

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 15, 2025

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, Al Miller, Donna Culberson and Dawn Branch; L. Michelle Henson, Council Manager; Christine Palmer, Council Assistant, members of County Administration and members of the public. Councilwoman Hamilton was not in attendance.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session of July 1, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 48-2025 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Sheriff's Office – Warrant Apprehension

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 48-2025 provides for overtime and fringe benefits for Sheriff's Deputies engaged in specific duties. He stated this is the first of several grants regarding the Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

b. Consideration of Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 45-2025 – Sheriff of Cecil County – Salary

President Miller stated Resolution No 45-2025 was introduced by Council, adding that the Resolution will be considered during the Legislative Session this evening. He stated Council compared salaries of Sheriffs in similar jurisdictions to determine an equitable wage.

Councilwoman Culberson expressed support for the Sheriff, adding her concerns that Resolution No. 45-2025 provides a salary increase of 18%, adding that County staff and private industry workers will receive between 2% and 3% increases.

Councilwoman Branch stated the Sheriff does not receive regular, annual salary increases, adding that she considered the amount of the proposed increase over a period of time vs. receiving this type of increase on a yearly basis.

Councilwoman Culberson stated the Sheriff is an elected official vs. serving as a County employee.

Vice President Meffley stated the Council needs to provide education to the public regarding the job duties performed by the Sheriff, County Executive and Council to better clarify the reasons for a requested salary.

2. Resolution No. 46-2025 – Appointment – Electrical Inspection Agencies – Bay Area Inspection Agency and American Inspection Agency, Inc.

Director Schneckenburger stated that the appointments are for annual terms, adding that the agencies have been well vetted.

3. Resolution No. 47-2025 – Appointment – Susquehanna Workforce Network Board – Sandra Edwards, Jen Celeste, Andrew Meyer, Brian Holloway, Danny DeMarinis, Trey Muller-Thym, Leslie Holt, Dr. Mary Bolt and Jeffrey Lawson

Director Schneckenburger stated that the Administration Department worked with the Susquehanna Workforce Network (SWN) for the past several weeks to bring the membership list into compliance with state and federal regulations.

Director of Finance Raymond Hamm stated the SWN membership is comprised of members from Cecil and Harford Counties, pursuant to state and federal regulations.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if the membership is complete. Director Schneckenburger stated his belief that Cecil County's membership is now complete.

c. Old Business

1. Rezoning File 2025-02 APPLICANT: Richard Polansky, Managing Partner – EJP, LLC. PROPERTY LOCATION: 0 Old Philadelphia Road, Elkton, Maryland 21901. Election District:

5, Tax Map: 031A, Parcel: 0558. PROPERTY OWNER: EJP, LLC PRESENTLY ZONED: Business General (BG) PROPOSED ZONING: Heavy-Industrial District (M-2).

Director Schneckenburger directed Council questions to Stephen O'Connor, Director of Land Use and Development Services (LUDS).

Vice President Meffley noted that the property owner placed a deed restriction on the property prohibiting a salvage yard operation. Director O'Connor answered in concurrence, stating that any enforcement of the deed restriction would be a private matter, not handled by the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the availability of water and sewer infrastructure. Councilwoman Culberson questioned if the availability of water and sewer infrastructure constituted a change in the neighborhood. Mr. O'Connor answered in the negative, stating that water and sewer infrastructure was previously planned, and not new to the area.

2. REZONING FILE: 2025-03 APPLICANT: Richard Polansky, Owner – MPH QOZB 1 LLC. PROPERTY LOCATION: 0 Pulaski Highway, Elkton, Maryland 21901. Election District: 5, Tax Map: 031A, Parcel 908 (PART). PROPERTY OWNER: Richard Polansky pursuant to Deed dated July 8, 2024 and recorded in the land records of Cecil County in Book 5516, Page 43. PRESENTLY ZONED: Business General (BG) PROPOSED ZONING: Heavy-Industrial District (M-2).

Director Schneckenburger stated Administration had no further comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Henson stated the Council Manager Report was included in the meeting packet.

Council Member Items

Council deferred Council Member Items to the Legislative Session at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn the Work Session meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch. President Miller adjourned the work session at 4:45 p.m.

The next County Council Work Session will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administrative Building. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgove.org/council.

Approved:



Al Miller, Council President



L. Michelle Henson
Council Manager