

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2022-21
October 4, 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
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. The Council President asked Hank Passi to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Council Member Miller introduced Reverend Tim Beardsley from Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Rising Sun 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 October 4, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS

The Council presented a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which will be sent to the Christiana Care, Union Hospital Breast Cancer Center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2022-12 Amendment-Zoning Ordinance-Floodplain District

A Bill to amend Article XI, Part III (Floodplain District) of the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance including: updates to references to federal statutes, updates to definitions, clarifications in administration and procedures, clarifications to requirements in all flood zones, clarifications to requirements in flood zones that are not high hazard or coastal A zones (A zones), clarifications to requirements to high hazard or coastal A flood zones (V zones or Coastal A zones), and updates to variance requirements within a flood zones.

The Bill was introduced on September 6, 2022, advertised on September 21, 2022 and September 28, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on October 4, 2022.

Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments.
Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented against more warehouses being built in the county.

Council President Meffley closed the public hearing and announced that Bill No. 2022-12 will be considered for approval at the next legislative session on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 52-2022 Amendment-Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council-Rezoning Cases

A Resolution to amend Chapter 7, Rezoning Cases, Section 7-1, in the County Council's Policies and Procedures to update the processes to reflect current procedures.

Council President Meffley asked the Council Manager to read the Amendments into the record that were suggested by the administration.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022**

Title: Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Rezoning Cases

Synopsis: To clarify that the adjacent property owners list, provided by LUDS, will be the same list as notified by LUDS of the Planning Commission hearing.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of County Executive

On Page 3, Line 49, in Subsection A., add the following:

“, that are notified of the Planning Commission hearings.”

**AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022**

Synopsis: To clarify that the Council must schedule rezoning hearing within 60 days of receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of County Executive

On Page 3, Line 50-51, delete in its entirety and insert the following:

“B) The County shall hold the hearing for rezoning case within sixty (60) days after receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation.”

**AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022**

Synopsis: To refer to LUDS documents provided to the Council as the staff report.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of County Executive

On Page 4, Line 63, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

On Page 4, Line 66, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

On Page 4, Line 69, delete “findings of facts” and insert “staff report”.

The Resolution was introduced on September 6, 2022, advertised on September 21, 2022 and September 28, 2022, and scheduled for public hearing on October 4, 2022.

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

Council President Meffley opened the public hearing for public comments.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented that he hoped that rezoning will not make it easier for warehouses to be built in the county.

Council President Meffley closed the public hearing and announced that Resolution No. 52-2022 will be considered for approval at the next legislative session on October 18, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Donna Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of September 20, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on his opposition to more warehouses coming to Cecil County and that he was opposed to the MALPF program.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz reported on statistics from the Sheriff's Office intel meeting and commented on the number of fatal overdoses.

Vice President Gregory attended the Pregnancy Center banquet, the Harvest Dinner, the Investiture of Judge Brown, and Cecil Cares Day.

Councilwoman Culberson attended the Harvest Dinner and thanked the organizers and farmers for the wonderful food.

Councilman Miller attended the Tawes Crab Feast in Crisfield and commended the sponsors of the Harvest Dinner. He will be participating in 4-H week and is looking forward to the Maryland Five Star at Fair Hill next week.

Council President Meffley attended the Tawes Crab Feast and Harvest Dinner. He commented on helping a constituent with a state regulation about stormwater pond maintenance and his concern for its impact on residents.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 55-2022 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation-
Application Finalists- FY 2023**

A Resolution to approve sixteen applications as FY 2023 Application Finalists to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Steve O'Connor, Land Use and Development Services Director, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for consideration on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 56-2022 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Law Enforcement-Police Accountability

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in order to provide a total of \$460,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund – Law Enforcement to record the grant awarded from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services for the Police Accountability, Community, and Transparency Grant (PACT) program.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for consideration on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 57-2022 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds-Parks and Recreation-Elk River Dredge Survey

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, in order to provide a total of \$10,000 to the Special Revenue Other Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation, to record a grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Water Way Improvement fund in order to evaluate site capacity in the Elk River Dredge Material Placement for future dredge projects.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for consideration on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 58-2022 Approval – IAFF Agreement – Public Safety Professionals

A Resolution to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Cecil County and the Public Safety Professionals of Cecil County, International Association of Firefighters, Local 4645, to be effective July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for consideration on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No.59-2022 Operation Green Light for Veterans

A Resolution to designate Cecil County as a Green Light for Veterans and encourage business and residents to display a green light on November 1-11 to salute and honor Veterans in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for consideration on October 18, 2022.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 60-2022 Annexation – Town of Elkton – West of Chesapeake Blvd – Zoning Designation

A Resolution to approve the request from the Town of Elkton that the zoning of the property, located on the west of Chesapeake Blvd. consisting of 37.726 acres, also known as the Perch Creek Properties LLC, which is being annexed into the Town of Elkton, to be changed from the County's High Density Residential District (RM) to the Town's Business Industrial (BI) zoning district. COUNCIL APPROVED EXPEDITING LEGISLATION.

Lawrence Scott, County Attorney, commented on the legislation and requested that this legislation could be expedited. Council discussion ensued.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 60-2022 for expediting so that the public hearing and final consideration could be held on October 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

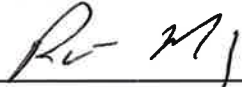
Introduced, read first time, order posted, and scheduled for public hearing on October 18, 2022. Final consideration will be held on October 18, 2022, as authorized by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 18, 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