

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-24
December 20, 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 20, 2022, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Mike Brandon from The Parris Foundation who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 20, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

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 December 6, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hamilton attended the Wreaths Across America celebration at St. Mary Anne's in North East and she wished everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vice President Meffley attended a meeting with Land Use to discuss a Special Exception application for propane tanks at 64 Cecilton Road that will be going to the Board of Appeals. He also had discussions with the Health Department on septic approvals and building permits. Vice President Meffley also attended the VLOSAP Trust Committee that was discussing benefits for firefighters. He hopes that enhancements to this program will encourage more people to volunteer.

Councilman Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He congratulated Caleb and Alice Crothers of Long Green Farms on receiving the Maryland Leopold Conservation Award which is given to farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners for land, water, and wildlife habitat management. He also attended the Cecil County Bar Association Christmas Dinner that was also a book and coat drive. He also attended the Holiday Enchantment Show at Cecil College and noted that the Cecil Art Council and various dance troops did a fantastic performance.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the Cecil County Road Crew on a fantastic job repaving Dr. Jack Road. She noted that she, Councilwoman Hamilton, President Gregory and Council Manager Culver attended the MACo training in Annapolis last week and it gave her great insight into the legislative process. She noted that she discussed broadband availability with County Executive Hornberger for the Jackson Station Road and Route 40 area and was told that additional grants are being applied for to help provide broadband in this and other areas of the County. She also gave the intel report from the previous two weeks from the Sheriff's Office.

Council President Gregory noted she attended the Drug Court Graduation last week and presented them with certificates. She also attended the St. Mary Anne's Wreaths Across America ceremony and noted that the Boys Scouts also participated at the event. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She also noted that no Council Work session would be held on December 27, 2022.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 66-2022 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Community Services – Human Services Division – Domestic Violence Program/The Bridge.

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 \$43,947.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, to record a Domestic Violence Center Grant awarded from the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victims Services to provide rental assistance to victims of domestic violence.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on December 20, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 67-2022 - Approval – Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

A Resolution to adopt the Cecil County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022 update.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on December 20, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 68-2022 - Budget Transfer – Fund Balance – Liquor Board.

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby amended for the supplemental appropriation by amending the Current Budget to appropriate \$15,000 of additional expenditures from the General Fund to the Liquor Board budget to be expended for Liquor Board salaries, training, and supplies.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on December 20, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 69-2022 - Budget Amendment – Fund Balance – Department of Emergency Services.

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 appropriate a total of \$522,277.84 of additional expenditures for the purchase of one (1) ambulance and necessary equipment from the General Fund to the Department of Emergency Services budget.

Councilman Miller requested clarification that this was being funded from the fund balance. County Attorney Lawrence Scott confirmed that it is from the fund balance.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on December 20, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 70-2022 - Appointment—Police Accountability Board – Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Stephen A. Miller, Jamila H. Mettee, John W. Thompson, Michael W. Dawson, Robert F. McKnight, John R. Stricklett, and Rodney W. Heinze to the Police Accountability Board and the Police Accountability Board's Administrative Charging Committee and to establish a quarterly stipend amount for the confirmed members.

President Gregory thanked Council for the positive and thoughtful discussions on this resolution at the Work Session of December 20, 2022.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on December 20, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on January 3, 2023.

CONSIDERATION 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.

This Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott had no comments and asked for positive consideration by the Council.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 61-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

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.

This Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott had no comments and asked for positive consideration by the Council.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 62-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

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.

This Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott had no comments and asked for positive consideration by the Council.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 63-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

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.

This Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

Councilwoman Hamilton encouraged everyone to check out the dates for each location on our website.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 64-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

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.

This Resolution was introduced on December 6, 2022, and scheduled for consideration on December 20, 2022.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott had no comments and asked for positive consideration by the Council.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 65-2022, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

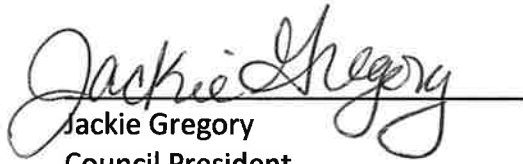
Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, Council President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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