

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2024-08
April 16, 2024

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
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 April 16, 2024, was called to order by Council President Gregory at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Culver called the roll and noted all five members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Dr. Harold Phillips of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Port Deposit gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of April 16, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of April 2, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of North East spoke on open meetings.
Phyllis Kilby of Colora spoke on campaign donations.
Samantha ong of Elkton spoke on drainage issue at Route 213 and Frenchtown Road.
Jordan Seguin of Elkton spoke on education funding issues.
Kathleen Derby of Elkton spoke on education funding issues.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Miller noted he attended the Rising Sun Little League 70th Anniversary parade and Jim Lawrence, who pitched in the first game 70 years ago, threw out the first pitch. He also attended the Cecilton Fire Company's Banquet on April 13 and the Grace Bible Chapel Banquet on April 15.

Councilwoman Culberson thanked everybody for attending. She noted the intel numbers from the previous two weeks and noted the drug overdose deaths were very low and thanked the numerous organizations that work in the community. She also noted she attended the candidate forums by the Chamber of Commerce and The Republican Women's Club and noted they were well done. She also attended the Chamber's legislative wrap up breakfast on April 16 and noted that the local delegation is concerned about the upcoming state budget and tax increases.

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked everybody who attended the meeting and the various debate forums.

Vice President Meffley noted he attended the Correctional Center graduation and that they added 4 new correctional officers. He also participated in the two candidate forums. He also attended the Elkton and Rising Sun Little League opening days and parades. He also attended the Cecilton Fire Company banquet. He noted that the Elkton Rotary is celebrating its 100-year anniversary and is having events throughout the year. He also attended the Chamber's picnic on April 12. He also attended the Mount Harmon Trail Ride on April 13. He also discussed the MRDC meeting and that MRDC will be certified to teach Pre-K. He also noted the Chesapeake City Little League opening day and the proclamation for Tom Duffy who has been an umpire for Little League for many years.

President Gregory noted she attended the CASA kickball fundraiser on April 13 and mentioned all the great work CASA does for the children. She also reviewed development in Cecil County and how zoning and the Comprehensive Plan guides development into the growth corridors. She also noted the Agricultural Preservation program and that last year another 342 acres were added to the program.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 18-2024 - Grant Application – Community Development Block Grant – Child Advocacy Center Expansion

A Resolution to authorize the Cecil County Department of Community Services, Housing and Community Development Division, to apply for funding not to exceed \$723,000, from the Maryland Community Development Block Grant program through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to renovate and expand the existing Child Advocacy Center to increase the provision of services to victims of child abuse and sexual assault and adult victims of domestic violence and their families. Grant funds will support construction costs associated with expanding the footprint of the Center and include roofing and generator costs and possible planning efforts and administrative support.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on April 16, 2024 and scheduled for consideration on May 21, 2024.

Director of Administration Steve Overbay noted that these funds will help to expand the Child Advocacy Center. Director of Community Services David Trolio noted this center is a multi-agency center and this grant, if approved, will add about 700 to 800 square feet to the center. This will allow more space for treatment and assistance to victims of childhood trauma. He noted State's Attorney James Dellmyer has been involved in the process and a great partner in the program and helped to fund the study for the expansion. Councilwoman Culberson noted she supports this center and the grant application. Councilman Miller inquired if \$723,000 will be enough funding and Director Trolio reviewed the engineers estimate and noted this should be sufficient to cover the expansion.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #122

President Gregory noted that the Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #122 is for \$408,208.

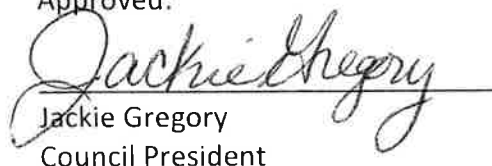
Councilman Miller made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #122 in the amount of \$408,208. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, President Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Council President Gregory announced that the Council Legislative Session scheduled on May 7, 2024 is cancelled due to the Primary Election early voting taking place in the Elk Room. The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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.cecilcountymd.gov](#). 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