

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 25, 2022**

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

4:30 P.M.

NOTE: The recording 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.

CLOSED SESSION

October 11, 2022

4:03 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.

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

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.

Ms. Lawson reviewed the compilation of scoring of the Council Manager applicants. The Council discussed the Council Manager applicants and voted on their final selection.

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to conclude the closed session at 4:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of October 18, 2022, as presented. The motion by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President Gregory arrived after the vote.

Council President Meffley suspended the rules to allow County Executive Danielle Hornberger to present certificates of appreciation to Councilman Coutz and Council Manager Massey.

Economic Development Director-Designee

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, introduced William Sorenson who has been nominated as the new Director of Economic Development. Mr. Sorenson discussed his experience and goals for the future economic development in Cecil County.

Police Accountability Board Update

Steve Overbay, Director of Administration, provided an update on the Police Accountability Board process. He stated that the administration is currently conducting background checks on nominees to serve on the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee. He explained that five members will be nominated to the PAB. The ACC is composed of five members, included three members from the PAB and two additional members. He stated that members must attend a 5-day training session. He stated that any stipend for members will require Council approval.

Council questions and comments ensued. Vice President Gregory clarified that the training for PAB and ACC would be different. Councilwoman Culberson clarified that the Council approval is required before the nominees will be trained. Councilman Miller clarified that additional names can be submitted to the pool of interested citizens for these boards. Council President Meffley clarified that Mr. Overbay will keep the Council informed of their progress.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reported that the County Inauguration will be held on Monday, December 5 at the Milburn Stone Theater. Charlene Notaracola, Clerk of the Court, will administer the oath of office to the newly elected Council Members, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Orphans' Court Judges, and Board of Education members. A choir and instrumental group from the public schools will be performing. Steve Overbay has agreed to be the master of ceremonies.

Council Member Items

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He provided the Sheriff's Office intel report of statistics and stated that there were five overdoses last week with one fatal overdose.

Vice President Gregory attended the First Responders Appreciation Dinner and commented on the number of lives saved. She commented on the responders' teamwork that results in lives saved.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the audience for attending. She attended the Fair Board Appreciation Dinner, the Maryland Five Star event, and ribbon cutting for Barstool Sportsbook Restaurant at the Hollywood Casino.

Councilman Miller commented that it was a great time to be a Philadelphia sports fan. He attended the Calvert Park ribbon cutting for the pickleball court. He attended the First Responders Appreciation Dinner and commended Frank Muller for his many years of service. He reminded the audience that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and commended Brayden Madron for his 4-H project, Smash for a Cure, that raises awareness and funds to support the Union Hospital Breast Cancer Center.

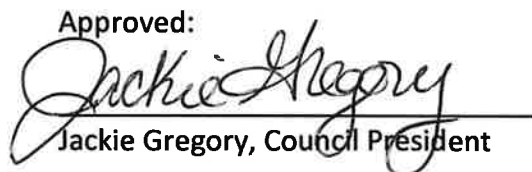
Council President Meffley attended the First Responders Appreciation Dinner and commented on the number of awards presented. He commended Frank Muller for his long service to emergency services. He attended the Ravens vs. Browns game recently. He encouraged the public to vote on November 8. He plans to attend the School of Technology awards banquet this week. He announced that a farewell dinner for Councilman Coutz and Council Manager Massey will be held on November 17 at the Wellwood at 6pm; and that tickets are available on the Chamber of Commerce website.

Adjournment

Councilman Coutz made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory. Council President Meffley adjourned the session at 5:07 pm.

The next Council work session is scheduled on Tuesday, November 1 at 4:30pm at the Elkton Town Hall, located at 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton. The public is encouraged to check the Council's webpage or call the Council office if the meeting is cancelled.


David M. Culver
Council Manager

Approved:

Jackie Gregory, Council President