

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 11, 2022**

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:00 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 4:00 pm, and announced that there were four Council Members present, which constitute a quorum. Councilman Coutz was delayed.

CLOSED SESSION

September 27, 2022

4:50 P.M.

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.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn the work session in order to go into closed session, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Culberson-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

PRESENT: Council Members: Council President Meffley, Vice President Gregory, Councilman Coutz, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Culberson; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; and Angie Lawson, Human Resources Director.

The Council discussed applications that are considered for the Council Manager position. The Council determined which candidates that they wanted to interview for the position.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 6:03 pm.

CLOSED SESSION**4:02 P.M.**

Vice President Gregory made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, in order to go into a closed session.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

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Council President Meffley stated that Council will be going into closed session and will adjourn the work session in order for the Council to meet as the Board of Health. The work session will be reconvened at 5:30 pm.

The closed session began at 4:03 pm. The closed session adjourned at 4:08 pm.

OPEN SESSION**WORK SESSION****5:30 P.M.**

Council President Meffley reconvened the Council work session at 5:30 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 October 4, 2022, as presented. The motion unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of October 4, 2022, as presented. The motion unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of October 5, 2022, as presented. The motion unanimously.

FY 2024 Council Departmental Budget

Council Manager Massey provided a preliminary worksheet of Council departmental budgets for several fiscal years. He reviewed the budget line items and indicated that the Council must submit their budget request to the Finance Department by December 22.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey announced that the Board of Education meeting on October 12 has been moved to the School of Technology.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz reported on the Sheriff’s Office intel committee statistics that showed the number of incidents was down. There were 4 overdoses and 1 fatality; the year-to-date number of overdoses is 249 with 48 fatal. He asked Mr. Overbay to look into the recent fireworks at Rosewood Farms that frightened livestock and horses in the neighborhood.

Vice President Gregory commented on the Maryland Five Star event that will be held this week at Fair Hill.

Councilwoman Culberson noted that the Elkton Halloween Parade will be held on Friday, October 21, 2022. She announced that students looking for scholarships may apply for a Maryland Senatorial Scholarship through their delegation.

Councilman Miller commented on promoting agriculture for new sources of energy and a recent program about this topic held by the public library. He attended a fundraiser for the Fair Hill Nature Center.

Council President Meffley commented on constituent inquiries that he received, including concerns for the temporary closing of the bridge over the canal, a new bed and breakfast location in Chesapeake City, and a complement for the county’s paving and grass cutting in the rights-of-way. He stated that his grand daughter had driven a racing car at Dover Motor Speedway. He thanked the audience for attending.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:58 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 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.


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:

Robert Meffley, Council President