



# Howard County Council

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### Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing  
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)  
Video Streamed at [cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us](http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us)  
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)  
Monday, April 20, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Council Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Liz Walsh, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Yusef Ibrahim, Deputy Administrator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; James Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; Nick Rinehart, Senior Administrative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Fiscal Manager II; Melinda Massey, Fiscal Manager I; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

- I. Called to Order at 7:19pm
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Hearing
  - A. Appointments
    1. CR6-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James R. Bartlett to the Historic Preservation Commission
      - a) James Bartlett – did not appear.

2. CR42-2026 - A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board
  - a) Brian Auger - called to speak.
3. CR43-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Aileen Maren Jaentsch Marshall to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board
  - a) Aileen Marshall - called to speak.
4. CR44-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly Brokaw, DVM, to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board
  - a) Kimberly Brokaw - called to speak.
5. CR45-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maryam Fathirad, PMP, to the Public Works Board
  - a) Maryam Fathirad - called to speak.
6. CR46-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dinah R.K.K. Yukich to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
  - a) Dinah Yukich - called to speak.
7. CR47-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Meghana S. Ray to the Board of Health
  - a) Meghana Ray - called to speak.
8. CR48-2026 - DY - A RESOLUTION appointing Michael A. Cummins to the Inspector General Advisory Board to fill a term ending on April 7, 2029
  - a) Michael Cummins - called to speak.

B. Financial

Legislation TAO2-FY2026 and CB22-2026 read together.

1. TAO2-FY2026 - AN ACT transferring \$3,500,000 from various School System capital projects to Capital Project E1060 – Faulkner Ridge Center – Early Learning Center, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project

2. CB22-2026 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,500,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant 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) Daniel Lubely, HCPSS - called to speak
  - b) Rafiu Ighile, Director of Finance - called to speak.
  
3. CR49-2026 - A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation
  - a) Clarence Dickerson, Administrator Office of Transportation - called to speak
  
4. CR50-2026 - A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's goals for economic development
  - a) Jennifer Jones, CEO HoCo Economic Development Authority - called to speak.
  - b) Stu Kohn, HoCo Citizens Association - called to speak.
  - c) Alan Schneider - called to speak.
  
5. CR51-2026 - A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Midway 32, LLC for the redevelopment of an existing office building into a new housing development of 623 units in two separate buildings to be located in a Transit Oriented Development Zoning District at 10010 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, Maryland
  - a) Kelly Cimino, Director Dept. of Housing & Community Development - called to speak.
  - b) Stu Kohn, HoCo Citizens Association - called to speak.

- c) Mande Heinl - called to speak.
- d) Brent Loveless - called to speak.
- e) Alan Schneider - called to speak.

C. General

1. CB23-2026 (ZRA 221) - AN ACT amending Section 128.0 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add a new subsection entitled “Adaptive Reuse and Redevelopment of Existing Motel/Hotel Sites in the Route 1 Corridor”; establishing criteria for the redevelopment & adaptive reuse of existing hotel & motel sites along Route 1; and generally related to the Zoning Regulations

- a) Mande Heinl - called to speak.
- b) Brent Loveless - called to speak.

2. CB24-2026 (ZRA 222) - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to change the definition of “Optional Design Project”; add a new subsection in Section 128.0 entitled “Optional Design Projects in Route 1 Corridor”; expanding eligibility for the Optional Design Project process to certain commercial properties along Route 1; adding additional use criteria; and generally related to the Optional Design Project process

- a) Mande Heinl - called to speak.
- b) Brent Loveless - called to speak.

V. Adjourned at 8:44pm

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