

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-20
September 20, 2022**

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
Absent: Donna Culberson, 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 September 20, 2022, was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Council President Meffley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Pastor Steve Dixon of Porter's Grove Baptist Church in Conowingo 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 September 20, 2022. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

The Council presented a proclamation to the 2022 Elkton Senior Girls Softball Team as the Maryland Champions and 5th Regional Champions. Certificates of recognition were presented to the manager, coaches and team players.

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 September 6, 2022. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcus Webster, Voices of Hope, commented on events to highlight National Recovery Month. Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on his opposition to Bainbridge Development Corporation appointment, approval of income and property tax cuts, and criticism of Landfill operation for too many employees.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience and comments about National Recovery Month activities. He attended the CASA Pirates Night fundraiser, FOP Crab Feast, and Union Hospital Lobsterfest. He reported on statistics from the Sheriff's Office intel meeting.

Vice President Gregory attended the Republican Central Committee's Lincoln Day Dinner, Heritage Pregnancy Center banquet, Early Childhood Advisory Committee, 100th birthday of George Reynolds, Harford-Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association Memorial Service, Crab Feast, Chesapeake City 9-11 Memorial Service, Elkton Fall Fest, Perryville Fire Company's Gun Bash, and ribbon cutting for the new All About Me, an adult day care center.

Councilman Miller thanked the audience for attending. He attended Mike Scheeler's Harvest Dinner, a Cecil County Fair board meeting, an online meeting with Senator Cardin, the 9-11 Remembrance Service at Moore's Chapel, Cecil College Scholarship breakfast, Local Management Board meeting, Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting, Drug Free Cecil's Plant your Promise at Calvert Park, Elkton Fall Fest, Cecil County Firemen's Association and the Farm Bureau meeting.

Council President Meffley attended the online meeting with Senator Cardin, the FOP Crab Feast, Cecil College Scholarship breakfast, CASA Pirates fundraiser, and Chesapeake City's 9-11 Remembrance Service. He attended the Consolidated Transportation Plan meeting and commented on issues raised about traffic congestion at the MD 213 and US 40 intersection, traffic issues at the new Bohemia Manor school complex, Chesapeake City's planned bridge repair, the proposed Susquehanna River railroad bridge replacement project, the extension of the MARC train from Perryville to Newark, Port Deposit flooding, the need for a Perryville High School sidewalk, 301 through traffic in Warwick and Cecilton, and the deadline for penalty waivers for EZPass.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 53-2022 Appointment – Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors – David Rudolph

A Resolution to approve the reappointment of David Rudolph, as recommended by the Mayor and Town Council of Port Deposit, to the board of Directors of the Bainbridge Development Corporation for a four-year term to expire October 1, 2026.

Council President Meffley stated that this legislation will be tabled to allow the Town of Port Deposit to request the County Executive's concurrence to the reappointment. This legislation will be rescheduled for consideration on October 4, 2022. He explained that the Council Attorney had provided legal guidance from the Attorney General's Office and had spoken with the County Attorney in order to resolve their concerns.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, thanked the Council for the resolve of the administration's concerns. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 54-2022 Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Kimberly Justus

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Kimberly Justus to the Economic Development Commission; to complete the vacated term of Bruce England, which will expire on September 6, 2025.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on September 6, 2022 and scheduled for consideration on September 20, 2022.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 54-2022, which was seconded by Councilman Coutz.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Absent, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Rezoning File: 2022-03 APPLICANT: Marion Richard Payne. REQUEST: to rezone .423 acres from Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR) to Business Local (BL) PROPERTY LOCATION: 9 Lewisville Road, Elkton, MD 21921. Election District: 4, Tax Map: 13, Parcel: 54. PROPERTY OWNER: Marion Richard Payne and Marianne Payne. PRESENTLY ZONED: Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR)

There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve the application of Marion Richard Payne and Marianne Payne to rezone .423 acres located at 9 Lewisville Road, Elkton, MD from Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR) to Business Local (BL), based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Absent, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #102

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #102, in the amount of \$23,011,342 for July and August expenses. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

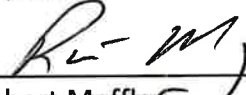
The Council voted to approve the motion by a voice vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Culberson was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed 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.

Approved:



Robert Meffley
Council President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager