

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-07
April 2, 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 April 2, 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 Delmar Duval from Nottingham Missionary Baptist 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 April 2, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation in celebration of National Library Week to Morgan Miller, Library Director, Cecil County Public Library.

The Council also presented a certificate in recognition of Morgan Miller as the incoming President of the Maryland Library Association.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

The Resolution was introduced on March 5, 2019, advertised on March 20, 2019 and March 27, 2019, and scheduled for public hearing on April 2, 2019.

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

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 16-2019 for public comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 16-2019 and announced final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on April 16, 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.

The Resolution was introduced on March 5, 2019, advertised on March 6, 2019, March 13, 2019, and March 20, 2019. The Resolution is scheduled for public hearing on April 2, 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. 19-2019 for public comments.

Joe Carabetta, Carpenters Point, commented on coordination of traffic signals on Route 272.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on truck traffic.

Ed Dedrick, Calvert, commented on his concern for traffic signal coordination.

Amy DiPietro, Perryville, representing Morris and Ritchie, provided details of the plan

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-2019 and announced final consideration of this Resolution is scheduled on April 16, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Dedrick, Calvert, commented in opposition to Rising Sun's request for expansion of water service.

Ernie Olsen, Elkton, commented on the need for a national health care system.

Joe Carabetta, Carpenters Point, commented in opposition to the county's sewer rate policy.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on roadside trash dumping, handling of hazardous waste and the need for airplane pilots. He also asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Rodgers.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell commended the Town of Perryville on the replacement of the baseball field in downtown Perryville.

Councilman Miller attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Daniel Few and commented on the impressive ceremony. He also commended Martin Summers for his outstanding work with Scouting.

Councilman Coutz attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor and commented on the ceremony. He attended the Boys and Girls Youth Celebration and commended Mr. DeWitt for his work with this organization.

Vice President Gregory thanked Harold McCanick for his remarks about Mary Rodgers. She commented about her experience at Daffodil Days, which included picking flowers, making arrangements and delivering them to the nursing homes and hospital.

Council President Meffley stated the Chesapeake City Little League opening day will be held on April 13. He has arranged for Scouting to have a table at Little League games to encourage boys to join. He also participated in Daffodil Days and enjoyed handing out flowers to county residents. He expressed his appreciation to the Cecilton Lions, Galena Lions and Boy Scout troops.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-04: Lease and Purchase – Vehicle and Equipment Financing

A Bill authorizing and empowering Cecil County, Maryland to enter into new financing under a lease purchase agreement or similar arrangement in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for Fiscal Year 2020 for the purpose of financing the acquisition of certain necessary and essential vehicles and equipment for use in the County's governmental programs; providing that the obligations of the County under the agreement shall not be a general obligation of the County, shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the County and shall not constitute a debt of the County within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional provision, but shall be subject to appropriation in each and every fiscal year during the term of the agreement; empowering the County Executive to execute and deliver an executive order prior to the execution and delivery of the agreement in order to award the agreement to the successful bidder and to fix, prescribe and determine the details of such financing; and relating generally to such financing.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-04 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-05: Capital Improvement Plan-FY2020-2024

A Bill to approve the Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-05 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-06: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance – FY 2020

A Bill to adopt the County Budget including the Current Expense Budget, Capital Budget, Special Purpose Budgets and Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and to appropriate funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-06 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 26-2019: Fees – Structure Permits

A Resolution to establish a technology fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to defray the cost of updating permitting technology as part of the fee structure for structural building permits.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Councilman Coutz clarified that the county will be reducing the fee from \$30 to \$10.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 26-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 27-2019: Adoption of Property Tax Rate – Fiscal Year 2020

A Resolution to levy and impose a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; setting the tax rates for property and providing for the collection of the property tax.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 27-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 28-2019: Budget Appropriation – Grant Funds – Broadband Expansion- Upper Shore Regional Council

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 \$48,400 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Department of Planning & Zoning to record the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Upper Shore Regional Council for the purpose of funding the broadband expansion pilot project in Cecil County.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 2, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 28-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on May 23, 2019 at 7pm at Elkton High School Auditorium, 110 James Street, Elkton, MD.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on this legislation. Vice President Gregory commented that she wants continued negotiations with the Town of Rising Sun to resolve their request for water service expansion.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 12-2019.

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

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 20-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 21-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 22-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 23-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 24-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 19, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 25-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

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.

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

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

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2019-03.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, April 16, 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