

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2023-03
February 7, 2023

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 February 7, 2023, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT of SILENCE

President Gregory asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 7, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Council Miller presented the family of Cheryl Ward a proclamation honoring her life and service with Cecil County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of January 17, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phyllis Kilby of Colora spoke about the Board of Education and County Council.

Jordan Seguin of Elkton comment on the school budget and the need for additional funding.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice President Meffley noted he attended the Farm Bureau Meeting. He also attended the Maryland Rural Development Commission meeting and noted they discussed the number of children in poverty needing help. He also attend the Robert Burns Dinner and the Taste of Maryland event at Maryland Live. He me with Land Use and a constituent interested on opening a business in North East. He also visited Cecilton Elementary and had a very positive interaction with the students and staff. He announced the Elkton Rotary has scholarships available for college bound students. He also attended the Social Services Meeting at the North East library. Met with board of education and reviewed the Board of Education budget.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted she also attended the Taste of Maryland event. She also attended the Freedom Hills Gala that helps with the therapeutic riding program. She also participated in the MACo Land Use legislative session and outlined the various bills the State will be considering in the legislative session.

Councilwoman Culberson noted she attended the Social Services Board Meeting in North East. She also attended the Robert Burns Dinner, the Young Farmers Breakfast and Freedom Hills Gala. She gave the Intel Report for the previous week.

Council President Gregory attended the Bainbridge Development meeting and noted the progress being made. She participated in the Rural County Coalition call as well an the Eastern Shore Delegation Meeting. She also attended the Taste of Maryland event. She attended the 5th Compan Brewery fundraiser to help eliminate human trafficking. She also attended the Delmarva Fisheries meeting in Easton.

Councilman Miller noted he attended the Robert Burns Dinner, the Young Farmers Breakfast, and the Taste of Maryland event. He noted he was very impressed with the food at all the events and noted that Cecil County is a leader when it comes to farmer participation at these events.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill No. 2023-01 - Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance to Capital Projects – Renovate State’s Attorneys Offices.

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to move expenditure authority from the fund balance to the Capital Projects - Renovate State’s Attorneys Offices capital project in the amount of \$250,000.

Introduced and order posted on February 7, 2023, with a Public Hearing scheduled on March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm and consideration scheduled on March 21, 2023.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted the costs have gone up for this project.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Bill No 2023-02 - Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance to Capital Projects - Real Estate Activities Account.

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to transfer \$1,000,000 (one million) from the General Fund Balance to Capital Improvement Budget to set up a Real Estate Activities Account.

Introduced and order posted on February 7, 2023, with a Public Hearing schedule on March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm and consideration scheduled on March 21, 2023.

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted the funds were needed for several real estate purchases that have recently been discussed with Council. County Attorney Scott requested that Council mark this legislation as expedited.

President Gregory asked for a motion to expedite.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to expedite Bill No. 2023-02, that was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -N, Culberson – Y, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 4 to 1.

Council Manager Culver noted that the motion passed and as per Council Rules the vote on the bill may occur after the March 7, 2023 Public Hearing.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 04-2023 - Appointments—Charter Review Commission – Joe Zang, John T. Wilson, J. Lloyd Sanders, Derek Howell, Robert Carey, Robert Gorman and Barbara Cox to the Commission and Alice Crothers as alternate.

A Resolution to confirm the appointments of Joe Zang, John T. Wilson, J. Lloyd Sanders, Derek Howell, Robert Carey, Robert Gorman and Barbara Cox to the Commission and Alice Crothers as alternate as per Section 604 of the Cecil County Charter.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

No comments were made.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 05-2023 - Appointment – Commission on Aging – Denise Hill, Julianne Graham, Lisa Beeman, Mark Hill, and Jamie McCloskey.

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Denise Hill, Julianne Graham, Lisa Beeman, Mark Hill, and Jamie McCloskey to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, to fill vacant three-year terms that will each expire on January 31, 2026

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

Councilwoman Hamilton requested clarification if these were new appointments or reappointments and Director of Administration Steve Overbay noted they were both.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 06-2023 - Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Randall Schwandt.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of the reappointment of Randall Schwandt to the Cecil County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board, to fill a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2026.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

No comments were made.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 07-2023 - Reappointment—Local Management Board - John W. Donohue

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of John W. Donohue to the Local Management Board to fill a vacant four-year term that will expire on December 31, 2027.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is a reappointment.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 08-2023 - Appointment—Planning Commission – Russell Johnson and Charles Hicks.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Russell Johnson and Charles Hicks to the Planning Commission to fill vacant 3-year terms that will each expire on December 31, 2025.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that these are vacant positions.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 09-2023 – Appointment – Board of Parks and Recreation – Jennifer Callaghan and Kristen Lehr.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Jennifer Callaghan, to the Board of Parks and Recreation to fill a vacant three (3) year term that will expire on December 31, 2026, and Kristen Lehr who is replacing Matthew Morris's whose term expires on April 1, 2025.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

County Attorney Scott clarified Jennifer Callaghan expiration date is December 31, 2026 and Kristen Lehr expiration date is April 1, 2025.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 10-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Roads Division – Department of Public Works – Asphalt Overlay.

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to move expenditure authority from the fund balance to the Roads Division – Department of Public Works in the amount of \$2,750,000, for the benefit of additional asphalt overlay of county roads.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that the Administration is pleased to be able to perform this work. Vice President Meffley noted that the roads throughout the County would benefit from this repaving and repair work.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 11-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Landfill Enterprise Fund Balance – Solid Waste Management Division – Department of Public Works – Budget Amendment.

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in the amount totaling \$150,000 from the Enterprise Landfill Fund Balance to mitigate increased fuel expense.

Introduced, read the first time, order posted on February 7, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 21, 2023.

Councilman Miller asked for confirmation that this is just for fuel and Director Overbay indicated that is the case.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 02-2023 - Appointment—Department of Social Services Board – Natalie Gentry, Karen Latimer Patricia L. Brown, Bernard M. Chiminto, and Randy Bailey.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Natalie Gentry, Karen Latimer, Patricia L. Brown, Bernard M. Chiminto, and Randy Bailey to the Department of Social Services Board for three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

This Resolution was Introduced on January 17, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 7, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted the duties of this Committee.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2023, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

Resolution 03-2023- Supplemental Appropriation – Sheriff's Office – License Plate Reader Grant.

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 \$590,000 to the Sheriff's Office, to record a FY23 Local Agency License Plate Reader Grant awarded from Maryland State Police for purchase of License Plate Readers.

This Resolution was Introduced on January 17, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on February 7, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted the grant is providing needed equipment for the Sherriff's Office. Councilwoman Hamilton noted that the grant is expiring and hopes the state will make this grant available in the future.

There were no further Council questions or comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2023, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

ADJOURNMENT

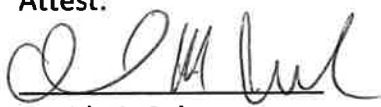
On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilman Miller, Council President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, February 21, 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