

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-18
August 16, 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 August 16, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Council President Meffley asked Hank Passi to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Reverend Charles Rossiter from Baldwin United Methodist Church in Elk Mills, 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 16, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Meffley suspended the rules to proceed to New Business in deference to County Executive Hornberger to request the Council's confirmation of Steve Overbay as Director of Administration.

Vice President Gregory made a motion to confirm the appointment of Steve Overbay as Director of Administration, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The Council voted to approve the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:
Bill No. 2022-11 Taxation – Tax Credit – Sworn Officers

A Bill to implement a Cecil County Sworn Officers Tax Credit Program to establish a property tax credit for certain Sworn Officers, the criteria for the property tax credit created; and generally relating to property tax discounts and credits.

The Bill was introduced on July 26, 2022, advertised on August 3, 2022 and August 10, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on August 16, 2022. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the hearing for public comments.

M. Brooks, Elkton, commented in opposition to the legislation.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on the cost to property owners.

Council President Meffley closed the hearing and announced that Bill No. 2022-11 will be considered for approval at the next legislative session on September 6, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2022 Approval – Franchise Agreement – Breezeline

A Resolution to execute the renewal of a non-exclusive cable service franchise agreement by and between Cecil County, Maryland, and Breezeline (formerly Atlantic Broadband), operated by Cogeco US (Delmar), LLC, for the installation, operation, maintenance and extension of the cable system for subscribers within the County, upon the terms and conditions and subject to the agreement.

The Resolution was introduced on July 26, 2022, advertised on August 3, 2022 and August 10, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on August 16, 2022. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the hearing for public comments.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented in opposition to Atlantic Broadband, now Breezeline.

Council President Meffley closed the hearing and announced that Resolution No. 46-2022 will be considered for approval at the next legislative session on September 6, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of August 2, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented to congratulate Steve Overbay's appointment.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz had no comments.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending and congratulated Steve Overbay on his appointment. She attended the Agriculture in Cecil County program by Maureen O'Shea. She will be attending the MACo summer conference.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the audience for attending and congratulated Steve Overbay. She reminded the public of the opening of Fifth Company Brewing in Perryville, Broad Street Tavern in Perryville and Satori Yoga in Rising Sun.

Councilman Miller thanked the audience for attending and congratulated Steve Overbay. He attended the Farm Bureau meeting and commented on submitting local resolutions to the state organization. He attended the Agriculture in Cecil County program and commented on Cecil County's increase in farm income.

Council President Meffley congratulated Steve Overbay on his appointment. He stated that he had a death in his family. He attended the Farm Bureau meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 50-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Public Works Department– Public Schools Stormwater Retrofit Project

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in order to provide a total of \$580,000 to the Stormwater Management Division of the Department of Public Works with expenditure authority from the fund balance to be used for the Cecil County Public Schools Administrative Services stormwater retrofit project.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 16, 2022. This Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on September 6, 2022.

Resolution No. 51-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Private Funds – Public Works Department– Belvidere Road Bridge Replacement Project.

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to provide an additional \$200,000 to the Engineering and Construction Division – Department of Public Works with expenditure authority from private funding from Stewart Properties or its affiliates to be used to cover costs associated with the design of the Principio North Entrance to Principio Business Park as part of the County's project to replace Bridge CE-0055, Belvidere Road over CSX.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Councilman Miller congratulated the administration for the timeliness of this project.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 16, 2022. This Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on September 6, 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 41-2022 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Elkton West and Route 40 Business Corridor – Triumph Industrial Park

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 4, Section 4.1.9 North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (NERAWWTP); and to amend Appendix B, Table 13 – Immediate, 5 and 10-year Priorities for Sewerage Development to reflect the addition of Triumph Industrial Park to the NERAWWTP.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on July 5, 2022, public hearing held on August 2, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on August 16, 2022.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 41-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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. 45-2022 Approval – Franchise Agreement – Armstrong Cable Television

A Resolution to execute the renewal of a non-exclusive cable service franchise agreement by and between Cecil County, Maryland, and Armstrong Utilities Inc., operator of Armstrong Cable Television, for the installation, operation, maintenance and extension of the cable system for subscribers within the County, upon the terms and conditions and subject to the agreement.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on July 5, 2022, public hearing held on August 2, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on August 16, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 45-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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

Resolution No. 49-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Board of Education – Safe and Secure School Entrances

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in order to provide the Cecil County Board of Education budget with expenditure appropriation authority to utilize \$240,000 in funds to be expended for Safe and Secure School Entrances.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 2, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on August 16, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution No. 49-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-10 Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer – Capital Projects – Courtroom No. 3 – Courthouse Parking Lot

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to move expenditure authority within the Circuit Court Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$12,218 from the Renovate Courtroom No. 3 Project to the Resurface Courthouse Parking Lot Project.

The Bill was introduced and posted on July 5, 2022, public hearing held on August 2, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on August 16, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Bill No. 2022-10, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #101

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #101, in the amount of \$2,055,248 for June 2022 expenses. The motion was seconded by Council Miller. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, , Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, September 6, 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