

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

July 18, 2023

**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: Bob Meffley, Rebecca Hamilton, Al Miller, Donna Culberson, Jackie Gregory; David Culver, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the administration and members of the public.

Call to Order

President Gregory 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 Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 11, 2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

1. 40-2023 – Approval – Tasers with Accessories – Multiple Year Contract

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this was a 5-year contract for the tasers, accessories and training. Director Overbay noted that this is the largest manufacturer of the tasers and the company does the training and repair of all units. Councilman Miller inquired on the increase in cost from the last lease and Director Overbay noted he would provide that information to Council. Vice President Meffley inquired how often the tasers are used and Major Stanko of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office noted an average of 25 times a year. He also noted that the company will testify in Court on any taser issue and provides excellent customer service. Vice President Meffley inquired if the tasers are reusable and Major Stanko outlined the procedures for use and that they are equipped with a backup cartridge. Councilman Miller inquired on who the contract is with and Director Overbay noted it is with Axon Enterprise, Inc.

2. 41-2023 – Appointment and Reappointments—Board of License Commissioners – Kristen Ortt, Stephen Miller, Russ Johnson

County Attorney Lawrence Scott noted that he represents the Board of License Commissioners and that Ms. Ortt and Mr. Miller have been excellent members. He also noted that Mr. Johnson is on the Planning Board and has done an outstanding job. President Gregory inquired if these appointments would make this a full board and Attorney Scott noted it would.

3. 42-2023 - Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Dianne Fox

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted Ms. Fox is an outstanding member on this board. He noted this board is responsible to review adult guardianship cases and make recommendations to the courts on the care of the people who are under guardianship.

b. Consideration of Resolutions

1. 37-2023 - To allocate \$10,000,000 of unassigned general fund balance to a committed education fund

Director of Administration Steven Overbay outlined that the creation of this committed fund was discussed during the FY24 budget hearings and noted this was to pay for future maintenance of effort increases and the Blueprint for Growth costs. Director Overbay noted this is a committed fund balance and not an assigned fund balance and does not expire at the end of the fiscal year. He also noted that Council would need to allocate these funds in order for them to be expended in future budgets. Councilman Miller inquired if additional funds could be added in future years and Director Overbay noted additional funds could be added to help with future funding mandates. He noted that this committed fund balance would appear in the budget until it is fully allocated.

1. 38-2023 - Amend - Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan – Lidl

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted Lidl and the Maryland Department of Commerce have been great partners and made the required investments. He noted that because Lidl opened during the Covid pandemic and has had changes in leadership that the paperwork for this grant has not been fully completed. He noted this extension should allow this to be closed by September 30, 2023. He also noted that the total grant was for \$360,000 and the 10% match for Cecil County was \$36,000. Councilwoman Hamilton inquired about the previous extensions and Director Overbay reviewed the dates of the previous extensions and noted they were done because of various factors such as changes in leadership at Lidl and the pandemic. Vice President Meffley inquired as to when the 10-year incentives start and Director Overbay noted it was based on completion.

2. 39-2023 - Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Parks and Recreation – Calvert Regional Park Basketball Court Improvements

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted this is to use the remainder of grant funds to resurface the highly used basketball courts at Calvert Park. He also noted that this grant funded the new turf field at Rising Sun High School.

c. New Business

1. Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #112

President Gregory noted the Budget Amendment was for \$200,759 for June. This Budget Amendment was discussed at the Board of Education Meeting.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver noted the updated Council Manager report is in the packet. Manager Culver also reminded Council that on August 1, 2023 the Council meeting will begin at 8:00 pm and that from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on that evening the opioid summit with State will be held. He also noted that he was coordinating dates for the annual MDOT and MACo visits.

Council Member Items

Councilmembers deferred comments to the Legislative Session of July 18, 2023.

President Gregory announced that no further items are on the July 18, 2023 Work Session agenda. She also noted that the Work Session on July 25, 2023 will be cancelled so the next Work Session will be on August 1, 2023.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Miller. Council President Gregory adjourned the work session at 4:53 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 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.

Approved:


Jackie Gregory, Council President


David M. Culver
Council Manager