

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 21, 2021**

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Council Members: Robert Meffley, William Coutz, Al Miller, Donna Culberson and Jackie Gregory; 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 4:30 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 December 14, 2021, as presented. The motion approved unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Meffley led a review of the legislative agenda.

Bill No. 2021-16 Amendment – Zoning Ordinance – Animal Husbandry – Backyard Chickens, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Vice President Gregory, the Bill’s sponsor, provided comments. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, suggested that a fiscal note should be prepared by the Finance Department.

Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Miller suggested that the legislation should clarify the setback standard and whether eggs can be sold; and asked about licensing. Council President Meffley suggested that the minimum lot size should be one-half acre; and also asked about what department would be responsible for inspecting for complaints. Councilman Coutz clarified that the Planning and Zoning Division could oversee the licensing and inspections. Councilwoman Culberson stated that many of the new developments have reduced lot sizes to one-quarter acre.

Vice President Gregory stated that she will consider an amendment to prohibit the sale of eggs. She will also consider an amendment to clarify when there is no active homeowners association.

Resolution No. 60-2021 Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board – Richard LeBrun and Donald Hicks, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments. Councilwoman Culberson clarified that members of the board are rotated.

Resolution No. 61-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development – Upper Shore Regional Council – Agriculture Microgrant Program, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Sandra Edwards, Economic Development Acting Director, provided comments.

Resolution No. 62-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Economic Development – MARBIDCO – Agriculture Microgrant Program, will be introduced at tonight’s session. Sandra Edwards, Economic Development Acting Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 59-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Tourism – Winter Lights Cecil Nights, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no comments from the administration. Councilwoman Culberson clarified that each Cecil County municipality will be participating and receive funding.

Bill No. 2021-15 Supplemental Appropriation – Fund Balance – Roads and Bridges Capital Projects – Belvidere Road, will be considered for final approval at tonight’s session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided comments

Under New Business, Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment # 93, in the amount of \$496,531 for November 2021 expenses will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported that the next meeting of the Residential Noise Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30pm in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz, Vice President Gregory, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Culberson and Council President Meffley agreed to save their comments until the legislative session.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:27pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley, Council President