

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 2, 2019**

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Maggie Tome, Unified Communications Specialist, John Downs, Council Attorney; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 A.M. –Council President Meffley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties only Audio of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of June 25, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Update

Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, stated that FY 2019 ended on June 30, 2019. She explained that the Council will not receive a quarterly financial report until November 2019. She wanted to explain the process that is performed by the Finance Department from July until November.

Compensation Review Commission

Council President Meffley led discussion on the Compensation Review Commission. He stated that the Council is required to establish a Compensation Review Commission every four years to review the Council's compensation and allowances. The last review was done in 2016. He stated that Resolution NO. 42-2019 will establish the Commission and that members will include citizens who have been nominated by Council Members.

He announced that the following citizens have been nominated: Daniel DeMarinis, Rodney Heinze, George Coudin, Chad Johnston, Steven Pearson, Annmarie Hamilton, Robert Paulsgrove, Robert Amato, Al Reasin and Kathy Kunda. The Council President asked if the Council wishes to select all ten nominees for members. The Council agreed by consensus to nominate all ten citizens for the Commission.

Council President Meffley asked if Council Members agree that the recommendations from the Commission should be presented to the Council by September 2, 2019. The Council agreed by consensus to this deadline.

Council questions and comments ensued. Council Manager Massey explained that Commission members will be polled to determine the optimal date and time of day for meetings.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 39-2019 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan – Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile Home Estates, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 40-2019 Appointment – Commission on Aging – John N. Kapral, will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided extensive comments on Resolution No. 41-2019: Supplemental Appropriation – Wastewater Fund – MDTA Services – Chesapeake House Screening Facility, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Council questions and comments ensued. Council President Meffley clarified that the sewer line is gravity fed, requiring no pump station and that the original county sewer line was abandoned. Councilman Coutz clarified that the agreement between MDTA, the Chesapeake House vendor, and the County had not been finalized before the FY 2020 budget request was submitted. Vice President Gregory clarified that there were no additional positions needed for this project. Council President Meffley clarified that any material collected by the screen would be small enough to be transported by county staff to a dumpster. Councilman Coutz clarified that this project will be budget neutral. Councilman Miller clarified that the county does not expect the volume of sewer to increase.

Resolution No. 42-2019 Creation and Appointment – Compensation Review Commission, will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. Council Manager Massey stated that there will be an amendment to this legislation to name the members of the Commission.

Resolution No. 36-2019 Appointment- Human Services Agency- Joshua M. Lewis and Dr. Mary Way Bolt, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on Resolution No. 37-2019 Supplemental Appropriation- Volunteer Fire Service- Vehicle Replacement Program, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

There were no comments from the administration on Resolution No. 38-2019 Supplemental Appropriation- Wastewater Enterprise Fund-Wastewater Treatment Plant Services-Chesapeake City. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under Old Business, there were no comments on Rezoning Case 2019-01 York Building Products Co., Inc., which is scheduled for consideration at tonight's session.

Under Old Business, there were no comments on Rezoning Case 2019-02 York Building Products Co., Inc., which is scheduled for consideration at tonight's session.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

Council Member Items

Councilman Patchell commented that he will save his comments for tonight.

Councilman Miller attended the MACo dinner and commented on the opportunity to meet MACo officials. He attended the Safetyville graduation and praised Marsha Adams for her program that graduated 55 students. He also commended the Sheriff's Office and Parks and Recreation Department for their support of this program.

Councilman Coutz attended the MACo dinner and commented on the valuable information and the importance of involvement in the state association. He wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July holiday.

Vice President Gregory stated that the North East Fire Company Family Carnival opens today through July 6th and invites everyone to attend.

Council President Meffley attended the MACo dinner and Safetyville graduation. He also attended the Cecil County Correctional Officers graduation and commented on seeing many of the same cadets from the previous year. He commented on the county's struggle to retain correctional officers. He attended Chesapeake City's Canal Race 5K and commented on the 120 participants who braved the weather to participate. He commented on witnessing the effects of an apparent tornado and the damage along MD310 highway.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory and approved by unanimous consent. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 9:39 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President



James Massey
Council Manager