

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 20, 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 20, 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 October 13, 2020, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley asked Council Members what their preference would be for voting on the six resolutions that are amendments to the Council's Policies and Procedures. After discussion, the Council agreed that all the Resolutions should be read into the record first, and then approved by separate motions.

Resolution No. 53-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Legal Opinions, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution and proposed Amendment No. 1. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 54-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Legislative Days, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 55-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Council Work Session and Workshop Meetings, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution and proposed Amendment No. 1. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 56-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Agenda Format, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution and proposed Amendment No. 1. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 57-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Final Reading of Bills, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 58-2020 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council-Format Legislative Session Agenda, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 59-2020 Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway- Zoning Regulations, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey summarized the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 62-2020 Supplemental Appropriation- Casino Local Impact Fund- Various Grants, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, commented on the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 63-2020 Supplemental Appropriation- Fund Balance- Pretrial Release Program, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, commented on the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 64-2020 Supplemental Appropriation- Grant Funds- Board of Elections, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. Rebecca Anderson, Finance Deputy Director, commented on the resolution. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2020-11 Agricultural Preservation District-Darrell and Eva Byerly- Byerly Farm, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Devyn King, Planner, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2020-12 Establishment- Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no administrative comments. Council President Meffley commented on Amendment No. 01 to this legislation. Council President Meffley asked John Downs, Council Attorney, to summarize the legislation and the impact of Amendment No. 01. Councilman Miller objected to the amendment stating that it takes out of the agreement that a 2/3 vote of the trustees is necessary to amend the agreement. He also expressed his concern that overdoses and opioid usage is a major issue in Cecil County. Council discussion ensued. Council comments ensued.

Bill No. 2020-13 Authorization-Refunding Bonds- By Executive Order, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no administrative comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under Old Business, Rezoning Case #2020-06 Samuel Stanley, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #79, in the amount of \$187,318 for September 2020, will be considered for approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey updated the Council on the final Census statistics, public library openings, Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting, and early voting.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz stated that he agreed with Councilman Miller that Cecil County has recorded 71 overdose fatalities this year.

Councilman Miller commented on an excellent program that he attended on the history of racism, which had been sponsored by the Local Management Board.

Vice President Gregory, Councilman Patchell and President Meffley will save their comments for tonight's session.

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 5:07 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President