

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2021-16
August 17, 2021

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:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Absent: Councilman Miller

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 August 17, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Council President Meffley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council President Meffley introduced Pastor Jamie D. Grooms, from Maranatha Baptist Church in Elkton, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of August 17, 2021. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of August 3, 2021. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane Maester, Edgewood, commented on the problems in Indian Acres with management.
Tanya Emkey, Aberdeen, commented on the lack of access to properties at Indian Acres.
Ray Nickson, Earleville, commented on the lack of open space at Indian Acres.
Adrian Brown, Rising Sun, commented in opposition to masks for children attending school.
Jenn Tuerke, Voices of Hope, thanked the County for support of the addiction treatment.
Lisa Conley, Elkton, commented in opposition to masks for children attending school.
Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on the Redistricting Commission.
John Fraber, Annapolis, commented on problems with management at Indian Acres.

Mike Resado, Elkton, commented in opposition to mandating masks for children in school.
Josh Rhoades, Elkton, commented in opposition to masks for children in school.
Kimberly Rhoades, Elkton, commented in opposition to masks for children in school.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending and their comments. He attended the ribbon cutting for Keller Williams real estate office and Community Day at Hollingsworth Manor. He reported on the Sheriff's Intel meeting and shared statistics of the increase in overdoses. He will be attending the overdose death candlelight vigil at North East Park this Saturday.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She participated in the Wade In at Charlestown and commented on improvements in water quality. She participated in Hollingsworth Manor's Back to School event and praised Mike Brandon for his vision of a community center. She attended the library's Tunnels to Towers presentation on 9/11. She stated the importance of allowing parents to determine if their children should wear a mask to school.

Councilman Patchell thanked the audience for attending. He reviewed statistics from Calvert Regional Park shared at the Parks and Recreation meeting. He stated that there have been eight large tournaments this year, including 778 teams, 20,000 participants, 50,000 visitors, which provided \$134,000 in revenue to the county. He will be attending the farmer craft market at the Arena on September 1. He also stated that Friends of Parks and Recreation have planned a run/walk event at Calvert Park on September 18.

Council President Meffley attended the opening of Keller Williams real estate office. He said that Mike Brandon hopes to receive grant funds for a building at Hollingsworth Manor. He attended the Elkton Rotary and met Stephanie Metson, a graduate of the School of Technology, who will be attending University of Maryland for engineering.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2021-12 Residential Noise Ordinance

An Act to add new Chapter 250, Noise in Residential Areas, of the Code of Cecil County; to prohibit certain noises in certain areas during specified hours; to establish certain exceptions to this prohibition; to establish fines for violating this prohibition; and generally relating to noise.

Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 17, 2021. The Bill will be scheduled for public hearing on September 21, 2021.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 50-2021 Approval – IT Protection Services – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a five (5) year agreement between the County and AccessIT Group, Inc. to purchase Checkpoint Director Infinity Protection Services in the amount of \$1,250,000 that will advance the County's security architecture and threat protection.

James Appeal, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 17, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on September 7, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 51-2021 Appointment – Ethics Commission – Francis Peterson, Jr.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Francis Peterson, Jr. made by the County Executive to the Cecil County Ethics Commission, term to expire December 19, 2023.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 17, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on September 7, 2021.

Council President Meffley stated that Resolution No. 52-2021 Appointment – Redistricting Commission will not be introduced tonight.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 44-2021 Appointment—Commission on Aging- Carol King and Julianne Graham

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Carol King and Julianne Graham made by the County Executive to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, to a three- year term to expire on June 20, 2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 3, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Vice President Gregory moved to approve Resolution No. 44-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-absent, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 45-2021 Appointment—Planning Commission- Patrick Ulrich, Christopher Bannon, II, and James Perry

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Patrick Ulrich and Christopher Bannon, II, as members, and James Perry, as alternate member, to the Cecil County Planning Commission; to a three- year term, which is to expire on August 15,2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 3, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Vice President Gregory moved to approve Resolution No. 45-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-absent, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Cecil College Small Capital Projects

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide the Cecil College Small Cap Budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$52,335 to be expended for FY2021 Small Capital Projects, which were not completed by June 30, 2021. The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 3, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz moved to approve Resolution No. 46-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-absent, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 48-2021 Agreements – Mutual Aid Law Enforcement – Eastern Shore Counties.

A Resolution to approve the execution of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreements between Cecil County, Maryland and the county governments and county sheriffs of Wicomico County, Worcester County, Somerset County, Dorchester County, Talbot County, Caroline County, Queen Anne’s County, and Kent County.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz moved to approve Resolution No. 48-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-absent, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 49-2021 Approval – Agreement – Corrections Association

A Resolution to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Cecil County and the Sheriff of Cecil County and the Cecil County Corrections Association, Local 84 of the International Union of Police Association to be effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz moved to approve Resolution No. 49-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-absent, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #89

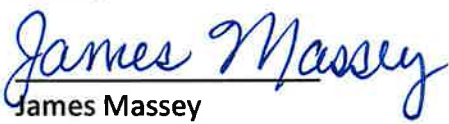
Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #89, in the amount of \$1, 022,707 for June 2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. The Council unanimously approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Miller was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The public may attend and participate. The legislative session will continue to be livestreamed in real time 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.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President