

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2021-15
August 3, 2021**

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
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of August 3, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Council President Meffley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Adam Haines, Chaplain of Rising Sun Fire Company, 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 August 3, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of July 20, 2021. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Reasin Conowingo, commented on the ineffectiveness of wearing masks for COVID protection.

June Reasin, Conowingo, expressed her concern about illegal immigration coming to Cecil County.

Ray Nickson, Earleville, asked the County to help Indian Acres families with access issues by the management company.

Nicole Collins, Elkton, commented in opposition of schools requiring students to wear masks.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on participating in the Cecil County Fair and the use of Calvert Park turf field fees.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending and their feedback on issues. He attended the MACo dinner with Executive Director Michael Sanderson, and Wilbur Levengood, President. He participated in the North East Touchdown Club golf tournament to raise funds to support North East High School football program. He attended the Sheriff's intel meeting and reported on their weekly reports. He stated that there have been 13 overdoses and one fatality for the previous week.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending and their comments. She congratulated Cecil County Fair organizers for their 85,000 attendance and good weather. She participated in the chicken barbecue. She congratulated Georgia Mercer, Rising Sun High School student, who won the Congressional Art Competition for the first district. She expressed her concern for requiring students to wear masks at school.

Councilman Patchell stated that he is back from vacation and attended the Cecil County Fair. He praised volunteers and organizers of the fair for the large attendance, and he complemented the chicken barbecue volunteers great food.

Councilman Miller stated that the Cecil County Fair was blessed with great weather. He stated that the fair promotes agriculture and the 4H clubs. He stated that the 4-H live auction was very successful in raising funds. He thanked the Fair board for all their work and their attention to public safety. He also thanked Cecil County Government, Health Department, Elkton Rotary, and fire companies. He expressed his appreciation that Governor Hogan and Joe Bartenfelder, Maryland Agriculture Secretary, for attending the fair.

Council President Meffley thanked the Indian Acres speakers for coming and stated that the Council will continue to work to resolve the issues with the management company. He commented that the Cecil County Fair was fantastic. He participated in the chicken barbecue and ice cream booths. He recently attended the Maryland Rural Development Corporation training as a board officer. He stated that he has been working with the administration to resolve several issues.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 44-2021 Appointment—Commission on Aging- Carol King and Julianne Graham
A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Carol King and Julianne Graham made by the County Executive to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, to a three- year term to expire on June 20, 2024.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. Councilman Coutz clarified that there is one vacancy on this board.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 45-2021 Appointment—Planning Commission- Patrick Ulrich, Christopher Bannon, II, and James Perry

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Patrick Ulrich and Christopher Bannon, II, as members, and James Perry, as alternate member, to the Cecil County Planning Commission; to a three- year term, which is to expire on August 15,2024.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 46-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Cecil College Small Capital Projects

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide the Cecil College Small Cap Budget within the General Fund, expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$52,335 to be expended for FY2021 Small Capital Projects, which were not completed by June 30, 2021.

James Appel, Finance Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 47-2021 Approval – Annexation – Town of Elkton – Belle Hill Road et al – Zoning Designation

A Resolution to approve the request from the Town of Elkton that the zoning of the property, located on Belle Hill Road, Swallow Drive, and Elkton Road; also known as the Preston and Laetitia Ayars Property, which is being annexed into the Town, be changed from High Density Residential (RM) to the Town’s Highway Interchange Commercial (C-3) zone.

Steve O’Connor, Director of Administration provided comments. He stated that this is the same legislation requested previously, with the exception that the Town of Elkton states that they have a verbal agreement from the State Highway Administration for a break in access on MD 279. He also stated that if the Council approves the requested change in zoning, this is not conditional and any use permissible in the Town’s Highway Interchange Commercial (C-3) zone could occur. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, stated that SHA has not given any permissions for a break in access on MD 279 previously, and the administration suggested that SHA should be asked to provide documentation for this break in access.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be advertised and scheduled for public hearing on September 7, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 48-2021 Agreements – Mutual Aid Law Enforcement – Eastern Shore Counties.

A Resolution to approve the execution of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreements between Cecil County, Maryland and the county governments and county sheriffs of Wicomico County, Worcester County, Somerset County, Dorchester County, Talbot County, Caroline County, Queen Anne's County, and Kent County.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 49-2021 Approval – Agreement – Corrections Association

A Resolution to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Cecil County and the Sheriff of Cecil County and the Cecil County Corrections Association, Local 84 of the International Union of Police Association to be effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on August 3, 2021. The Resolution will be scheduled for consideration on August 17, 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 42-2021 Appointment - Council Attorney – MacLeod Law Group and Victor R. Jackson, LLC

A Resolution to appoint Charles MacLeod and MacLeod Law Group LLC, and Victor R. Jackson, LLC as council attorneys for general legal opinions and advisor, beginning July 1, 2021.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on July 20, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on August 3, 2021.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 42-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

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. 43-2021 Appointment - Historic District Commission – Nancy Simpers

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Nancy Simpers made by the County Executive to the Historic District Commission, to a three-year term to expire August 3, 2024.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on July 20, 2021 and scheduled for consideration on August 3, 2021.

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

Councilman Coutz moved to approve Resolution No. 43-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

ADJOURNMENT

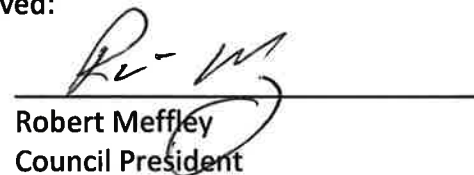
On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The public may attend and participate. The legislative session will continue to be livestreamed in real time at the county's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President