

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

October 17, 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 Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of October 10, 2023, as presented. The motion passed 5 to 0.

Review of Legislative Agenda

a. Introduction of Resolutions

1. Resolution 55-2023 – Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Circuit Court for Cecil County – Maryland Problem-Solving Court Universal Risk / Need Screening Pilot Program – BJA Sub-Grant.

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted the grant is to fund a full-time screener for new criminal cases. The individual hired would review the cases for drug use and recommend programs and drug court. Councilman Miller inquired on who is currently fulfilling this role and Director Overbay noted it is currently several court employees who do this as part time of assigned regular duties. He also noted this will be a full-time employee devoted to this and would not be of any cost to the County.

2. Resolution 56-2023- Appointment—Economic Development Commission – Amy Marston and Kristina Brown

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that these two appointments are to fill unexpired terms that are traditionally held by representatives of Delmarva Power and Christiana Care. The two current appointees on the Economic Development Commission have taken on new roles at Delmarva Power and Christiania Care and need to vacate the rest of the appointment. Councilman Miller noted that the application for Ms. Marston did not check off Economic Development Commission and inquired if she is also seeking other Committee appointments and Director Overbay noted that she is only applying for the Economic Development Commission.

b. Consideration of Resolutions

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

Director of Administration Steven Overbay thanked the Council for the consideration of this amendment and noted the amendment was heard by the Planning Board and received a positive recommendation. He noted that this will amend Table 6 and 16 of the plan to reflect changes in the Port Deposit service area.

2. Resolution 54-2023 - Budget Amendment – General Fund - Parks and Recreation – Donation from the Friends of Cecil County Parks and Recreation

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this donation would add \$8,000 to the Parks and Recreation budget and would fund scholarships for children to participate in programs that are financially challenged and for the construction project of a pavilion at Brantwood Park.

c. Final Reading of Bills

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

Director of Administration Steven Overbay noted that this is a multi-year project to extend wastewater services along Route 40 between North East and Elkton. This project is listed as Phase 3C and is to construct a pump station and force main for the Triumph Industrial Park and to close the existing lagoons at the park. Director Overbay noted that in response to Vice President Meffley inquiry on how the lagoons would be closed, Public Works noted that the lagoons would be drained, the sludge dewatered and removed and the area backfilled. Councilman Miller inquired if the sludge could be used on farmland instead of being placed in the landfill and Director Overbay noted he would request Public Works to review this option.

d. New Business

1. Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #116

President Gregory noted the Board of Education Budget Amendment for June is \$448,477 and was discussed at the BOE meeting.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Culver noted the updated Council Manager report is in the packet. He noted that numerous event invitations are being received and please respond to them as soon as possible so we can send notice on attendance. He noted the MACo President visit this week, the presentation from MES on the Conowingo Dam dredging is scheduled for the next work session and the MDOT Annual visit is October 31. Finally, he noted the Maryland 5 Start Event is October 19 to 22 at Fair Hill.

Council Member Items

Councilmembers deferred comments to the Legislative Session of October 17, 2023.

President Gregory announced that no further items are on the October 17, 2023 Work Session agenda.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton. Council President Gregory adjourned the work session at 4:40 pm.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 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