

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-21
December 18, 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
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

Absent: Jackie Gregory, Vice President

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 18, 2018 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Steve Basht from Ebenezer United Methodist Church, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 18, 2018. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2018. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell stated that he had made his comments at the work session.

Councilman Miller commented that he will be attending a meeting at the School of Technology about the new diesel mechanics classes.

Councilman Coutz attended the Shop With A Cop program, which was very successful in matching 104 children with 95 law enforcement officers. The children shopped for gifts and clothing. He stated that he visited the State's Attorney's Office and commented on his concerns for the cramped office space.

Council President Meffley commented on the State's Attorney's Office visit and voiced his concern that each attorney has at least four cases at one time. He also stated that Wicomico County's State's Attorney's Office has thirteen more attorneys than Cecil County with the same population size.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2018-21 Electrical Code – Compliance Requirements – Board of Electrical Examiners

A Bill to amend certain provisions of the Cecil County Code, Chapter 191, Electrical Standards, Article I (General Provisions), Section 191-3 (Compliance With National Electric Code Required), and Article II (Board of Electrical Examiners), Section 191-6 (Membership; Terms, Vacancies).

Bill Funk, Division Chief of Permits and Inspections, provided introductory comments about this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on December 18, 2018. The public hearing for Bill No. 2018-21 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 15, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2018 Great Wolf Lodge –Hotel Rental Tax – Administrative Fee Waiver

A Resolution waiving, for a period of twenty five (25) years, the County's Five Percent (5%) administrative fee on hotel tax administration as part of a development incentive package for a new "Great Wolf Lodge" on 44+/- acres of land within the Perryville Hotel Taxing District Limits along Overlook Parkway adjacent to Hollywood Casino.

Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided introductory comments about this legislation. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 18, 2018. The public hearing for Resolution No. 46-2018 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 15, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 47-2018 Great Wolf Lodge –County Personal Property Tax – Tax Credit

A Resolution pursuant to *Md. Code Ann., § 9-257, Tax Property Article*, to approve a 50% credit on the County personal property tax for a new "Great Wolf Lodge" on 44+/- acres of land along Overlook Parkway adjacent to Hollywood Casino in the Town of Perryville, Cecil County, Maryland.

Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 18, 2018. The public hearing for Resolution No. 47-2018 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 15, 2019.

CONSIDERATION 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 four-year term to expire on December 18, 2022.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 4, 2018. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 42-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Meffley-Y.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 4, 2018. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 43-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Meffley-Y.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 4, 2018. Council questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 44-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Meffley-Y.
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 45-2018 Budget Amendment – Grant Funds – Courthouse Facilities Maintenance Department - Courthouse LED Lighting

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, in order to provide a total of \$75,170 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Courthouse Facilities Maintenance Department to record the incentive awarded from Delmarva Power for the purpose of retrofitting the Cecil County Courthouse with LED lighting.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 4, 2018. Council questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 45-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Absent, Meffley-Y.
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #57

Councilman Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coutz, to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #57 in the amount of \$3,794,545 for transactions during November 2018.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

ADJOURNMENT


On motion made by Councilman Patchell, seconded by Councilman Coutz, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President