firemen's Association, and Wayne Tome, Director of Emergency Services, for their comments. Both men agreed with the amendments in the legislation.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported that the Cecil Grown Harvest Dinner will be held on September 29 at the Wellwood. He also announced that the Tawes Crab and Clam Bake will be held on September 28 in Crisfield.

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 5:01 pm.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President