

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 23, 2019

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.
Councilman Patchell was absent.

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: The video and audio recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

CLOSED SESSION

July 16, 2019

9:21 am

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

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

The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

Present: Council Members: President Meffley, Councilman Coutz, Councilman Miller, Councilman Patchell; Council Manager Massey, Council Assistant Hale, Council Attorney Downs.

Council President Meffley led discussion on the Council Attorney's schedule and responsibilities. He also discussed an assessment of the Council and suggestions.

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:01 am.

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

The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 16, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved by vote of 4-0, Councilman Patchell was absent.

On a motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of July 16, 2019. Motion was carried unanimously. Council Patchell was absent.

Watershed Implementation Plan Phase III

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, introduced Van Funk, Chief, Stormwater Management Division; and Marshall McSorley, Stormwater Management Division, Planner II. Mr. Funk explained the new Phase III of the WIP. He stated that the state will be finalizing the phase by August. He stated that there are four parts of Phase III, including a focus on wastewater treatment plant upgrades, the agriculture sector cost sharing and cover crops, atmospheric improvements as a result of the Clean Water Act, and municipal sewer systems. He stated that the state encourages local driven efforts that are achievable and balanced. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

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

Council Member Items

Councilman Miller commented that he was busy with preparations for the Cecil County Fair last week. He expressed his hope that the weather will improve. He reported that there were over 120 runners for the 5K Walk/Run for Breast Cancer that benefits Union Hospital Breast Health Center. He welcomed the public today to attend Ag Day.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He stated that a groundbreaking is being planned for the new Chesapeake City Elementary School. He commended the Board of Education for their good communications with the Council. He attended a breakfast for the new principals in the system.

Vice President Gregory thanked volunteers who helped at the chicken barbecue event held at the Cecil County Fair. She also welcome the foreign exchange students to Cecil County.

Council President Meffley attended the Sandy Hook Raceway and stated that there were two winners from Cecil County. He attended the Tawes Crab Feast and Cecil County Fair. He welcomed the foreign exchange students from Spain.

Global Friendship Foreign Exchange Students

Council President Meffley welcomed the foreign exchange students to the Council. Certificates of Recognition were given to fifteen students from Spain. After the work session, there was a reception in the lobby for the students before they were given a tour of the building.

Adjournment

Councilman Miller 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 9:47 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President


James Massey
Council Manager