

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-05
March 5, 2019**

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 video and audio 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 March 5, 2019 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 Rev. Karen Bunnell from Elkton 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 March 5, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-02 Approval - Agricultural Preservation District – Leon King

A Bill to approve the petition of Leon King for property located at Tonys Road at Warburton Road, Elkton, MD 21921. (Acres: 101.4091, Election District: 5, Tax Map: 19, Parcel: 186), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on February 5, 2019, advertised on February 20, 2019 and February 27, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on March 5, 2019.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments. He stated that the Agriculture Preservation Committee, planning staff and Planning Commission had approved the request. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-02 for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-02 and announced final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on March 19, 2019.

Council President Meffley stated that the public hearing for Resolution No. 12-2019 Approval - Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018, has been postponed to March 19, 2019 because the public notice was not submitted as required.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Bearsch, Rising Sun, commented on a traveler, who was her brother-in-law from Virginia, was helped by a local Cecil County employee who would not accept compensation.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended Comptroller Franchot's visit to Maryland Beer Company and commented on the success of the business owners, Jessica Alexander and Scott McCardell.

Councilman Miller attended Comptroller Franchot's visit to West Cecil Health Center in Conowingo. He also attended the 4-H banquet and commented that the master of ceremonies won the Spirit Award.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending tonight's meeting. He attended Comptroller Franchot's visit to the Palette and the Page, and commented on the frequent visits by the Comptroller. He attended the partnership breakfast at Recovery Centers of America and commented on the program and facility.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She commented on her busy week, which included participation in the Ice Splash that raised funds for the Boys and Girls Club. She participated in CASA's mini-golf tournament to raise funds for the organization. She also participated in the Mardi Gras fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club.

Council President Meffley will be attending the Cecil County Farm Bureau Banquet and Auction. He will also be attending the blue grass concert at Cecil College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North East. He will also be attending the Chesapeake City Fire Company awards banquet.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 16-2019 2020 Cecil County Strategic Plan

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Strategic Plan, pursuant to Section 601 of the Charter of Cecil County; and to revise the planning horizon from five (5) years to ten (10) years.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 5, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 16-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 17-2019 General Fund Balance Policy

A Resolution to repeal and replace the existing General Fund Balance Policy, and to establish policies for the Emergency Reserve, Budget Stabilization Reserve and General Fund Reserve calculations.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 19, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 18-2019 Budget Transfer and Appropriation – Road Maintenance – Snow Removal

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 the Road's Maintenance Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$400,000 to be expended for County snow removal.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 5, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 19, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 19-2019 Road Abandonment – Portion of Nazarene Camp Road, Cecil County

A Resolution to approve the abandonment of a portion of Nazarene Camp Road, Cecil County, Maryland, pursuant to the Local Government Article, Section 12-504, of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 5, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 19-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on April 2, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 14-2019 Appointment—Weed Control Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Monty Johnson, Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Charles Robinson, Mike Scheeler, Dan Webber and Lane Heimer and to appoint Ronald Penhollow to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Board for a one (1) year term, to expire March 15, 2020.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 5, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 14-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 15-2019 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Bernard Brown, III

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bernard Brown, III to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term to expire March 5, 2022.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on February 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on March 5, 2019

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 15-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-01 Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Board of Education – Various School Capital Projects

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 Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$59,322.00, from two completed School Capital Projects, (Cecil Manor Elementary Roof Replacement \$13,812.85 and Bohemia Manor High Roof Replacement \$45,509.15); to four incomplete projects (Cecil Manor Elementary Waterline Installation \$3,500, Bohemia Manor High Water Line Installation \$3,635, Perryville High Boiler Replacement \$10,426 and Chesapeake City Elementary Replacement \$41,76.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced on January 15, 2019 and public hearing held and concluded on February 19, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-01.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #59

Councilman Coutz made a motion, seconded by Vice President Gregory, to approve the Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #59 in the amount of 15,950 for expenses in January 2019.
The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 19, 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