

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-14
June 21, 2022**

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
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 June 21, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Coutz asked for a moment of silence in memory of Noah Dey of North East Volunteer Fire Company and J.J. Johnson of the North East Volunteer Fire Company.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Pastor Sean Hurm from Hart's Chapel United Methodist Church in North East, 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 June 21, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION/CERTIFICATE

The Council presented a certificate of recognition to Cpl. Jonathan Pruett of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office, who rescued a resident in a burning house in North East. A certificate of recognition will be presented to George Gregson, a neighbor, who participated in saving a life in the same burning house.

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 June 7, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carrie Miller, North East, commented on the county's heroin coordinator's position.
Perry Willis, North East, commented on the need for more school funding for building renovations.

Sandra Jack, Elkton, commented on the inadequate funding of the school system.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz attended the Airmen of Note concert and the Juneteenth celebration at Wright's AME Church. He reported on statistics from the Sheriff's Office intel meeting that included thirteen overdose incidents and two fatal overdoses.

Vice President Gregory attended the Wade-in at Elk Neck State Park, the county's Blood Drive event, and the Juneteenth celebration at Wright's AME Church. She commented on Cares Act and COVID funding for the school system.

Councilman Miller commented on today being the longest day of the year as the Summer Solstice. He attended the Airmen of Note concert, the Juneteenth celebration at Wright's AME Church, and a Farm Bureau meeting.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the audience who were observing the session online. She commented on today being the longest day of the year. She attended the ribbon cutting for Broad Street Tavern in Perryville.

Council President Meffley attended the LOSAP board meeting, the Upper Shore Regional Council meeting, the Juneteenth celebration at Wright's AME Church, the Elkton Rotary club meeting and the Airmen of Note concert, which he recognized Hank Passi for his support of this performance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-09 Fire Companies Volunteer – Emergency Services Expenses - Reimbursement

An Act to add to Chapter 49, Fire Companies, Volunteer, of the Code of Cecil County; to include authorization for the member volunteer fire and fire and ambulance companies of the Cecil County Firemen's Association to obtain reimbursement of certain costs to render services during the normal course of emergency service and/or rescue operations.

Councilman Coutz, the Bill's sponsor, commented on the legislation. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, commented on behalf of the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on June 21, 2022. The Bill will be scheduled and advertised for public hearing on July 26, 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 37-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds –Liquor Board - Youth Empowerment Source – Drug Free Cecil

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 a total of \$10,000 to the Special

Revenue Other Grant Funds- Liquor Board, to record the grant awarded from the Youth Empowerment Source as part of Drug Free Cecil.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 7, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on June 21, 2022.

James Appel, Finance Director, had no comments from the administration. Council President Meffley stated that he will abstain from voting on this legislation.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 37-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz- Y, Miller- Y, Culberson- Y, Gregory- Y, Meffley- Abstain
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Council President Meffley abstained.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 38-2022: Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds –Solid Waste Division – Public Works Department –Scrap Tire Event

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to provide a total of \$17,500 to the Solid Waste Management Division – Department of Public Works, to record grant funding from the Maryland Environmental Service to be used to cover costs associated with conducting a Citizen Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day Event.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 7, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on June 21, 2022.

James Appel, Finance Director, had no comments from the administration. Councilman Miller commented that this event will be held on Sunday, June 26 from 7am to 3pm.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 38-2022, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz- Y, Miller- Y, Culberson- Y, Gregory- Y, Meffley- Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 39-2022: Appointment—Board of Appeals – Norman Anderson

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Norman Anderson to the Cecil County Board of Appeals, for a three-year term to expire on June 21, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 7, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on June 21, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, commented in support of the Resolution.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 39-2022, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz- Y, Miller- Y, Culberson- Y, Gregory- Y, Meffley- Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 40-2022 Appointment—Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board –
Leslie Cheyney**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Leslie Cheyney, to the Cecil County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, filling the vacancy of Donald Poist, Jr., which will expire on June 1, 2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 7, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on June 21, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, commented in support of the Resolution.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 40-2022, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz- Y, Miller- Y, Culberson- Y, Gregory- Y, Meffley- Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Council President Meffley stated that the Executive vetoed Bill No. 2022-06 As Amended, Residential Noise Ordinance, on June 21, 2022. Steve Overbay, Acting Director of Administration, read the Executive veto message, dated June 21, 2022.

Council Members discussed their options and that four votes are needed to override the Executive's veto.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to override the Executive's veto of Bill No. 2022-06 As Amended, Residential Noise Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council President Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz- Y, Miller- Y, Culberson- N, Gregory- N, Meffley- Y
The vote of 3 in favor and 2 opposed was recorded. Councilwoman Culberson and Vice President Gregory were opposed. Because the Council failed to approve the motion by supermajority, the motion fails.

Council President Meffley stated that the State's Attorney will be contacted to consider if this legislation could be reintroduced with his support.

NEW BUSINESS**Cecil County Public Schools- Budget Amendment #99**

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #99, in the amount of \$1,449,295 for May 2022, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz. The Council unanimously approved the motion by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 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:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager