

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-23
December 6, 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:

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 December 6, 2022, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Reverend Sean Hurm from Harts Chapel and Charlestown United Methodist Church who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 6, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of October 18, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked the students who performed at the inauguration ceremony and the administration for making it such a wonderful event. Councilwoman Hamilton plans on attending the Elkton High gym rededication on December 9, 2022.

Vice President Meffley attended the Arts Council Banquet, the Deep Roots building dedication and the AME Church dinner in Chesapeake City. He also welcomed all the newly elected candidates for Cecil County. He attended the Cecilton Elementary Veterans walk and attended the First Responder Banquet. He noted the Christmas light displays are up in Chesapeake City and encouraged everyone

to visit. He also noted he attended Governor Hogan's Celebration at the Live Casino. He noted he attended the Sheriffs Award banquet and the Principio Furnace dinner. He also went to the Quarters One dinner at APG and was able to meet the commanding officers.

Councilman Miller attended the Local Management Board in November. He attended the First Responder Banquet in Perryville. He attended the Fair Hill Foundation Board meeting and he also attended Governor Hogan's Celebration at Live Casino, the Sheriffs Award banquet and the Principio Furnace Dinner. He and Councilwoman Culberson attended a citizen's corner at the Rising Sun American Legion and discussed odor and water issues in the area. He also congratulated the Rising Sun Lions Club on its upcoming 90th Anniversary celebration.

Councilwoman Culberson gave the intel report from the previous month from the Sheriff's Office. She attended the Army Alliance breakfast and the Sheriff's Award Assembly. She attended the Elkton Community Center Holiday dinner and was given a tour of the center. She reminded everyone that the North East Christmas Parade has been rescheduled for December 10, 2022 and she will be a parade judge.

Council President Gregory attended the Deep Roots building dedication. She also attended the Sheriff Awards banquet and congratulated all the award winners. She also attended, along with Councilwoman Hamilton, the Business Fair hosted by Gilpin Manor that allowed kids to develop, market and sell items. She attended the Turkey Point Lighthouse groundbreaking ceremony. She also attended the Voices of Hope banquet. She also attended the North East VFW shrimp, beef and beer fundraiser and the Veterans Day breakfast that had the local Civil Air Patrol do a performance ceremony. She also attended and volunteered at the Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW that provided meals for families throughout the day.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 61-2022 Approval – Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund – Loan for Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems, Inc.

A resolution endorsing a Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan pursuant to which the State will contribute \$800,000 and the County will contribute \$80,000 both in the form of conditional loans, and the Borrower will retain existing operations and expand its manufacturing capabilities at 55 Thiokol Road, Elkton, Maryland, including anticipated project costs of approximately \$110 million dollars for construction costs, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the project site, and the hiring of an additional 200 full-time employees by December 31, 2028 for a total employment of 775 permanent full-time employees at the project site.

Director of Administration, Steven Overbay provided comments on behalf of the administration. Councilwoman Culberson commented that is wonderful we are doing this expansion but questions where the work force would come from to fill these highly skilled and technical jobs. Mr. Overbay commented that the jobs would most likely be filled from outside this area, but these new employees would become part of our community.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 62-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Emergency Services – Laptops for Protocols

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 \$9,026.15 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Department of Emergency Services to record the grant awarded from the Maryland 9-1-1 Board.

Director of Administration, Steven Overbay provided comments on behalf of the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

Resolution No. 63-2022 Supplemental Appropriation- Grant Funds- Detention Center – Medication Supported Recovery

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 \$552,960 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Detention Center to record the grant awarded from the Opioid Operational Command Center Opioid Use Disorder Examination and Treatment Act Grant program.

Director of Administration, Steven Overbay provided comments on behalf of the administration. Councilwoman Culberson questioned that if this was part of or in addition to the opioid settlement and would we be able to achieve other grants. Mr. Overbay said this was part of the settlement and we would seek additional grants if available. Councilwoman Culberson also questioned who would pay these program costs if we did not get grant money. Mr. Overbay noted that this program is State mandated, and we would need to incur the costs even if grants are not available.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 64-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Tourism – Winter Lights Cecil Nights

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 \$10,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund- Office of Economic Development – Tourism, to record the grant

awarded from the Upper Shore Regional Council, for the purpose of a "Winter Lights-Cecil Nights" Marketing Campaign in Cecil County.

Director of Administration, Steven Overbay provided comments on behalf of the administration. Councilman Miller noted community involvement with this event and the Fair Board donated a wagon to North East for rides. Council President Gregory commented the wagon rides are well received. Councilwoman Hamilton requested the dates for the events and that they be posted on all available social media. Councilman Miller also noted the recent tractor parade in Rising Sun and Councilman Meffley noted the many decorations in Chesapeake City.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 65-2022 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Food and Supplies

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 \$15,686 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record a grant awarded from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program for food and supplies.

Director of Administration, Steven Overbay provided comments on behalf of the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Executive Appointment – William Sorenson- Director of Economic Development

Council President Gregory introduced the nomination for William Sorenson for the Director of Economic Development on behalf of County Executive Hornberger.

Motion was made by Councilman Miller to appoint William Sorenson as Director of Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll Call Vote:

Hamilton – Y, Miller – Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory – Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #104

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #104 in the amount of \$77,554 for October expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilman Miller, Council President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 20, 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:



Jackie Gregory
Council President

Attest:



David M. Culver
Council Manager