

Introduced 9-8-2021
Public Hearing 9-20-2021
Council Action 10-4-2021
Executive Action 10-12-2021
Effective Date 10-12-2021

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 15

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

No. 1 - Fiscal Year 2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$476,969 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Police, Office of the State's Attorney and Sherriff's Office for the Body Worn Camera Program.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2021. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on September 20, 2021.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on October 4, 2021 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5 day of October, 2021 at 1pm a.m./p.m.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 12, 2021

Calvin Ball
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Amendment 1 to SAO No. 1 - FY2022

BY: Liz Walsh

Legislative Day No. 16

Date: 10-4-2021

Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment requires the recipient agencies to submit progress reports to the Council.)

1 On page 3, in line 8. After "Section 2." insert:

2 "And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that, subject
3 to section 22.1000 of the County Code, the Sheriff's Office, the State's Attorney for Howard
4 County, and the Department of Police shall submit a report to the Council:

5 1. not later than 3 months after the day this Act is enacted, that details the status of the body
6 worn camera program including specifics by agency on (a) the progress of implementation, (b)
7 the expenditures of appropriations, (c) the plans for using unspent appropriations, (d) the staff
8 that has been hired or is to be hired, and (e) the accomplishments and progress on reaching
9 project milestones; and

10 2. by June 30, 2022, that includes the material listed in item 1 and provides statistics on the
11 effectiveness of the program and each agency's related personnel efforts.

12 Section 3." .

I certify this is a true copy of
Am 1 to SAO 1 - FY 2022
passed on October 4, 2021
Michelle Hesser
Council Administrator

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on October 12, 2021.

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2021.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, Maryland 21043


410-313-2195

Rafiu O. Ighile, CPA, CGMA, MBA
Director of Finance
righile@howardcountymd.gov

FAX 410-313-4064
TDD 410-313-2323

August 24, 2021

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu O. Ighile 
Director of Finance

Re: SAO No. 1

I herby certify that the funds are unencumbered and available for transfer as follows:

FROM:
199999999-8888-8888000000-999999999999999999900
General Fund, Contingency Reserve \$476,969.00

TO:
Department of Police, Office of the State's Attorney
and Sherriff's Office for the Body Worn Camera Program

Department of Police

Department : 1500 – Department of Police
Fund : 1000000000 - General Fund
Fund Center: 1513000000 - Information & Technology Bureau
999999999999999999999999999999900 – Administration \$239,038.00

State's Attorney

Department : 7500 – State's Attorney
Fund : 1000000000 - General Fund
Fund Center: 7500000000 - States Attorney
999999999999999999999999999999900 -Administration \$202,867.00

CALVIN BALL
County Executive



LISA D. MYERS
Chief of Police

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

DATE: August 25, 2021

FROM: Lisa D. Myers *ADM*
Chief of Police

TO: Lonnie Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Testimony Supporting Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance
Number 1 – Fiscal Year 2022: Body Worn Cameras

As Chief of Police for Howard County, I strongly support SAO Number 1, which will transfer \$476,969 from the Contingency Reserve of the General Fund, to the Department of Police as well as the Office of the State's Attorney and the Sherriff's Office to allow the implementation of Body Worn Cameras.

This funding is essential to advance this project. As I have stated publicly, Police accountability is a fundamental tenet of our agency and these cameras demonstrate that commitment. The cameras are vital to continuing the outstanding relationships, trust and transparency our police department has long-established with our community.

The cameras are mandated by new State law and are also a well-established practice promoting officer and community safety. The HCPD has been researching Body Worn Cameras for over six years and conducted a pilot program in the summer of 2017 that concluded in the Fall of 2018. This funding will allow us to overcome the last of the three major barriers identified to institute the program (lack of staffing, space and budgetary funding).

The release of these funds will allow us to issue cameras covering 300 uniformed officers that have direct and regular contact with the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sayers, Margery

From: Eric Miller <em8643a@alumni.american.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 6:47 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Implement the BWC Program!

