

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 16, 2020**

The County Council of Cecil County met in work session in an online virtual meeting because of the current health crisis and based on the Governor's orders to avoid public meetings. Council Members and presenters participated in this meeting; the public observed the meeting by connecting online at www.ccgov.org/council and selecting "livestream".

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 June 16, 2020 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Council Members

Council President Meffley asked for a roll call of attending Council Members. The Council Manager called the roll and recorded the following Council Members in attendance:

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

Council President Meffley announced that there were five Council Members present, which constitute a quorum.

Suspension of Rules

Councilman Coutz made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Council Members who are connected to participate and vote in this work session, because of the current health crisis and orders by the Governor to avoid public meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of June 9, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Charter Amendment

Council President Meffley began discussion of a possible Charter Amendment to revise the qualifications for Council Members. He explained that if the Council wished to change the qualifications, the Council is required to approve a Resolution, which is submitted to the State Board of Elections in order to put the question on the ballot of the General Election.

Council Manager Massey presented the current qualifications for Council Members in the Charter of Cecil County and two options. Council Members questions and comments ensued. After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to request more time to consider the options. Council President Meffley agreed to provide more information on this proposal at the next work session. No Resolution regarding the Charter Amendment will be introduced at tonight's session.

Review of Legislative Agenda

The Council proceeded with the review of the legislative agenda.

Resolution No. 35-2020 Amendment – Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025, will be introduced at tonight's session. Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided introductory comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 36-2020 was withdrawn before introduction.

Resolution No. 23-2020 Appointment – Board of Appeals – Michael Saunders, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Mr. Wein provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 24-2020 Appointment – Ethics Commission – Janice K. Colvin, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 25-2020 Appointment – Board of License Commissioners- Stephen A. Miller, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 26-2020 Supplemental Appropriation-Fund Balance-Housing Fund-Housing Counselor will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 27-2020 Supplemental Appropriation- Grant Funds- Parks and Recreation- County Parks Cleanup, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 28-2020 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Health Department-Coronavirus Pandemic, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 29-2020 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Economic Development-Business Pandemic Relief, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 30-2020 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Housing Fund-Coronavirus Pandemic, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 31-2020 Approval-Compactor-Multiple Year Contract, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 32-2020 Approval-Grant Application-Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Funding, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 34-2020 Loan Endorsement-Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund-Smithfield Distribution, LLC, will be considered for approval at tonight' session. Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey presented the Bainbridge Update as submitted by Dr. Carl Roberts, Chair, Bainbridge Development Corporation.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz stated that he will save his comments for tonight's session.

Councilman Miller stated that he will save his comments for tonight's session.

Councilman Patchell stated that he will save his comments for tonight's session.

Vice President Gregory attended the Drug Court Graduation and commented on the positive impact on the lives of graduates and families.

President Meffley stated that he agreed with Vice President Gregory that Drug Court has made a significant impact on those in the program.

Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn the open session in order to go into closed session. Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory and approved by a vote of 5 to 0. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 5:31 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 4:30pm, which is planned as a virtual meeting because of the current health crisis. The session will be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone.

5:31 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, § 3-305 (b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

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

The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

The closed session was concluded at 6:04 P.M.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President