

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 24, 2019**

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, Jackie Gregory, William Coutz, 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.

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.

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 September 17, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Proclamation – Jacob Owens

The Council presented a proclamation to Jacob Owens in recognition of his years with the Cecil Whig and his dedication to the Cecil County community.

Consolidated Transportation Plan

Council Manager Massey led discussion of the proposed Consolidated Transportation Plan and the relevant Cecil County projects as are proposed. Council Members asked questions about the start date and completion dates for the Telegraph Road roundabout, and the construction of sidewalks on MD 222 near the Perryville High School and on Whitehall Road near Holly Hall Elementary School. The CTP meeting with the Maryland Department of Transportation will be held on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 10am in the Elk Room.

Cecil County Census Counting Committee

Council Manager Massey led discussion of plans for the kickoff of the Cecil County Census Counting Committee, which will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 6pm in the Elk Room. Mr. Massey was asked about available grant funding to support the committee's activities.

Council Manager Report

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

Council Member Items

Councilman Patchell attended the ribbon cutting at the North East High School turf field and praised the project.

Councilman Miller praised the North East High School turf field and the cooperation between Cecil County Public Schools, Parks and Recreation Department, and Cecil County Government. He

attended the Cecil College Foundation breakfast and stated that it was well organized and well attended.

Councilman Coutz stated his appreciation for the North East High School turf fields. He will be attending the gala and live auction for Shop with a Cop. He stated that there were over 100 children and law enforcement officers who participated in this program last year. He will be attending the Performance on Main that celebrates a new business in downtown Elkton. He stated that the Economic Development Commission has cancelled their October meeting.

Vice President Gregory commended the large turnout at North East High School for the ribbon cutting of the turf field. She will be participating in Kuffs for Kids, a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. She attended the Elkton Fallfest and stated that it was the largest turnout ever. She attended the open house for the 20th anniversary of Child Advocacy Center. She praised IKEA for their donation of furniture and painting the Child Advocacy Center and animal shelter.

Council President Meffley attended the ribbon cutting for the North East High School turf field and commented on its superior performance. He stated that the Upper Shore Regional Council approved three-year contracts for the Director and Assistant. He stated that he is working on a grant from USRC to provide funding to School for Technology students to participate in state competitions. He thanked the audience for their comments. He stated that he is working to ensure that the Southfield proposal does not encroach on the residents of Maloney and Frenchtown Roads.

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 9:31 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

CLOSED SESSION

9:32 A.M.

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

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

The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0. There was no opposition.

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)(7) of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

On motion made by Councilman Patchell, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 10:12 a.m.

James Massey
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Council Manager

Approved:

Robert Meffley

Robert Meffley
Council President