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Like so many voters in Howard County, I support the full and immediate implementation of the Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Program for HoCo law enforcement personnel.

Previous County Executive and County Council actions to reduce funding for the BWC Program in the FY22 budget, and to delay its start date, are simply unacceptable. This must not stand!

I speak to all ! Calvin Ball and the Howard County Council - please act immediately to protect our citizens and our law enforcement officers - fund the BWC Program FULLY, and NOW!

indy86@alumni.american.edu

4906-1 Columbia Road

Columbia, Maryland 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Craig Walker <craigewalker00@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Body Cameras

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Council Member Liz Walsh,

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Craig Walker
craigewalker00@gmail.com
5939 Fairlee RD
Elkridge , Maryland 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Hiruy Hadgu <hadguhiruy@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 8:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Sayers, Margery; Jake Burdett
Subject: Support the Transparency Amendment for SAO1-FY2022
Attachments: PDHC Support of Transparency Amendment to SAO1-FY2022.docx

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Greetings.

Attached, please find PDHC's testimony in support of the transparency amendment introduced by Councilmember Liz Walsh.

Best Regards,

Hiruy Hadgu.
Treasurer, PDHC

Sayers, Margery

From: Margaret Kato <margaret.tkato@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 7:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: BWC Program

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Hello,

I am contacting you as a concerned high schooler from Oakland Mills. To anyone and everyone who may listen, please support the Body-Worn Camera program for our police in Howard County. I, like many of my peers, believe that this program is a necessity for the wellbeing of our community - both the citizens and law enforcement officers. It must be funded as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Margaret Kato

Sayers, Margery

From: Frankie Winchester <flw2419@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 3:10 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: SA01-2022

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This is an excellent policy that I certainly hope the County Council will enact soon. In addition I am very much in favor of the amendment proposed by Councilwoman Liz Walsh that will clarify and increase transparency in SA01-2022. I believe the Council should approve it.

Frankie L. Winchester
7070 Cradlerock Way #427
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Pamela VanOosten <pbluh@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:42 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: amendment to Body Worn Camera bill

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I support Councilwoman Liz Walsh's amendment to the Body Worn Camera Bill, currently under consideration by the Howard County Council.

Pamela Bluh Van Oosten

Sayers, Margery

From: Kathy Jordan <travelkj@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 11:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote IN FAVOR of this amendment to SAO1-2022

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Councilwoman Walsh filed an amendment that she believes would increase transparency and accountability when it comes to the implementation of the program. The amendment asks for the agencies involved in the program to submit two reports to the Council (one within 3 months and the other by June 2022) that detail how they've used the money given by the Council, as well as the timetable for full implementation of the program. Councilwoman Walsh believes this amendment will provide community members like you more opportunities to weigh in on the process beyond its initial funding.

I am in favor of the amendment to SAO1-2022

I am a constituent of Howard County. I live at 8005 Jane Garth, Jessup MD 20794

Thank you, Rev. Kathy Jordan

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Garber <buzysusan23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 6:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 1 to SAO1-FY2022

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Dear Council members,

I strongly support the above mentioned amendment to assure greater accountability and transparency for the body camera program. I feel that having the first report be due just 3 months after the bill becomes effective will further assure that starting the program won't languish. Much thought has already gone into the long requested program. SIGNIFICANT money is being devoted. Let's Get 'er Done--with oversight that motivates action.

I look forward to all members voting YES.

Susan Garber

Sayers, Margery

From: Stuart Kohn <stukohn@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 5:06 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: stukohn@verizon.net
Subject: HCCA Fully Supports Amendment 1 to SAO1-FY2022

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The Howard County Citizens Association, HCCA fully supports Amendment 1 for **SAO1-FY2022 filed by Councilperson Liz Walsh to strive for accountability and transparency. This undoubtedly would be a positive measurement for ALL to ensure the expected is more than satisfactory.**

A motivational speaker stated, "No individual can achieve worthy goals without accepting accountability for his or her own actions."

