

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2020-05
March 3, 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: 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 March 3, 2020 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Rev. Karen Bunnell from Elkton 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 March 3, 2020. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 07-2020: Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan – Town of North East and Artesian Water

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 3 Water Systems, Section 3.2.6 North East; Section 3.2.9 Artesian Water Maryland, Inc.; Section 3.2.10.3 Elkton West/Meadowview Water System; Section 3.2.10.6 Route 7 Water System; Appendix D. Water System Maps; Appendix F. Agreements Incorporated by Reference; and Appendix G. Town of North East and Artesian Water Maryland, Inc. Non Exclusive Water Service Areas; in order to reflect the January 2019 agreement, which supersedes a June 2018 agreement, with the establishment of an additional interconnection between the Town and Artesian on the east side of the Town in order to enable Artesian to purchase up to 200,000 gallons per day from the Route 40 east interconnection.

The Resolution was introduced on February 4, 2020, advertised on February 19, 2020 and February 26, 2020, and scheduled for public hearing on March 3, 2020.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for comments:

Joe DiNunzio, President, Artesian Water, commented in support of the legislation.

Council President Meffley concluded the public hearing and announced that final consideration of this legislation will be held on March 17, 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 18, 2020. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anna Maria Buehler, Elkton, commented on complaints about the management of Indian Acres.

Lowell Sutton, Earleville, commented on complaints about the management of Indian Acres.

Jennifer Tuerke, representing Voices of Hope, commented on Voices of Hope operating the crisis center; and their work on drug treatment and recovery.

Tanya Emkey, Aberdeen, commented on complaints about the management of Indian Acres.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell thanked the audience for attending.

Councilman Miller stated that he missed the Council work session in order to go to Washington and attend an address by President Trump and Colin Powell, former Secretary of State. He stated that President Trump pledged that the federal government needs to address mental health problems that are currently being served by the states and counties.

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He attended the Ice Splash, fundraiser for Special Olympics, which raised over \$70,000 in donations. He commended the community for their support of Special Olympics.

Vice President Gregory attended the Bog Turtle Brewery opening that was also attended by Lt. Governor Rutherford. She also attended Congressman Harris update on happenings in Washington and the Ice Splash.

Council President Meffley met with the Cecil County Farm Museum to discuss the water line needed for a bath house for the new education center. He thanked the public for their comments and attendance. He plans to attend the volunteer fire company award banquets in Rising Sun and Cecilton. He also encouraged the public to attend the bluegrass concert to be held on April 4 at Cecil College, which is sponsored by the Elkton Rotary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2020-01 Approval – Agricultural Preservation District – McKeown Family LLC

A Bill to approve the petition of Robert McKeown Jr., and Deborah McKeown property located Knollwood Farm, Eastside of Locust Point Road, Elkton, MD 21921 (Acres: 220, Election District: 2, Tax Map: 38, Grid: 8, Parcels: 511 & 532), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on March 3, 2020. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on April 7, 2020.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 12-2020 Appointment – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council – James W. Ziccardi

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of James W. Ziccardi to the Cecil County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to a three-year term, to expire on March 17, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 3, 2020 and scheduled for consideration of approval on March 17, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 13-2020 Appointment – Weed Control Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Monty D. Johnson, II, Jim Calao, William Ewing, C. Michael Scheeler, Dan Webber, Lane Heimer, Ronald Penhollow, and to appoint Mark T. Martin to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Board for a one (1) year term, to expire March 15, 2021.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 3, 2020, and scheduled for consideration of approval on March 17, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 14-2020 Master Water and Sewer Plan – Tables – Town of Perryville

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Tables, in order to revise Table 13. Immediate, 5 and 10 year priorities for sewerage development, and Table 15A. Sewer Pump Stations and Force Mains, in the Town of Perryville, in order to reflect upgrades to their wastewater collection system.

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

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on March 3, 2020. The public hearing for this legislation will be advertised and scheduled on April 7, 2020.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 15-2020 Appointment – Board of Parks and Recreation – Brian Morgan

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Brian Morgan to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term to expire March 17, 2023.

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

Introduced, read first time and posted on March 3, 2020, and scheduled for consideration of approval on March 17, 2020.

CONSIDERATION 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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 18, 2020 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2020.

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

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 09-2020.

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. 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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 18, 2020 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2020.

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

On motion by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2020.

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. 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.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 18, 2020 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2020.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to table consideration of Resolution No. 11-2020, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

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).

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve the application of 109-111 Providence Road LLC to rezone 7.29 acres located at 109-111 Providence Road, Elkton, MD from Rural Residential (RR) to Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR) based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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

ADJOURNMENT

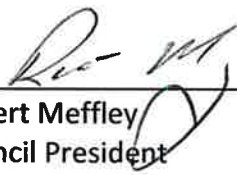
On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager


Robert Meffley
Council President