

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-06
March 19, 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 19, 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 Pastor Charles Rossiter from Baldwin 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 19, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-03 Budget Appropriation – Capital Projects – Board of Education – Cherry Hill Middle School

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 Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$290,000 for the Cherry Hill Window and Doors Replacement Project.

The Bill was introduced on February 19, 2019, advertised on March 6, 2019 and March 13, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2019.

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

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-03 for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-03 and announced final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 12-2019 Approval - Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018

A Resolution to repeal the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2015 in its entirety and reenact the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018.

The Resolution was introduced on February 5, 2019, advertised on March 6, 2019 and March 13, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on March 19, 2019.

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

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 12-2019 for public comments.

Travis Marion, Mayor of Rising Sun, commented in support of the Town's proposed requests.

Calvin Bonenberger, Town Administrator of Rising Sun, commented in support of the Town's proposed requests.

Augie Pierson, Rising Sun Commissioner, commented in support of the Town's proposed requests.

Maggie Creshkoff, Port Deposit, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Alisa Webb, representing Cecil Land Trust, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Ed Dedrick, Calvert, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Ed Cairns, Elkton, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Rhonda Combs, Elkton, commented on the need for water service on Old Philadelphia Road because of well contamination from New Jersey Fireworks Plant.

Dave Warnick, Rising Sun Commissioner, commented on allegations made about the Town of Rising Sun and in support of Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Ron Hartman, representing Cecil Land Association, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Keith Thompson, Rising Sun, commented in support of Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Mark Hyman, owner of Ramsey Ford, commented in support of Rising Sun's proposed requests.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 12-2019 and announced final consideration of this Resolution is scheduled on April 2, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Warnick, Rising Sun, apologized to the Council and other speakers for his comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the ribbon cutting of Cecil College's Practice Facility and commented that the project was privately funded. He also attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and announced that the ribbon cutting for Brantwood Park will be held on May 4 at 10am, following a fun run/walk at 9am.

Councilman Miller attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight where Mary Jo Jablonski was given the Impact Award posthumously. He also attended the Soil Conservation District banquet and Farm Bureau banquet.

Councilman Coutz congratulated the Soil Conservation District for the enlightening tour of the county. He also attended the Farm Bureau banquet.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending and tonight's speakers. She will be attending the Voices of Hope banquet in celebration of recovery.

Council President Meffley thanked the audience for attending and tonight's speakers. He stated that he hoped to work with the Town of Rising Sun to resolve their water service issues.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 20-2019 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees – Steven Pearson

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Steven Pearson to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to a five year term to expire February 28, 2024.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 21-2019 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees – Tanya Area

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Tanya Area to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, filling the vacancy of Tiffany Geyer-Lydon, which will expire on December 30, 2021.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 22-2019 Appointment—Human Services Agency – John Ness

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of John Ness, to the Human Services Agency to a four-year term, to expire on April 2, 2023.

There were no introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 23-2019 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 expenditure of approximately \$15 million dollars for construction costs, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the project site, and the hiring of an additional 175 full-time employees by December 31, 2023 for a total employment of 575 permanent full-time employees at the project site.

Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 24-2019 Approval – Tasers with Accessories – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a five (5) year agreement between the County on behalf of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the acquisition of Eighty-One (81) X2 Basic Tasers with tactical battery pack, pinky extender, right-hand holster, 25-foot smart cartridge, and kit, dataport download and USB, together with two spare tasers.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 25-2019 Approval – Gasoline and Diesel Fuel – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a three (3) year agreement with three (3) one-year renewals for gasoline and diesel fuel with PAPCO, Inc., with the contract being a “piggy-back” on a cooperative purchase Request For Proposal and award made by Baltimore County Government, Baltimore County Public Schools, Baltimore County Volunteer Fire Departments, Baltimore County Revenue Authority, Harford County Government, and Harford County Public Schools.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 19, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 2, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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 comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

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

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 17-2019.

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. 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 comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

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

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 18-2019.

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. 2019-02 Approval - Agricultural Preservation District – Leon King

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

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

The Bill was introduced on February 5, 2019 and public hearing held and concluded on March 5, 2019.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-02.

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 #60

Vice President Gregory made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz, to approve the Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #60 in the amount of \$334,335 for expenses in February 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 8:36 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, April 2, 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