

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2023-18
October 3, 2023**

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:

Jackie Gregory, Council President
Robert Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Al Miller, 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 October 3, 2023, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Charles Rossiter from Baldwin United Methodist Church in Elk Mills gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 3, 2023. The motion was approved 4 to 0 with one absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

BILL 2023-09– Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds to Capital Projects – Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to record \$3,550,101 in grant funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict capital project.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 19, 2023, public hearing scheduled on October 3, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this bill is to amend the Capital Improvement Program to reflect a grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment for Phase 3C that is part of the Elkton West Sanitary Sewer Subdistrict. This specific project is to construct a pump station and force main for the Triumph Industrial Park and to close the existing lagoons at the park.

This bill will allow the Capital Improvement Program budget to be amended to reflect the \$3,550,101 grant. He also noted that the total project is approximately 5.7 million dollars and Triumph will pay approximately 2.2 million dollars.

No public comments were offered.

Council had no further questions or comments.

Resolution 53-2023 - Approval – Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018 - Amendment

A Resolution to amend Table 6 and Table 16 of the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2018.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 19, 2023, public hearing scheduled on October 3, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this will amend Table 6 and 16 of the approved plan to reflect changes in the Port Deposit service area. Under this change, Artesian Water Company will be seeking the ability through the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Maryland Department of the Environment to withdraw additional water to supply development in the Port Deposit area. The service area will allow Artesian to provide up to 10 million gallons of water by 2045.

No public comments were offered.

Council had no further questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of September 19, 2023. The motion was approved 4 to 0 with one absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of Elkton spoke on education funding issues.

Harold McCanick of Elk Neck spoke on the Economic Development Commission appointment and education funding issues.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Miller noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and noted the donations made from the Cecil County Fair from the car smash fundraiser.

Councilwoman Hamilton noted she attended the Heritage Pregnancy and Family Health Center banquet along with President Gregory and County Executive Hornberger on September 28. She noted the Building Connections event at Cecil College will be on October 5 and encouraged the various trades to attend. She also noted Cecil Cares Day is October 7 and encouraged people to sign up to volunteer.

Vice President Meffley noted that he attended the Voices of Hope Banquet. He also participated in a golf tournament with County Executive Hornberger. He noted the passing of Elenor Luff in Chesapeake City. He also noted he had discussions with the developer and residents around the Chesapeake Golf Course development and hopes they continue the dialogue on the development. He noted he would be attending the Coffee with a Cop event on October 4. He also noted the Elkton Rotary Club golf outing is on October 16 and encouraged people to attend. Finally, he wished his granddaughter a happy birthday.

President Gregory noted she attended the Voices of Hope Banquet with Vice President Meffley, Councilman Miller and Councilwoman Hamilton and noted the great work they are doing in the community. She also noted the PORT Team received a million dollar grant to continue the intervention programs. She also noted the Cecil Cares Day is this weekend and to go the Cecil County Website for volunteer options.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 54-2023 - Budget Amendment – General Fund - Parks and Recreation – Donation from the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to provide a total of \$8,000 to the General Fund – \$5,000 to Parks and Recreation Buildings and Improvements and \$3,000 to Parks and Recreation Scholarships to record a donation by The Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on October 3, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 17, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation for this donation to help fund financially challenged children participate in the various programs and for the funds to construct a pavilion at Brantwood Park.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution No. 52-2023 - Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Carl Roberts

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Carl Roberts for a three-year term to expire January 7, 2026.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on September 19, 2023 and scheduled for consideration on October 3, 2023.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted Carl Roberts background and that he has been an asset on this Commission.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 52-2023, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Miller -Y, Culberson – A, Meffley – Y, Gregory- Y
The motion was approved 4 to 0 with 1 absent.

ADJOURNMENT


On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilman Miller, President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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:


Jackie Gregory
Council President

Attest:


David M. Culver
Council Manager