

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 6, 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
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 October 6, 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 approved unanimously.

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 September 15, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

2021 Council Legislative Agenda

Council Manager Massey provided a draft 2021 calendar for the Council to review, which includes dates of work sessions, legislative sessions and budget hearings. The Council will consider approval at the next session.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley stated that Rezoning Cases #2020-05 A through H #2020-05 , York Building Products, has been postponed until further notice, at the applicant's request.

A public hearing will be held for Rezoning Case #2020-06 Samuel Stanley at tonight's session. Eric Sennstrom, Director of Land Use and Development Services, provided comments. In addition, Bryan Lightner, Planner, stated that the staff and Planning Commission had recommended approval of this case, based on a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2020-11 Agricultural Preservation District – Darrell and Eva Byerly- Byerly Farm at tonight's session. Devyn King, Planner, provided comments. She stated that the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission recommended approval of this designation. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2020-12 Opioid Litigation Settlement Trust Fund, at tonight's session. There were no administrative comments. Amendment No. 01 to Bill No. 2020-12 was proposed by Council President Meffley, Councilman Coutz and Councilman Patchell, which would require Council approval by legislation of any changes in the trust agreement. There were no administration comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2020-13 Bond Authorization – Refunding Bonds – By Executive Order, at tonight's session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley stated that Resolution Nos. 53 through 58-2020 are housekeeping changes to the Council Policies and Procedures. He recognized former President Joyce Bowlsbey for her assistance with these changes.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 53-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Legal Opinions, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 54-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Legislative Days, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 55-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Council Work Session and Workshop Meetings, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 56-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Agenda Format, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 57-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Final Reading of Bills, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 58-2020 Amendment- Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council- Format Legislative Session Agenda, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held for Resolution No. 59-2020 Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway – Zoning Regulations, which will be held at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 62-2020 Supplemental Appropriation – Casino Local Impact Fund– Various Grants, will be introduced at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 63-2020 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Pretrial Release Program, will be introduced at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, provided comments. Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff, provided additional comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 64-2020 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Board of Elections, will be introduced at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, provided comments. Ruie Lavoie, Election Director, provided additional comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 47-2020 Approval-Application-Enterprise Zone Expansion, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Sandra Edwards, Acting Director, Economic Development, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued.

Resolution No. 61-2020 Appointment- Board of Parks and Recreation- Megan K. Coleman, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no administration comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2020-10 Supplemental Appropriation and Budget Transfer-Roads and Bridges Capital Projects-Mechanics Valley Road over CSX Bridge Project, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no administration comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under Old Business, Rezoning #2020-04 929 West Pulaski Hwy LLC, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey gave a brief update for Cecil Cares Day and summarized the COVID-19 Report from the Health Department.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz, Vice President Gregory and Council President Meffley will save their comments until the legislative session.

Councilman Miller stated that the 2020 Census deadline has been extended until October 31, 2020. He was asked to participate in the Singerly Fire Company raffle to draw the winning ticket for the gun raffle. He participated in Sheriff Adams' golf tournament. He stated that Governor Hogan had declared October as Maryland Horse Month. He also announced that this week was National 4-H Week. He commented on the Health Department COVID report. He volunteered at Calvert Regional Park during Cecil Cares Day.

Councilman Patchell commented on another serious accident at the intersection of Jackson Station Road and Route 40. He stated that the State Highway Administration had promised to work on this issue last year.

Adjournment

Council President Meffley asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Coutz made a motion for adjournment, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Motion was approved unanimously. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 5:16 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30pm, 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President