COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 4, 2022

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 Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of September 27, 2022, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of September 27, 2022, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

BGE Update
The presentation was postponed at the request of the presenter.

Review of Legislative Agenda
A public hearing will be held for Bill No. 2022-12 Amendment-Zoning Ordinance-Floodplain District at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

A public hearing will be held on Resolution No. 52-2022 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council-Rezoning Cases. Council Manager Massey provided comments. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, requested several revisions in the text to clarify the adjacent property owners listing, the hearing date time schedule, and references to staff report. After discussion, the administration will provide these amendments to the Council Manager prior to tonight's session. Council discussion ensued.

Resolution No. 55-2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation-Application Finalists-FY 2023, will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided introductory comments and explained that the list of sixteen finalists to be considered for submission to the State must be kept confidential. Councilman Miller clarified that the State is allowing up to sixteen nominees per county, an increase from prior years.

Resolution No. 56-2022 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Law Enforcement-Police Accountability, will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 57-2022 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Parks and Recreation-Elk River Dredge Survey, will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council Members discussed the need for the Elk River to be dredged.

Resolution No. 58-2022 Approval- IAFF Agreement – Public Safety Professionals, will be introduced at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. Council President Meffley clarified that negotiations for this agreement began in January. Mr. Scott explained that there were differences in the Union's original request and what the County was willing to accept. Mr. Scott explained that the compensation will be made retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Resolution No. 59-2022 Operation Green Light for Veterans, will be introduced at tonight's session. Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments. Council Members voiced support of this recognition of County Veterans.

Resolution No. 60-2022 Annexation – Town of Elkton – West of Chesapeake Blvd. – Zoning Designation, will be introduced at tonight's session. Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, provided introductory comments. He stated that the administration supported this annexation and have discussed the need for a second ingress/egress for Chesapeake Boulevard for emergency vehicles. The Council discussed the definition of emergency vehicles and their concern for added traffic on Maloney Road. Council Members voiced their request that this legislation should have a public hearing. Mr. Scott stated that the Council's decision must be made by December 31, 2022. After Council discussion, the Council agreed to schedule a public hearing on this legislation on October 18, 2022, and to expedite this legislation so that the Council could consider approval on the same date, due to the end of the Council term.

Council Manager Report
Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members that the Board of Health is scheduled on October 11 at 4:30pm so that the work session will be delayed until 5:30pm.

Council Member Items
Council Members agreed to postpone their comments until tonight's legislative session.

Adjournment
Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn the work session so that the Council could go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:25 pm.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:
Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions §3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Council President Meffley stated that the Council will be going into closed session and will adjourn the session without returning to an open session.

CLOSED SESSION
5:25 P.M.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30pm, following the Board of Health meeting at 4:30pm. Both meetings will be held in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The sessions will also be livestreamed on the County Council's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council.

Approved:

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Robert Meffley, Council President

James Massey
Council Manager