



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
March 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Banneker Room

Members Present: Jon Weinstein, Council Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox, Council Member; Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Member; and Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member.

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Administration; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Theo Wimberly, Legislative Analyst; John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor; and Kel Habicht, Administrative Support.

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Calvin Ball.
- III. Allow the reading of bills by short title on third reading.

Jon Weinstein, Chairperson moved to approve to allow the reading of bills by short title, seconded by Calvin Ball, Vice Chairperson.

The motion carried as follows

AYES: Jon Weinstein, Council Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Council Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox, Council Member; Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Member; and Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member

IV. Legislation - Public Hearing

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution 29-2017 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erica B. Byrne to the Howard County Local Children's Board.
 - a. Erica Byrne, Executive Director, Voices for Children - 8358 Main Street, Ellicott

City, MD

2. Council Resolution 30-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brian M. Dillard to the Public Transportation Board.
 - a. Brian Dillard

3. Council Resolution 31-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ayesha Bajwa Holmes to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
 - a. Ayesha Holmes, Executive Director, Grassroots - 4915 Autumn Crest Way, Ellicott City, MD

4. Council Resolution 32-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Caroline Harper to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

5. Council Resolution 33-2017 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jonah Hornum to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

B. General

1. SAO3-FY2017 – AN ACT transferring \$600,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for a grant to assist in improving enhanced nutrient removal performance levels.
 - a. Steve Gerwin, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Utilities
 - b. Susan Garber - 9100 Gorman Road, Laurel, MD

2. TAO3-FY2017 – AN ACT transferring a total of \$3,445,000 to Capital Project C0309, Land Acquisition Contingency Reserve, from various capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget including C0351, Harriet Tubman Remediation, C0352, Site Acquisition for School Sites, and F5973, Logistics Facility.
 - a. Jim Irvin, Director, Public Works
 - b. Fred Dorsey, President, Preservation Howard County -10774 Judy Lane, Columbia, MD
 - c. Bessie Bordenave, President, Harriet Tubman Foundation - 8730 Mission Road, Jessup, MD

- d. Willie Flowers, President, Howard County NAACP - 4608 Broken Lute Way, Ellicott City, MD
 - e. Douglas Sands - 696 West Watersville Road, Mt. Airy, MD
 - f. Joan Hash, Vice President, Harriet Tubman Foundation - 11705 Farside Road, Ellicott City, MD
 - g. Susan Defibaugh, Assistant Secretary, NAACP - 7248 Riding Hood Circle, Columbia, MD
 - h. Charles Davis Jr., Pastor, Full Gospel Baptist Church - 2505 Amber Orchard Court, Odenton, MD
3. Council Bill 18-2017 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money an additional aggregate principal amount of up to \$945,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of various capital projects, more particularly described in the County's 2017 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
- a. Stanley Milesky, Director, Department of Finance
4. Council Bill 19-2017 – AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 20.56 acres of agricultural land located at 1401 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Sharon Sachs or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$536,500.00 or, if less, not more than \$26,093.60 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
- a. Joy Levy, Administrator, Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program
5. Council Resolution 34-2017 – A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for two economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the projects are consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

- a. Kathy Johnson, Agriculture Development Manager, Howard County Economic Development Authority

6. Council Bill 20-2017 - AN ACT amending the qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; amending the duties of the Office of Transportation; amending the general powers and duties of members of the Public Transportation Board; adding the Office of Transportation to agencies serving on the Subdivision Review Committee; and generally relating to the Office of Transportation.
 - a. Clive Graham, Administrator, Howard County Office of Transportation
 - b. Ron Hartman, Chairman, Howard County Public Transportation Board - 6408 Summer Sunrise Drive, Columbia, MD

7. Council Bill 21-2017 – Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County executive and Cosponsored by Jon Weinstein; AN ACT repealing certain County licenses and inspections related to massage; defining certain terms; allowing certain entry into massage establishments; authorizing the right to request certain authorization; providing for certain penalties; and generally relating to massage establishments in Howard County.
 - a. Dan Coon, Captain, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Howard County Police Department
 - b. Melissa Matthey - 15116 Players Way, Glenwood, MD
 - c. Angie Persing, Member, Grace 4 Freedom - 8200 Old Columbia Road, Fulton, MD
 - d. Beth Halley, Volunteer, The Samaritan Women -1723 Cattail Meadows Drive, Woodbine, MD
 - e. Mavourene Robinson
 - f. Kathy Donnelly, Owner, The Yoga Center of Columbia -10 Dundee Court, Sykesville, MD
 - g. Deborah Hoover, Co-leader, Grace 4 Freedom - 16216 Julie Lane, Laurel, MD
 - h. Susan Schneider, Staff, The Samaritan Women - 6812 Caravan Court, Columbia, MD

8. Council Bill 22-2017 (ZRA-175) – AN ACT exempting farms in the Rural Conservation Zoning District and farms 20 acres or larger in the Rural Residential Zoning District from Animal Shelter and Riding Academy and Stable setback requirements from dwellings on future new residential lots; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

- a. Amy Gowan, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
 - b. Keith Ohlinger - 2790 Florence Road, Woodbine, MD
 - c. Howie Feaga, President, Howard County Farm Bureau -3807 Walt Ann Drive, Ellicott City, MD
 - d. Ricky Bauer - 13817 Howard Road, Dayton, MD
 - e. Mark Mullinix - 13900 Howard Road, Dayton, MD
 - f. Lynn Moore, Chairman, Agricultural Land Preservation Board - 2425 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD
9. Council Bill 23-2017 – Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty and Co-Sponsored by Calvin Ball and Jon Weinstein; AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that parcels may be eligible for the County’s Agricultural Land Preservation Program notwithstanding the effect of the Growth Tier designation of the parcel on the County’s General Plan; and generally relating to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.
- a. Natalie Ziegler - 4888 Castlebridge Road, Ellicott City, MD
 - b. Kurt Schwarz, Conservation Chair, Maryland Ornithological Society - 9045 Dunloggin Court, Ellicott City, MD
 - c. Ricky Bauer - 13817 Howard Road, Dayton, MD
 - d. Howie Feaga - 3807 Walt Ann Drive, Ellicott City, MD
 - e. Alan Schneider, Vice Chair, Sierra Club, Howard County - 12598 Route 108, Clarksville, MD
 - f. Mark Mullinix - 13900 Howard Road, Dayton, MD
10. Council Bill 24-2017 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Greg Fox; AN ACT requiring that any on-site sewage disposal system installed within a major subdivision in the Rural Conservation (RC) zoning district utilize Best Available Technology for Nitrogen removal; and generally relating to on-site sewage disposal systems.
- a. David Youngman (Bill is being withdrawn, he submitted written testimony without speaking)

V. Tabled

- A. Council Resolution 21-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Xu to the Public Ethics Commission. (tabled 3/6/17)

- B. Council Resolution 1-2017 – Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of Windsor Forest Fox Chasing HOA, Inc. and Gaither Hunt Homeowners Association, Inc.; A RESOLUTION to close all of Winter Thicket Road, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code. (tabled 2/6/17)

- C. Council Resolution 179-2016 – Introduced by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa; A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied. (tabled 12/05/16)

- D. Council Resolution 104-2016 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive’s sale of certain real property known as the “Flier Building” owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use. (tabled 7/29/16)

VI. Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.