

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 5, 2021**

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

5:00 P.M.

NOTE: The recording and transcription of this meeting are available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Jackie Gregory, George Patchell, and Al Miller. James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration, and members of the public.

Call to Order

Council President Meffley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and announced that there were five Council Members present, which constitute a quorum.

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 28, 2021, as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley led a review of legislation for tonight's agenda.

A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2021-13 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Solar Related – Definitions, Use and Generating Facilities. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, stated that the administration will wait until after the public hearing to work with Council Manager on proposed amendments. Council questions and comments ensued. There was discussion on the impact of Amendment No. 12, which proposes to exempt solar community based facility projects that have been approved by the Board of Appeals from these proposed regulations.

Resolution No. 54-2021 Approval – Agreement – Cecil County Fraternal Order of Police, will be considered at tonight's session. There were no administration comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2021-12 Residential Noise Ordinance will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. Council Manager Massey provided comments and reviewed Amendments Nos. 1-3. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, stated that this legislation will not apply to noise generated by a business that can be heard in a residential zone. Vice President Gregory stated that Sheriff Adams approves of the legislation because it gives law enforcement a non-criminal tool option instead of a possible disorderly conduct citation.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey updated the Council on the Redistricting Commission's first meeting. He also announced that Cecilton Senior Village project received a national special achievement award from the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

Council Member Items

Council Members agreed to hold their comments until tonight's legislative session.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz moved to adjourn the work session, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the work session at 5:48 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The session will also be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. Members of the public who do not have broadband access should contact the Council Office for instructions to be connected via telephone.

Approved:


James Massey
Council Manager


Robert Meffley, Council President