

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-20
December 4, 2018**

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
George Patchell, Council Member

NOTE: The audio and video recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of December 4, 2018 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council President Meffley introduced Rev. R. Kevin Brown from Wright's AME Church, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Council President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 4, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell welcomed Councilman Coutz and Councilman Miller. He also congratulated Council President Meffley and Vice President Gregory.

Councilman Miller stated that he was very excited in his new position. He congratulated Council President Meffley and Vice President Gregory.

Councilman Coutz congratulated Council President Meffley and Vice President Gregory. He stated that he was looking forward to a very productive term on the County Council.

Vice President Gregory congratulated Councilman Coutz and Councilman Miller and stated that she was looking forward to working with the new team. She attended the North East Christmas parade and praised the Town of North East for the awesome event. She attended Aberdeen Proving Ground Immersion Day and commented on General Taylor's efforts to conduct outreach to the communities. She attended the Interagency on Homelessness and commented that they are proposing to combine with Harford County in order to be qualified for additional grant funds. She applauded the opening of Taco and Tequila in downtown North East.

Council President Meffley visited Bohemia Manor High School and middle school. He commented on the outstanding curriculum, which includes robotics. He attended the holiday reception held for Cecil and Harford officials at General Taylor's home at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He also thanked Joyce Bowsbey for her attendance today and her help in educating him about the Council.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 2018-18 Budget Transfer – Wastewater Capital Budget – Replace Port Deposit Wastewater Treatment Plant

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Wastewater Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$1,719,269.13 from completed Wastewater Capital Projects (Construct Principio Sanitary Sewer - North \$569,062.13, Replace CSX Sewer Line at Red Toad- \$40,000, I&I Meadowview, Cherry Hill, Highlands - \$50,000 & Upgrade NERAWWTP - \$1,060,207) to the Replace Port Deposit WWTP Project. The bill also removes existing bond authority of \$555,000 from two inactive projects, (Expand Meadowview WWTP -\$430,000 & Upgrade Two Port Deposit Pump Stations -\$125,000) and add it to the Replace Port Deposit WWTP Project. The bill adds additional bond authority of \$763,175 to the Wastewater Capital Budget to allow for sufficient funding for the Replace Port Deposit WWTP Project. The bill will remove \$2,500,000 in estimated State grant funding and \$2,500,000 of other funding from the project funding schedule to reflect the County's plan to build a locally funded package plant to serve the sewer needs of the Town of Port Deposit. The end result of the bill is County bond expenditure authority of \$8,737,444 to Replace Port Deposit WWTP.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on December 4, 2018. The public hearing for Bill No. 2018-18 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 8, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-19 Budget Transfer – Roads and Bridges Capital Budget – Upgrade Nottingham Roads Facility Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Roads and Bridges Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$95,000 from the completed Replace Razor Strap Road Bridge Project to the Upgrade Nottingham Roads Facility Project.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on December 4, 2018. The public hearing for Bill No. 2018-19 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 8, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-20: Supplemental Appropriation - Facilities Management Capital Budget –Courthouse Holding Cell Renovation Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, to add bond appropriation authority within the Facilities Management Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$50,000 to complete the Courthouse Holding Cell Renovation Project.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on December 4, 2018. The public hearing for Bill No. 2018-20 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 8, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42-2018 Appointment—Human Services Agency- Jeffrey A. Lawson

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Jeffrey A. Lawson to the Human Services Agency for a two-year term to expire on December 18, 2022.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 4, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on December 18, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 43-2018 Appointment—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Tyra Kenly and Rebecca Smith

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Tyra Kenly and to confirm the appointment of Rebecca Smith to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three (3) year terms to expire December 18, 2021

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 4, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on December 18, 2018.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 44-2018 Water and Sewer – Sewer Use – Connection Charge

A Resolution to re-establish a reduction of the connection fee for residential living units from \$12,000 per equivalent living unit to \$6,000 per equivalent living unit within the Cecil County Sanitary District; to establish that the \$6,000 reduction applies to all subdivisions receiving approval prior to July 31, 2020, and will remain in effect as long as the subdivision maintains its validity; and to re-establish that terms of any installment payment of the wastewater connection charge to be subject to terms as specified in the Sanitary District Policy.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments.

Council questions and comments included clarification that this connection charge would apply to new residential living units as long as subdivisions receive approval prior to July 31, 2020 and that the project maintains its validity.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 4, 2018, and scheduled for consideration on December 18, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #56

Vice President Gregory made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coutz, to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #56 in the amount of \$1,111,816 for transactions during October 2018.


The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Patchell, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager