

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2019-23
December 3, 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
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member

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 December 3, 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 Tim Beardsley from Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 3, 2019. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

FILE: 2019-03; APPLICANT: Wood Family Properties, LLC.; REQUEST: Request to rezone 1.9 acres from High Density Residential, (RM) to Business General, (BG); PROPERTY LOCATION: 5233 Pulaski Hwy, Perryville, MD 21903. Election District: 7, Tax Map: 800, Parcel: 682; PROPERTY OWNER: Wood Family Properties, LLC, Ron Wood- Managing Member; PRESENTLY ZONED High Density Residential, (RM)

Notice of the public hearing was published on November 20, 2019 and November 27, 2019.

Witnesses presenting testimony were sworn in by the Council Manager.

Jay Emrey, representing the applicant, presented the request for rezoning, based on a mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning of May 1, 2011. He introduced Ron Wood, as a witness.

Mr. Emrey provided copies of Exhibit A, a black and white aerial photo of the property with identification of the various existing properties and property lines. He also provided copies of Exhibit B, the real property data search for the parcel from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, stated that the Planning and Zoning staff and Planning Commission recommended approval, based on a demonstrated mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning. Bryan Lightner, Zoning Administrator, presented the staff report of findings of facts, which recommended approval based on a demonstrated mistake in the Comprehensive Rezoning.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Emrey presented closing comments about the rezoning request of the property.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing and announced that the rezoning case will be considered at the next legislative session on December 17, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 64-2019 Surplus Property – Booth Street Maintenance Building – Town of Elkton
A Resolution declaring the Booth Street maintenance building, designated as Parcel Number 1841 on Ta: Map 0311 and underlying real property to be surplus, and authorizing the conveyance of the Booth Street maintenance building and underlying real property to the Town of Elkton.

The Resolution was introduced on November 5, 2019, advertised on November 20, 2019 and November 27, 2019; and scheduled for public hearing on December 3, 2019.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing on the legislation. There were no public comments.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing and announced that final consideration of this legislation will be held on December 17, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of November 19, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Councilman Miller commented that it was a busy week and encouraged the public to support the 4H auction on Saturday at Fair Hill.

Councilman Coutz commented that it was a busy week, but he hoped to attend all the events and meetings.

Vice President Gregory invited the public to attend the North East Christmas parade on Saturday.

Council President Meffley had no comments.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 70-2019 Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board – Joshua Huegel

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Joshua Huegel to the Electrical Examiners Board for a three year term to expire on November 19, 2022.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 3, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 17, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 71-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Domestic Violence Department – Sex Trafficking

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide \$93,812 to the Community Services Fund – Domestic Violence Department to record the grant award from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) for the purpose of funding the Cecil County Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Project.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 3, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 17, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 72-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Roads Department – Central Yard LED Lighting

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide a total of \$52,920 to the Special Revenue Other

Grants Fund-Roads Administration Department to record the incentive awarded from Delmarva Power for the purpose of retrofitting the buildings at the Roads Central Yard with LED lighting.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 3, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 17, 2019.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 73-2019 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Roads Maintenance Department – Road Damage

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 in order to provide a total of \$1,228,018.30 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund - Roads Maintenance Department to record the payment from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDot) for the purpose of making repairs on Wilson Street, Sassafra Road and Edgar Price Road due to the opening of the new US 301.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 3, 2019, and scheduled for consideration on December 17, 2019.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 66-2019 Appointments—Commission on Aging

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointments of Wilma L. Fitzner, Carol King, Julie Graham, Jamie McCloskey and Mark Hill to the Cecil County Commission on Aging.

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

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 66-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 67-2019 Appointment—Human Services Agency – John W. Donohue

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of John W. Donohue, to the Human Services Agency to a two-year term, to expire on December 3, 2021.

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

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 67-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 68-2019 Appointment—Building Board of Appeals

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Douglas Day, David Strouss, and Christopher Pearce by the County Executive to the Cecil County Building Board of Appeals to a five-year term, which will expire on December 3, 2024.

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

On motion by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 68-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 69-2019 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees – Joanne Morton

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Joanne Morton to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees to a four-year term, which will expire on December 3, 2023.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 69-2019.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager