

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 20, 2019**

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, Al Miller, and George Patchell; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; John Downs Council Attorney; members of the press; and members of the public.

Absent: Councilwoman Gregory and Councilman Coutz

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

August 6, 2019

10:34 A.M.

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to go into closed session, which was made by Councilman Miller, and seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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

The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Council President Meffley, Councilman Coutz, Councilman Miller and Councilman Patchell voted in favor of the motion. There was no opposition. Councilwoman Gregory was absent.

Council Manager Massey read into the record:

The Council is going into closed session as authorized by the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b)(13) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to comply with specific constitutional, statutory or judicial imposed requirements that prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

Mr. O'Connor and Ms. King presented the seventeen applications being submitted for consideration for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation for FY 2020.

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of August 6, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved by vote of 3-0, Councilwoman Gregory and Councilman Coutz were absent.

On a motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of August 6, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved by vote of 3-0, Councilwoman Gregory and Councilman Coutz were absent.

Amendment to Bill No. 2019-15 Bethel Church Road Bridge Project

Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, explained that the original budget for the Bethel Church Road Bridge Project was \$555,000. Bill No. 2019-15 was introduced to transfer an additional \$75,000 to the project. After the bids were open, the lowest responsive bid was \$760,000. For this reason, the administration was proposing an amendment to Bill No. 2019-15 to transfer an additional \$120,000 to the project, which would be an authorized total of \$867,000. He stated that the county has already spent \$237,000 for temporary repair and design costs and that \$630,000 was available for construction. Mr. Flanigan stated that \$825,000 was needed to meet the bid of \$760,000 plus 8.5% contingency.

Review of Legislative Agenda

A public hearing on Bill No. 2019-09 General Obligation Bond Authorization, is scheduled at tonight's session. Lisa Saxton, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Jason Allison, Council Attorney, provided introductory comments on Resolution No. 49-2019 Appointment- Board of Library Trustees – Jonathan Stauffer, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 39-2019 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan Conowingo Mobile Home Court and Maybelle Manor Mobile Home Estates, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 46-2019 Approval – Cecil County Green Infrastructure – 2019, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 48-2019 Appointment – Local Development Council – Mike Travers, Bruce England, Steven Pearson, Robert DeWeese, Gary Benjamin, Robert Palsgrove, Larry Metz, Donald Harmer, Jr., Robert Amato and Sarah Colenda, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under new business, Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #65 in the amount of \$412,123 for June 2019, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

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

Council Member Items

Councilman Patchell attended the Lower Ferry Festival at Lower Ferry Park in Perryville and commented on the large attendance. He plans to attend the Tap into the Tavern at Rodgers Tavern in Perryville on September 7, 2019. He attended the MACo summer conference and commented on issues and ideas gained.

Councilman Miller toured the Animal Services facility with Councilwoman Gregory with Dave Trolio, Community Services Director. He commented on seeing a large number of cats waiting for adoption. He attended the MACo summer conference and commented on the opportunity to talk with other county and state officials. He also commented on the programs that he attended. He proudly announced the birth of his grandson, Bo Grove Miller, on August 15, 2019, who is the sixth generation of Grove Miller.

Council President Meffley attended the MACo summer conference and commented on meeting other county officials. He stated that the Upper Shore Regional Council will be awarding a grant to the Cecil County Farm Museum. He commented on discussion to bring all nine Eastern Shore counties to the state in order to address the US301 traffic issue. He discussed options to use gates on Edgar Price Road, his concern for school bus crossing over US301, and the need to solicit support on the federal level.

Adjournment

Councilman Miller made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell and approved by unanimous consent. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 9:23 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President