

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-09
May 7, 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 May 7, 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 Tracy Duvall from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Dublin 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 May 7, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of National Prevention Week to Virgil Boysaw, Cecil County Drug Free Coordinator; Beth Creek, Director, Youth Empowerment Source; and members of the Drug Free Cecil Youth Coalition.

The Council also presented a proclamation in recognition of National Safe Boating Week, May 18-24, 2019, to Harry F. Albert, Ben Feril, David Steinberg, and David McCaffery of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Chesapeake Flotilla.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on his graduation from flight school, the need for flight training at Cecil College, consideration of tax breaks for education, and the funding for Calvert Park and the North East Library.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell thanked the audience for attending tonight's session.

Councilman Miller thanked the audience for attending and commended the large number of youths involved with the Drug Free Cecil Youth Coalition. He attended the Emergency Services Employee Recognition and oath of office ceremony and commented on their commitment to community safety.

Councilman Coutz attended the Build a Burger fundraiser for Youth Empowerment Source and commented on their valuable programs for youth. He attended the Emergency Services Employee Recognition and oath of office ceremony and commended the new dispatchers who were recognized. He attended the Expressions of Healing at the Arts Council and commented on this creative outlet for those dealing with recovery.

Vice President Gregory recognized the youths who are involved with the Drug Free Cecil Youth Coalition. She attended the Lincoln Day dinner and commented on the presentations of Congressman Harris and National Committeewoman Nicolee Ambrose. She attended the Emergency Services Employee Recognition and oath of office ceremony and commented on their dedication to keeping our lives safe. She attended the opening of Brantwood Park and commented on the available walking trails.

Council President Meffley attended the ribbon cutting for Elkton West sewer expansion. He attended the National Day of Prayer in Chesapeake City. He attended the Honor Court for Eagle Scout, Cameron Spaeth and commented on his thirty-seven merit badges. He attended the Emergency Services Employee Recognition and oath of office ceremony. He attended the ribbon cutting for Brantwood Park and commented on the large turnout to celebrate the opening. He congratulated Councilman Miller for his recent marriage to Karen Bearsch.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 32-2019 Budget Appropriation and Budget Transfer – Fund Balance - Volunteer Length of Service Award Program

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 Cecil County Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Trust Fund, accounted for by the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$400,000 to be expended to contribute the unfunded liability of 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 May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 33-2019 Approval – Internet Service – Windstream – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a five (5) year agreement between the County and Windstream Enterprise for the provision of internet services for a maximum period of five (5) years at the monthly rate of \$623.92; pursuant to which Windstream will provide a onetime credit of \$4,600.00 to offset a portion of the cost associated with the installation of a 4" conduit to run cable into the Stemmers Run Department of Public Works office.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Councilman Coutz clarified what would be the savings.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2019 Amendment – Personnel Procedures and Policies

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to comply with new provisions of federal law and to clarify existing policies regarding use of fleet vehicles and travel reimbursement across all departments and divisions of Cecil County government.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on May 7, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 30-2019 Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer- Grant 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 comments on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on April 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 7, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 30-2019.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

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 comments on this legislation. He stated that Council Members will receive notice in advance of any department or agency that is exceeding its budget.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on April 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on May 7, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 31-2019.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, May 21, 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