

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 18, 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, William Coutz, Al Miller, and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration, and members of the public.
Absent: Donna Culberson

Call to Order

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

CLOSED SESSION
October 11, 2022
5:25 P.M.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions § 3-305 (b)(13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory, and approved unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

PRESENT: Council Members: Council President Meffley, Vice President Gregory, Councilman Coutz, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Culberson; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; and Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director.

The Council reviewed the list of sixteen nominees for submission to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 5:51 p.m. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

CLOSED SESSION
October 5, 2022
4:50 P.M.

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.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory, and approved unanimously. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

PRESENT: Council Members: Council President Meffley, Vice President Gregory, Councilman Coutz, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Culberson; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; Angie Lawson, Human Resources Director; and three applicants selected for interviews.

The Council conducted interviews with applicants that had been selected for the Council Manager position and submitted their evaluations to Ms. Lawson, Human Resources Director.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 6:58 p.m.

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 October 11, 2022, as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of October 11, 2022, as presented. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

Cecil County Public Library Update

Morgan Miller, Library Director, presented a fall update of the library system. She reviewed summer statistics showing an increase in programs, circulation, new library cards, study room use, and computer use. She stated that these statistics were 25% more than last year. She explained that the county's supplemental funding increased operating hours in Cecilton, Perryville and Rising Sun library branches. She described accomplishments of the Youth Board, Maryland Stem Festival, and programs regarding small business and workforce services.

Ms. Miller stated that the library is planning on extending hours and programs, developing a new strategic plan, implementing a "Techmobile", and renovating Elkton and Perryville branch libraries. She also described community outreach projects that partner with nonprofit county organizations. Council questions and comments ensued. She clarified that there are plans to develop library outside space for seating, play structures, and outdoor programs.

Review of Legislative Agenda

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

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 60-2022 Expedited Legislation - Annexation-Town of Elkton- West of Chesapeake Blvd-Zoning Designation. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. Additional comments were provided by Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, and Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 52-2022 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council- Rezoning Cases, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council President Meffley stated that there were three amendments proposed by the administration for this legislation and requested the Council Manager to read them into the record.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022

Title: Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Rezoning Cases

Synopsis: To clarify that the adjacent property owners list, provided by LUDS, will be the same list as notified by LUDS of the Planning Commission hearing.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of County Executive

On Page 3, Line 49, in Subsection A., add the following:

“, that were notified of the Planning Commission hearings.”

AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022

Synopsis: To clarify that the Council must schedule rezoning hearing within 60 days of receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation.

On Page 3, Line 50-51, delete in its entirety and insert the following:

“B) The County shall hold the hearing for rezoning case within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022

Synopsis: To refer to LUDS documents provided to the Council as the staff report.

On Page 4, Line 63, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

On Page 4, Line 66, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

On Page 4, Line 69, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, commented in support of the legislative with amendments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 55-2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation- Application Finalists- FY 2023, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 56-2022 Supplemental Appropriation- Grant Funds- Law Enforcement-Police Accountability, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of

Administration provided comments. Councilman Coutz commended the Sheriff's Office for their pursuit of this grant. Councilman Miller stated that he will submit several names for consideration of appointment to the PAB. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, stated that the administration hopes to have appointments to the PAC for Council in December 2022.

Resolution No. 57-2022 Supplemental Appropriation- Grant Funds- Parks and Recreation- Elk River Dredge Survey, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 58-2022 Approval- IAFF Agreement- Public Safety Professionals, will be considered at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. Council President Meffley clarified that the Union was in agreement with the proposed agreement.

Resolution No. 59-2022 Operation Green Light for Veterans will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve Overby, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No 60-2022 Annexation- Town of Elkton- West of Chesapeake Blvd-Zoning Designation, which was approved to be expedited, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2022-12 Amendment- Zoning Ordinance- Floodplain District, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #103, in the amount of \$886,564 for September 2022 expenses will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey stated that the next Council legislative session will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm in the Elk Room. He stated that the Charter provides that the Council may not meet in legislative session during November of the year in which Council Members are elected.

He also stated that the next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 4:30pm in the Elk Room. Due to early voting and election canvassing, the work sessions of November 1 and November 15 will be held at the Elkton Town Hall at 4:30pm, unless cancelled for lack of business. The work session of November 22 will be held in the Elk Room, unless cancelled for lack of business. He stated that the public should check the County website, county bulletin board, or contact the Council Office for the latest information.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments 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 5:18 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President