

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 21, 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
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member

Absent: George Patchell, 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 July 21, 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-Absent, Gregory-Present, Meffley-Present.

Council President Meffley announced that there were four 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-absent, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

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 July 7, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

2020 General Election Update

Ruie Lavoie, Election Director, provided an update to the Council regarding plans for the 2020 General Election. Governor Hogan has authorized that all polling places will be open on Election Day, Early Voting will be held from October 22 to 29, 2020 in limited vote centers; and every voter will be sent an application for a ballot to be mailed. Ms. Lavoie reviewed the added cost and need for additional election judges. She also stated that the State Board of Elections had advocated for an all-mail ballot election. Council questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

The public hearing for Resolution No. 35-2020: Amendment- Solid Waste Management Plan – 2016-2025, is scheduled at tonight's session. Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 43-2020: Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2021, will be introduced at tonight's session. Devyn King, Planner, Planning and Zoning Division of Land Use and Development Services, provided introductory remarks. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 44-2020: Loan Application – Maryland Neighborhood BusinessWorks program – Clene Nanomedicine, will be introduced at tonight's session. Chris Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided introductory remarks. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 45-2020: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Board of Education – Small Capital Projects, will be introduced at tonight's session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 33-2020: Amendment – Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 33-2020 will be considered for approval. Sally Kilby, Human Resources Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 37-2020: Appointment – Planning Commission – A. Chad Johnston and Peter Kirsh, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 38-2020: Appointment – Board of Appeals – Brad Carrillo, Jr. and Michael Linkous, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 39-2020: Approval – Water and Sewer – Sewer Use – Connection Charge-Extension, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Coutz provided comments on Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 39-2020, which he will be sponsoring. Council Members questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 40-2020: Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Award – Broadband Expansion, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 41-2020: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Broadband Expansion – Fair Hill Area, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 42-2020: Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Doctor Jack Road Bridge, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Scott Flanigan, Public Works Director, provided additional comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2020-06: Amendment – Forest Conservation Regulations, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. Eric Sennstrom, Land Use and Development Services, provided additional comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Bill No. 2020-07: Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Roads and Bridges –Central Yard Fuel and Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2020-08: Amendment – Capital Improvement Program FY 2021-2025, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #76 will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported the county’s curbside service for the public to pay their property taxes and other fees. He asked Council to approve a letter of support for a grant application for the Maryland Rural Development Corporation. Council Members agreed to support the grant application.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Miller, to save their Council comments for the legislative session. The Council approved the motion by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

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 Councilman Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Absent, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.
Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:
Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Section 3-305(b)(13) to comply with specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirements that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 5:21 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 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.

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



James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President