The proposed Amendment puts teeth into the legislation and when unanimously approved by all Council members will enable all interested parties to ascertain that the Police Body Cameras is indeed a positive step to ensure the action taken was more than justified for protection and safety of ALL your constituents.

Stu Kohn
HCCA President

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Bonnie Bricker <bonbricker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 4:55 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please support the amendment for body-worn cameras for our LEOs

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Council member Liz Walsh has put forth an amendment for body-worn cameras that will be up for a vote on Monday, October 4. I support this amendment and hope you will too.

Bonnie Bricker
6479 Park Forest Circle
Elkridge, MD 21075

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Bonnie Bricker
301-648-8939
pronouns:she/her/hers

Sayers, Margery

From: patf.hoco@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:57 AM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Gibson, Richard; Harris, Marcus; Campbell, Roberta; Ball, Calvin
Cc: 'Jim Gormley'; 'Hiruy Hadgu'; 'Jacqueline Akinpelu'; 'Faye Page'; 'Ted Stewart'; 'bill cozzo'
Subject: Howard County Body-Worn Camera Program

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To: The County Executive, County Council members, The County Sherriff, The Chief of Police and The State's Attorney for Howard County
From: The Police Accountability Task Force of Howard County ("PATF-HC")

As you know, our Police Accountability Task Force for Howard County has been advocating, together with our coalition partners representing thousands of County residents, for the immediate and full implementation of a body-worn camera (BWC) program for HoCo law enforcement personnel.

On August 19, PATF-HC commenced a "Two Days of Action" campaign, an email campaign aimed at asking county residents to email County Leadership to demand a full implementation of the Body Camera Program.

On August 23, the County Executive announced that he will allocate \$1.6 million from the American Rescue Plan, after the County Council votes to take the \$476k out of contingency. This would have the effect of fully funding the BWC Program from October 5 2021 (the day after the County Council vote) to July 31, 2022 (end of FY22). Dr. Ball expressed his commitment, pending County Council approval, to fully implement the BWC Program for Howard County's law enforcement in Fiscal Year 2022.

We are gratified by this news and want to thank the County Executive for his announcement. We would also like to express our gratitude for the continuing expressions of support for the BWC Program that we have received from many of you in County leadership.

Our collective work is of course not over yet. Following these positive developments, we would now urge:

- (i) that all parties work diligently to resolve any outstanding questions from County Council members, and to otherwise take all necessary measures, to enable an affirmative County Council vote on Dr. Ball's budget amendment;
- (ii) that the County Council then unanimously pass Dr. Ball's budget amendment as proposed, during its October 4 meeting;
- (iii) that Dr. Ball ensure all steps are taken to have the \$1.6M of ARP funds made available to the BWC Program on October 5, 2021 (as proposed), immediately after the County Council vote. Given that this will occur without public notice, we ask that the County Executive provide transparency into this subsequent step.
- (iv) That Chief Lisa Myers, State's Attorney Richard Gibson and County Sherriff Marcus Harris direct their respective agencies to take all necessary measures to prepare for and execute the implementation of the BWC Program (as summarized in Dr. Ball's announcement yesterday) diligently and as quickly as possible.

The BWC Program is long-overdue for our County and we are encouraged by the steps taken this week. We will be seeking engagement directly with you over the next few weeks leading up to the vote on Dr. Ball's budget amendment, and also with the agencies that will implement and manage the BWC Program. We look forward to partnering with you further to ensure a full, expeditious and effective implementation of the BWC program, and that the BWC Program's operation, policies/procedures, training and oversight are aligned with best practices, full community engagement, effective law enforcement and the safety of our community and our law enforcement personnel.

Yours Sincerely

PATF-HC

By James Gormley