

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2020-04
February 18, 2020**

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: Due to technical difficulties the video and audio recording with transcription is not available for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of February 18, 2020 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Lori Brown at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church, who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 18, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

The Council presented a proclamation to the 2020 Providence Christian Academy Mock Trial Team to recognize their achievements. Certificates were presented to Jackson Cole, Brooke Buckalew, Elle Adkins, Donovan Moore, Felix Cebula, Brittney Willard and Drew Gregory.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:
Rezoning Case 2019-05; APPLICANT: 109-111 Providence Road LLC; REQUEST: Request to rezone 7.29 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR); PROPERTY LOCATION: 109-111 Providence Road, Elkton, MD 21921, Election District: 4, Tax Map: 13, Parcel: 349; PROPERTY OWNER: 109-111 Providence Road LLC; PRESENTLY ZONED: Rural Residential (RR).

Notice of the public hearing was published on February 5, 2020 and February 12, 2020.

Witnesses presenting testimony were sworn in by the Council Manager.

David Fennimore, representing the applicant, presented the request for rezoning, based on a mistake in the 2011 Comprehensive Rezoning. He explained that this property was formerly owned by Spectron, which operated a hazardous waste recycling facility, which had been a Superfund site. He stated that the proposed use would be for solar energy generation.

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.

Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Coutz clarified that neighboring wells are being monitored.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments.

Paul Grube, 46 Morningside Lane, Elkton, commented in opposition to the rezoning case; and stated that his well has never been monitored.

Mr. Fennimore provided concluding remarks and offered to test and monitor Mr. Grube's well.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing and announced that the rezoning case will be considered at the next legislative session on March 3, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of February 4, 2020. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell announced that a public input meeting on Brantwood Park will be held on March 3 in the Elk Room at 6:30 pm.

Councilman Miller attended Voice of Hope Recovery Gratitude Banquet and congratulated Jennifer Tuerke and the volunteers for their exceptional work with recovering addicts. He went to West Nottingham Academy to discuss the program at Rising Sun High School that takes food waste to a bio-digester for the Kilby Farm, which saves money.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He congratulated Providence Christian Academy Mock Trial Team for their achievement and its positive impact on the community.

Vice President Gregory congratulate Tom Berry, coach of the Providence Christian Academy Mock Trial Team for his leadership and dedication to the students. She stated that she testified in opposition to the

Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation in Annapolis on behalf of rural counties that cannot afford the financial requirements of the legislation.

Council President Meffley attended A Taste of the Eastern Shore in Annapolis and spoke to members of the delegation about the Kirwan Commission recommendations, and Choptank Cooperative broadband legislation. He stated that James Massey, Council Manager, gave a good presentation to the Elkton Rotary about the 2020 Census.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 09-2020 Appointment - Historic District Commission – Michael Dixon and Patricia Folk
A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Michael Dixon and Patricia Folk to the Historic District Commission, to a three-year term to expire March 3, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on February 18, 2020. Consideration for approval of this Resolution will be scheduled on March 3, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 10-2020 Appointment - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – April Foster
A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of April Foster to the Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to a three-year term, to expire on March 3, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on February 18, 2020. Consideration for approval of this Resolution will be scheduled on March 3, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 11-2020 Appointment - Cecil County Ethics Commission – Janice K. Colvin
A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Janice K. Colvin to the Cecil County Ethics Commission, for a four-year term to expire March 3, 2024.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on February 18, 2020. Consideration for approval of this Resolution will be scheduled on March 3, 2020.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 08-2020 Appointment—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Ian Wingfield.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Ian Wingfield to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three-year term to expire on February 18, 2023.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 4, 2020 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2020.

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

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #71

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #71 in the amount of \$408,887 for transactions in January 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coutz. The motion was approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 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