

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2024-09
May 21, 2024

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Jackie Gregory, Council President
Robert Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
Donna Culberson, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of May 21, 2024, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Culver called the roll and noted all five members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Gregory requested a moment of silence for retired USAF Colonel Henry "Hank" R. Passi who passed away on May 4, 2024.

Pastor Jamie McMillian of Conowingo Baptist Church in Conowingo gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Council Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of May 21, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

Vice President Meffley presented the proclamation for Safe Boating Week for May 18 to 24 to members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who reminded everybody to be safe while boating.

Councilwoman Hamilton presented Director of Public Works Scott Flanigan the proclamation for National Public Works Week for May 18 to 25.

Council presented certificates to the winners of the School of Technology Skills competition. Lili Ball and Jon Riveria from Bo Manor High, Ellis Barrett, Eric Holmquist and Samuel Price from Perryville

High, Abigail Cisneros, Blaine Creese and Trenton Wilson from North East High and Bradley Dietz and James Trego, IV from Rising Sun High were all recognized for placing in the 2024 SkillsUSA Maryland State Championships and regional competition.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 18-2024 - Grant Application – Community Development Block Grant – Child Advocacy Center Expansion

Director of Administration Steve Overbay noted that if this application for grant funds is selected it will help to expand the Child Advocacy Center.

Sean Brimm of North East spoke in favor of the grant application.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of April 16, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of North East spoke on education funding issues.

Lisa Nurnberger of North East spoke on education funding issues.

Jared Guardipee of Charlestown spoke on education funding issues.

Jeff Kase of Elkton spoke on education funding issues.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice President Meffley noted he attended the Cecil College graduation on May 18. He also attended the Cecil County School of Technology graduation on May 20. He also attended the fire banquet for Chesapeake City and noted Jeff Ritter was inducted into the Fireman's Hall of Fame. He also attended the County Employees Recognition luncheon.

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked everybody who attended the meeting. She noted she attended the Rising Sun, North East and Singerly fire company banquets. She also attended the Scottish Games on May 20. She also attended the Elkton High Awards Ceremony on May 21.

Councilman Miller noted he attended the 100th Anniversary Alumni Dinner for Rising Sun High School. He also attended the Cecil College graduation on May 18 as well as the Cecil County School of Technology graduation on May 20.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked everybody for attending. She noted that it is the Council's responsibility to review every budget and ask questions to ensure that the public dollars are being properly allocated. She also noted she attended the fire house banquets with the other council members and noted the outstanding service our first responders performed. She noted the intel numbers from the previous week and noted the drug overdose deaths were very low this year and thanked the numerous organizations that work in the community.

President Gregory noted she also attended the fire banquets and thanked all those volunteers. She also attended the Sheriff's Office 350th Anniversary celebration on May 11. She also attended the Cecil College graduation on May 18 and the Cecil County School of Technology graduation on May 20. She also reviewed the State funding issues with the North East High and Middle School projects.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 18-2024 - Grant Application – Community Development Block Grant – Child Advocacy Center Expansion

A Resolution to authorize the Cecil County Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division, to apply for funding not to exceed \$723,000, from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to renovate and expand the existing Child Advocacy Center to increase the provision of services to victims of child abuse and sexual assault and adult victims of domestic violence and their families. Grant funds will support construction costs associated with expanding the footprint of the Center and include roofing and generator costs and possible planning efforts and administrative support.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on April 16, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2024.

Director of Administration Steve Overbay noted that this grant application, if awarded, will help to expand the Child Advocacy Center.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 18-2024, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #123

President Gregory noted that the Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #123 is for \$1,023,903.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #123 in the amount of \$1,023,903. The motion was seconded by Vice President Meffley. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the county’s webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county’s website as soon as possible.

Approved:


Jackie Gregory
Council President

Attest:


David M. Culver
Council Manager