

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-08
April 16, 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 16, 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. Willie Walton from River City Baptist Church of Port Deposit who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of April 16, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation in celebration of National Grange Month to Alberta May, Grange Master; Eleanor Cline and Karen Cline from the Calvert Grange.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Water Witch Volunteer Fire Company awards banquet with Vice President Gregory and Councilman Miller. He commented that the fire company presented a plaque to Cecil County Government for their appreciation of support.

Councilman Miller attended the Water Witch Volunteer Fire Company awards banquet and commented on their recognition of the former owners of Tomes Landing who had given the fire company a boat slip. He stated that the fire company celebrated their 175th anniversary.

Councilman Coutz attended the Business Resource meeting on opportunity zones, sponsored by the Maryland Department of Commerce. He commented that Frank Dickson gave a great presentation. He attended the Little League opening day and parade at Rising Sun and commented on the large turnout. He attended the Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company awards banquet with Council President Meffley. He attended the opening of Rosewood Farms and commented that this will be a wonderful venue for large events in the county.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending tonight's session. She will be attending the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce's state legislative wrap-up. She wished everyone a happy Easter.

Council President Meffley attended the Sheriff's Office intel meeting and reported that there have been 128 overdose cases last month and 17 fatalities, which is a slight drop. He attended the Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company awards banquet. He attended the Farm Bureau meeting and announced that students from the School of Technology will debut a video of farm operations at the Farm Museum on May 11. He attended Chamber's legislative wrap-up and then joined the delegation at a meeting in Warwick about the high volume of traffic using Cecil County roads to avoid a toll on US 301. He attended the Rising Sun Little League opening day and parade and commented that he served 785 hot dogs to the large crowd of adults and children. He announced that an antique tractor-pull will be held on April 27 at the Farm Museum.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2019-07 Trust Fund – Volunteer Length of Service Award Program - VLOSAP

A Bill authorizing the establishment of the Cecil County, Maryland Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund; approving the form of Trust Agreement relating thereto and the provisions therein regarding the administration of the Trust Fund; authorizing and empowering the trustees of the Trust Fund to invest and manage the assets of the Trust Fund; and generally providing certain matters with respect to the Trust Fund.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 16, 2019. The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-07 will be advertised and scheduled at the legislative session of May 21, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 29-2019: Amendment – Purchasing Manual

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Purchasing Manual.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 16, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 29-2019 will be advertised and scheduled at the legislative session of May 21, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 30-2019: Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer – Grants Funds – Community Services Foundation – Animal Services

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 \$138,426 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Division of Animal Services to record the transfer of the bequest from the Estate of Alma L. McLean from the Community Services Foundation of Cecil County, Inc. to Cecil County, Maryland, for the purpose of completing building improvements at the Cecil County Animal Services Building.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 7, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 31-2019: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Animal Services

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 Division of Animal Services budget within the General Fund additional expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$140,000. The additional expenditure authority will fund the current year budget shortfall resulting from the increased number of animals being cared for at the shelter.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 7, 2019.

CONSIDERATION 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 comments on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 5, 2019, advertised for public hearing on March 13, 2019 and March 20, 2019. The public hearing was held and concluded on April 2, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 16-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-N, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 1. Vice President Gregory was opposed.

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.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on March 5, 2019. The public hearing advertised on March 6, 2019, March 13, 2019 and March 20, 2019. The public hearing was held and concluded on April 2, 2019.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 19-2019.

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. 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.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on April 2, 2019 and scheduled for consideration on April 16, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 28-2019.

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

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Independent Auditor Selection Committee Recommendation

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to approve the recommendation of the selection committee of SB and Company for a five-year contract as independent auditor for Cecil County Government.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the recommendation of SB and Company as the independent auditor for Cecil County Government for FY 19 through FY 2023.

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

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #61

Councilman Coutz made a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve Budget Amendment #61 in the amount of \$337.048 for March 2019.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, May 7, 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