

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 16, 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 Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of August 2, 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. 2022-11 Taxation – Tax Credit – Sworn Officers. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, and Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. Councilman Miller clarified that this legislation applies to law enforcement only. Mr. Scott explained the State's enabling legislation permitted other services to be eligible, but Cecil County's proposal was to include law enforcement only.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 46-2022 Approval – Franchise Agreement - Breezeline. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 50-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Public Works Department – Public Schools Stormwater Retrofit Project, will be introduced at tonight's session. Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 51-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Private Funds – Public Works Department – Belvidere Road Bridge Replacement Project, will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Director of Land Use and Development Services, and Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 41-2022 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Elkton West and Route 40 Corridor Triumph Industrial Park, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 45-2022 Approval – Franchise Agreement – Armstrong Cable Television, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, provided 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 considered for approval at tonight’s session. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2022-10 Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer – Capital Projects – Courtroom No. 3 – Courthouse Parking Lot 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 New Business, the Council will consider confirmation of Steve Overbay as Director of Administration.

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #101 in the amount of \$2,055,248 for June 2022 expenses, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey provided a schedule of meetings and events for the MACo Summer Conference.

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, in order to go into a closed session. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:31 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

5:30 P.M.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions § 3-305 (b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Council President Meffley stated that the Council will be going into closed session and will adjourn the session without returning to an open session.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 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