

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-13
July 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 July 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 Reverend Sean Hurm from Harts Chapel United Methodist Church who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of July 2, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation to the staff of the Stormwater Management Division in order to recognize them for their outstanding efforts for the 10th Annual Wade In, which was held in Charlestown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of June 18, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Elkton Rotary Club and commented on the importance of service agencies to our community and urged the public to volunteer for these groups.

Councilman Miller attended the Safetyville graduation of fifty-five children and commended the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation for supporting this worthwhile program. He toured the Emergency Services office and commended the department for implementing their new radio system.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He encouraged the public to attend the Cecil County Salute to Veterans in North East on July 3, 2019.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending. She wished everyone a happy Independence Day with their families and hoped that they would remember the meaning of this holiday.

Council President Meffley congratulated Emergency Services for implementing the new radio system and commended Dylan Griffith, his son-in-law, who managed the project, for a job well done. He also wished that everyone would enjoy their Fourth of July holiday with their families.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2019 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile Home Estates

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Table 10; in order to combine the sewage systems of Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile Home Estates.

There were no comments from the administration but deferred to Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, for any Council questions. Councilman Coutz clarified that this legislation would amend the draft of the county's Master Water and Sewer Plan, which is still being reviewed by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Mr. Sennstrom stated that MDE extended the original sixty day period to an additional forty-five days. Council President Meffley clarified that both mobile home parks have wastewater systems that are in poor condition and that a new system will combine their sewer treatment on the site of the Conowingo Mobile Home Court. Vice President Gregory clarified that this amendment would be added to the Master Water and Sewer Plan, which has not been approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment. Mr. Sennstrom stated that all amendments that are approved by the Council will be added to the Master Water and Sewer Plan.

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 2, 2019. The public hearing for Resolution No. 39-2019 will be advertised and scheduled on August 6, 2019.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2019 Appointment – Commission on Aging – John N. Kapral

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of John N. Kapral to the Commission on Aging for a three year term to expire on July 16, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 2, 2019; and scheduled for consideration on July 16, 2019.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Wastewater Fund – MDTA Services – Chesapeake House Screening Facility

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Wastewater Fund – MDTA Services-Department budget additional revenue and expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$55,000; in order to support the operation and maintenance of the Chesapeake House Screening Facility by the Cecil County Wastewater Division.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments but deferred to Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, for questions. Councilman Coutz clarified that the county's services to the screening facility will be budget neutral. Mr. Flanigan explained that the county will be paid \$2,000 monthly for the services, but the budget is set at \$55,000 in order for the county to purchase parts, which would be subject to reimbursement. He also stated that this arrangement has been in place since May 2017.

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 2, 2019; and scheduled for consideration on July 16, 2019.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2019 Creation and Appointment – Compensation Review Commission

A Resolution to establish the Compensation Review Commission to review the compensation and allowances of the County Executive and County Council Members; and the appointment of members.

Council President Meffley commented on this legislation. He stated that each Council Member was asked to nominate two people to be considered for the Commission. He stated that the Council agreed by consensus to appoint ten persons to the Commission. He also confirmed that an amendment to this legislation will name the ten members of the Commission, which includes Daniel DeMarinis, Rodney Heinze, George Coudin, Chad Johnston, Steven Pearson, Annmarie Hamilton, Robert Palsgrove, Robert Amato, Al Reasin, and Kathy Kunda. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 2, 2019; and scheduled for consideration on July 16, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 36-2019 Appointment—Human Services Agency – Joshua M. Lewis and Mary Way Bolt

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Joshua M. Lewis and Mary Way Bolt, to the Human Services Agency to a four-year term, to expire on July 2, 2023.

There were no comments from the administration on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 18, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on July 2, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 36-2019.

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. 37-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Volunteer Fire Service – Vehicle Replacement Program

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Volunteer Fire Service Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$225,000 to be expended for the County's match portion towards the Vehicle Replacement Program.

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

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 18, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on July 2, 2019.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 37-2019.

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. 38-2019 Supplemental Appropriation- Wastewater Enterprise Fund- Wastewater Treatment Plant Services- Chesapeake City

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide the Wastewater Fund – WWTP Services- Chesapeake City Department budget additional revenue and expenditure appropriation authority in the amount of \$131,823. The amendment supports the Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Sanitary Sewer Collection System Operation Agreement between Cecil County, Maryland and the Town of Chesapeake City, Maryland.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments, but deferred to Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, for Council questions. Councilman Coutz clarified that Chesapeake City will be billed approximately \$10,000 monthly; and that the program includes \$25,000 to cover the overhead and labor costs, which will be reimbursed to the county.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on June 18, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on July 2, 2019.

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 38-2019.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Rezoning Case #2019-01 APPLICANT: York Building Products Co., Inc.

REQUEST: Request to rezone 1.753 acres from Rural Residential, (RR) to Rural Residential, (RR) and Mineral Extraction B, (MEB). PROPERTY LOCATION: 258 Principio Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904, Election District: 7, Tax Map: 29, Parcel: 633, Lot 2. PROPERTY OWNER: Glenda Webb. PRESENTLY ZONED: Rural Residential, (RR)

There were no Council questions or comments on this rezoning case.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve the application of York Building Products Co., Inc. to rezone 1.753 acres located at 258 Principio Road, Port Deposit, MD from Rural Residential (RR) to Rural Residential (RR) and Mineral Extraction B (MEB), based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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:

Rezoning Case #2019-02 APPLICANT: York Building Products Co., Inc. REQUEST: Request to rezone 6.487 acres from Rural Residential, (RR) to Rural Residential, (RR) and Mineral Extraction B, (MEB). PROPERTY LOCATION: E/S Principio Road, Port Deposit, MD 21904, Election District: 7, Tax Map: 29, Parcel: 712. PROPERTY OWNER: Carolyn Diane Merriman. PRESENTLY ZONED: Rural Residential, (RR).

There were no Council questions or comments on this rezoning case.

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve the application of York Building Products Co., Inc. to rezone 6.487 acres located at E/S Principio Road, Port Deposit, MD from Rural Residential (RR) to Rural Residential (RR) and Mineral Extraction B (MEB), based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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 7:31 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager