

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
October 15, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Robert Meffley, Jackie Gregory, William Coutz, Al Miller, and George Patchell; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; 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](http://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 October 8, 2019, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Proclamation Presentation to Krista Gilmore**

The Council presented a proclamation in recognition of Krista Gilmore for her coordination of Cecil Cares Day 2019.

**Review of Legislative Agenda**

Resolution No. 56-2019 Appointment – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Shana Proctor, Stevens Remillard, Beth Remillard, Dianne Fox, Linda Willis and Randall Schwandt, will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no administrative comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 57-2019 Appointment – Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Jean-Marie Kelly, Cameron England, Carol Masden, Brittany Mullins, Suanne Blumberg, Frederick Martin and Placida Braswell, will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no administrative comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 58-2019 Appointment – Department of Social Services Board –Randy Bailey and Natalie Gentry, will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no administrative comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 59-2019 Appointment – Commission on Aging – Mary Klesius and Shawn Markey, will be introduced at tonight’s session. There were no administrative comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 60-2019 Amendment – Sustainability Community Area – Town of Perryville, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Councilman Patchell commented on the importance of the sidewalk to be constructed

on MD 222 so that children do not have to walk along the roadway. Councilman Miller clarified that the sustainable community area does not affect the municipal boundaries of the Town. Council President Meffley clarified that the timeline for this project is dependent on the State and the success in obtaining right-of-ways.

Resolution No. 61-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Volunteer Fire Service, will be introduced at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Budget Manager, provided introductory comments.

Resolution No. 62-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Sheriff's Office – School Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant, will be introduced at tonight' session. There were no introductory comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 50-2019 Enterprise Zone-Elkton, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Christopher Moyer, Economic Development Director, and Sandra Edwards, Economic Development Manager, provided comments on the legislation and Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 50-2019. Mr. Moyer summarized Maryland's enterprise zone program and explained the benefits to the County. Council President Meffley clarified that the enterprise zone parcels are restricted by zoning code and local standards. Councilman Coutz expressed his concern about Cecil County providing incentives that may not have been needed to locate businesses there. Councilman Patchell commented that it was not the role of government to select which businesses are chosen to locate in the enterprise zone.

Vice President Gregory made a motion that the Council should vote on each individual properties being proposed as enterprise zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coutz. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 1. Vice President Gregory opposed.

Resolution No. 55-2019 Bainbridge Development Corporation-Carl Roberts, Raymond Hamm, Jim Reynolds and Joseph Brant, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no administration comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #67, in the amount of \$1,461,155 for expenses of September 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 the upcoming meetings and events.

#### **Council Member Items**

Councilman Patchell attended the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting and commented on the good communications with the Maryland Department of Transportation and their divisions. He recognized the Hogan administration for efforts to reach out to the counties.

Councilman Miller attended the legislative request meeting with the delegation. He attended the opening of the Orchid Day Spa in Perryville. He reported that half of the new sod at Fair Hill has been installed and that the field looks beautiful.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He stated that the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting and legislative request meeting with the delegation were very productive. He commented that the county shared their concerns with state officials and that state officials provided an update on their plans. He discussed the upcoming Fair Hill International and the various events planned.

Vice President Gregory attended the Manufacture Appreciation Luncheon and commented on the new state apprenticeship program presentation by Kelly Schulz, Secretary of Commerce. She attended the Singerly Fire Company crab fest.

Council President Meffley thanked the administration for their efforts for the expansion of the enterprise zone. He said that he will hold off on his other comments until tonight's session.


**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 9:53 a.m.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9am in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

Approved:

  
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Robert Meffley  
Council President