

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-14
July 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 July 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 Pastor Robert McKnight from United Redeemer Church of Elkton 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 16, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council introduced Cliff Engle, Solid Waste Management Chief, and Tanya Adams, Recycling Program Manager, who presented the 2018 Recycling Awards. Recycling awards were presented in each category as follows: #1 Residential Recycling Hauler to Junkbeegone.com, #1 Large MRA Commercial Recycling Hauler to Waste Management, #1 Small Commercial Recycling Hauler to Waste Masters Solution, #1 MRA Metal Recycling to Elkton Recyclers, Inc., #1 Non-MRA Metal Recycler to Elkton Recyclers Inc., #1 Recycling Business to W.L. Gore & Associates, #1 Recycling Municipality to Town of Chesapeake City, #1 Recycling Apartment Building or Condominium to Victoria Park, #1 Recycling and Source Reduction to Cecil County Public Schools

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2019-08 Roads – Cecil County – Repeal of Public Law – Purchasing Manual

A Bill repealing Md. Code Ann., § 12-532 (Building and repairing roads in Cecil County), Local Government Article, a public local law, pertaining to building and repairing roads in Cecil County.

The Bill was introduced on June 18, 2019, advertised on July 3, 2019 and July 10, 2019, and schedule for public hearing on July 16, 2019. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for comments. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-08 and announced that final consideration of this Bill is scheduled on August 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of July 2, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell visited the 9-11 Memorial in New York with his family. He commented on his trip and stated that it was well worth the trip.

Councilman Miller announced that the Cecil County Fair will start this Friday, July 19. He congratulated the Recycling Award winner and praised Tanya Adams for her longtime dedication to the recycling program. He stated that a 4-H member originally started a recycling program in Cecil County. He attended the Firemen's Association and commented on the fire companies' appreciation for the new emergency radio system. He stated that the new system allowed Rising Sun fire personnel, law enforcement and emergency helicopter to communicate at a recent accident in Conowingo.

Councilman Coutz congratulated the Elkton Little League on winning the Major Baseball Championship and commented on the great opportunity for young children to be involved in sports. He also thanked the coaches and parents for their commitment to this activity. He reported on the Planning Commission meeting and stated that they tabled the application for the cell tower proposed in Chesapeake City. He reviewed other cases that were before the commission.

Vice President Gregory invited the public to attend a Chicken Barbecue that is scheduled on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Cecil County Fair. She attended the MACo Legislative Committee and stated that the meeting was a recap of legislation from the last General Assembly session. She reported legislative statistics and stated that MACo had a 94% success rate in lobbying for and against legislation. She specified that MACo was successful in passing the 911 emergency service bill and the solar farm bill.

Council President Meffley commented on Chesapeake City Little League's first game of the season against Elkton. He said that Chesapeake City ran out of pitchers and lost the game 2 to 1. He commended both teams for their efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

Bill No. 2019-09 General Obligation Bond Authorization

An Act authorizing and empowering Cecil County, Maryland, from time to time, to borrow not more than Forty Seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000) for the purpose of financing the costs of certain public facilities in Cecil County described herein, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in one or more series; empowering the County Executive to execute and deliver one or more executive orders prior to issuing the bonds in order to fix, prescribe and determine the details of the bonds and the issuance and sale thereof; empowering and directing the County to levy ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds from the provisions of Sections 19-205 and 19-206 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or successor provision; authorizing the County to issue and sell bond anticipation notes in one or more series pursuant to the authority of Sections 19-211 through 19-221 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or successor provision, prior to and in anticipation of the sale of the bonds; providing that the County may issue and sell all or any portion of the bonds as bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

There were no comments from the administration. Councilman Coutz clarified that funding from the bonds will be used for the capital budget projects of FY 2019 and FY 2020. Vice President Gregory asked how this funding compared with the previous year. Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, stated that the county goes to the bond market every two years and in 2016 the county sold approximately \$50M bonds.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on July 16, 2019. The public hearing for Bill No. 2019-09 will be advertised and scheduled for the Council legislative session of August 20, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

Resolution No. 43-2019 Appointment—Board of Appeals – Mark Saunders and Willard Whiteman

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Mark Saunders and Willard Whiteman to the Cecil County Board of Appeals, for a three year term to expire on August 6, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on August 6, 2019.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

Resolution No. 44-2019 Appointment – Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board - Norman Anderson, William Ewing, and Charles Robinson.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on July 16, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on August 6, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for 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 on this legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 40-2019.

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

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

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

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 41-2019.

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. 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 asked the Council Manager to read Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2019 into the record:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO RESOLUTION NO. 42-2019**

Title: Creation and Appointment – Compensation Review Commission

Synopsis: To appoint ten (10) members to the Commission.

Introduced by: Council Members

On page 3, Line 30, insert in its entirety:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the board members of the Compensation Review Commission are: Daniel DeMarinis, Rodney Heinze, George Coudin, Chad Johnston, Steven Pearson, Annmarie Hamilton, Robert Palsgrove, Robert Amato, Al Reasin and Kathy Kunda.

There were no comments from the administration on this legislation. Councilman Coutz asked about how the commission would handle a tie in voting. Council President Meffley suggested to let the commission members work out those details.

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

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 42-2019. 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.

A motion was made by Vice President Gregory to approve Resolution No. 42-2019 As Amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #64


Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve School Budget Amendment #64 in the amount of \$2,561,520 for June 2019. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory and approved by voice vote of 5 to 0. There was no opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 6, 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