

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-16
August 20, 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
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Absent: Jackie Gregory, Vice President

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 August 20, 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 Brian Marshall from Elkton Church of God, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of August 20, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Bill No. 2019-09 was introduced on July 16, 2019, advertised on August 7, 2019 and August 14, 2019; and scheduled for public hearing on August 20, 2019.

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

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comment.

John Dixon, representing the Cecil County Democrat Club, commented in support of this legislation.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2019-09 and announced that final consideration of this legislation will be scheduled on September 3, 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 August 6, 2019. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell stated that he gave his comments at the morning Council work session.

Councilman Miller commented on his tour of the Animal Services facility and stated that he learned about their operations and expenses. He attended the MACo summer conference and stated that he met many officials from other counties. He also was pleased to announce that he has a new grandchild, Bo Grove Miller, his seventh grandchild, who was born recently to Michael and Emily Miller.

Councilman Coutz congratulated Councilman Miller on his new grandchild. He stated that he was unable to attend the morning Council work session because of business training. He congratulated the organizers of a back to school jam at Hollingsworth Manor that was attended by over 200 children. He toured Cecil County businesses with Comptroller Peter Franchot who presented business awards to Purnells, the Teal Antler and the Elk Brewing Company. He attended the MACo summer conference and commented on programs that he attended on new approaches to the opioid crisis and potential financial slowdown.

Council President Meffley commented on the recent visit by Kelly Schutz, Maryland Secretary of Commerce, who praised Cecil County's efforts on behalf of enterprise zones and small business. He stated that Cecil County was being noticed statewide for its economic success. He stated that Cecil County was well represented at the MACo summer conference. He announced that the Upper Shore Regional Council will be providing \$25,000 in grant funds for the Cecil County Farm Museum.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 49-2019 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees – Jonathan Stauffer

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Jonathan Stauffer to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, to a five year term to expire September 3, 2024.

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

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 20, 2019. The legislation is scheduled for consideration on September 3, 2019.

CONSIDERATION 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.

The Resolution was introduced on July 2, 2019, the public hearing held on August 6, 2019, and final consideration was scheduled on August 20, 2019.

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

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 39-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-absent, Meffley-Y
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

Resolution No. 46-2019 Approval – Cecil County Green Infrastructure Plan - 2019

A Resolution to adopt the Cecil County Green Infrastructure Plan 2019, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and 40 CFR § 122.47, et seq.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 6, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on August 20, 2019.

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

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 46-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-absent, Meffley-Y
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

Resolution No. 48-2019 Appointment—Local Development Council

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Mike Travers, Bruce England, Steven Pearson, Robert DeWeese, Gary Benjamin, Robert Palsgrove, Larry Metz and Donald Harmer, Jr., and to reappoint Robert Amato and Sarah Colenda to the Cecil County Local Development Council for the video lottery for a four (4) year term, to expire on August 20, 2023.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on August 6, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on August 20, 2019.

There were no administration comments. Councilman Coutz commented that he greatly supports these appointees, he stated that he would like to see more diversification on these committees to give other citizens an opportunity to participate.

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 48-2019

Roll call vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-absent, Meffley-Y
Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #65

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #65 in the amount of 412,123 for June 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilman Miller, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, September 3, 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