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Agenda

Legislative Session
Monday, February 6, 2017
Banneker Room
George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
7:00 p.m

Legislative Session

Day # 2

Approve Journal - January 3, 2017

Approve Minutes –

January 3, 2017 – Special Legislative Public Hearing January 9, 2017 – Monthly Meeting January 17 & 18, 2017 – Legislative Public Hearing January 23, 2017 – Legislative Work Session

Introduction of Legislation

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

Appointments

Council Resolution 18-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jessica Obiageli Epps to the Commission for Women.

Council Resolution 19-2017 – 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.

Council Resolution 20-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly Salazar to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Council Resolution 21-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Xu to the Public Ethics Commission.

Council Resolution 22-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mickey Day to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

Council Resolution 23-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine R. Ritchey to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Council Resolution 24-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paula M. Schultz to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

General

SAO2-FY2017 - AN ACT transferring \$600,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Planning and Zoning for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant and the Façade Improvement Program Grant, both to be awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; and amending the General Fund total for the Department of Planning and Zoning in order to have sufficient spending authority to fund a General Fund match requirement for the Strategic Demolition Fund Grant.

Council Bill 10-2017 – AN ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to correct certain Department of Housing and Community Development funds that were mistakenly appropriated to the Grants Fund instead of the Program Revenue Fund; to correct certain Department of Planning and Zoning debt service appropriation in the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund mistakenly reduced by certain revenue sources; to increase the Water and Sewer Grants Fund appropriation in the Department of Public Works in order to have sufficient spending authority for an unanticipated grant received by the County; to reduce the Grants Fund for the Department of Housing and Community Development by \$550,000 and amend the total Grants Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$550,000 to the Program Revenue Fund of the Department of Housing and Community Development and amend the total Program Revenue Fund accordingly; to add a total of \$6,608,200 to the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund for the Department of Planning and Zoning and amend the total Agricultural Land Preservation Fund accordingly; and generally relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017.

Council Bill 11-2017 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement between Howard County and SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp. for financing the acquisition of seven new buses to be used as part of the Regional Transit Agency's fixed-route fleet; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

Council Bill 12-2017 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Lease Agreement between the County and KSM Timbers, LLC, for the operation and maintenance of the Timbers at Troy Golf Course; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

Council Bill 13-2017 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Seventh Amendment and Renewal of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony

Woods, LLC, for the lease of approximately 1,653 square feet of space located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland during a multi-year renewal term; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment.

Council Bill 14-2017 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Planned and Scheduled Maintenance Agreement between Nixon Power Services, LLC d/b/a Nixon Energy Solutions and Howard County, Maryland that requires certain indemnification in future fiscal years.

Council Resolution 25-2017 – A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 7,930 square feet of real property owned by Howard County, Maryland known as a portion of Governors Run Open Space Lot 130 is no longer needed for a public purpose in exchange for the conveyance to the County of 13,000 square feet of land to be designated as Open Space; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to the owner of the adjacent property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Council Resolution 26-2017 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201(a) of the Howard County Code, declaring that a portion of a 20-foot Water Easement and a 20-foot Sewer Easement, comprising a total of approximately 0.2773 acres, is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the underlying property owner, the Howard County Housing Commission; 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 abandon such portion of the easement if he finds that such portion of the easement may have a further public use.

Council Resolution 27-2017 – A RESOLUTION indicating support by both the County Council and County Executive for a project to finance and construct a new courthouse.

Council Bill 15-2017 – Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by Greg Fox; AN ACT further stating the purpose of the Howard County Right-To-Farm Act; recommending certain legal fees under certain conditions; and generally related to the Howard county Right-To-Farm Act.

Council Bill 16-2017 – Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by Greg Fox; AN ACT amending PlanHoward 2030, the general plan for Howard County, in order to amend Growth Tiers, as required by the Maryland Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012; revising certain maps to reflect changes in Growth Tiers; amending text to describe Growth Tiers; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.

Final Consideration

Consent Agenda

Council Resolution 13-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of John Dove to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution 14-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mary K. Hargadon-Zester to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Council Resolution 15-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Rebecca Roberts to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Appointments

Council Resolution 2-2017 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kenneth M. Barnes to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Council Resolution 3-2017 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Christine E. Conn to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution 4-2017 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie B. Kornreich to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Council Resolution 5-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Nancy McAllister to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution 6-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michelle K. Melotti-Merdon to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Council Resolution 7-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie P. Salgado-Tamayo to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

Council Resolution 8-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Ann M. Strozyk to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Council Resolution 9-2017 – 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.

Council Resolution 10-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marian S. Vessels to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Council Resolution 11-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Weeks as a member of the Cable Advisory Committee.

Council Resolution 12-2017 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Karen Wood to the Commission on Disability Issues.

General

Council Bill 1-2017 - AN ACT amending certain permit requirements related to hazardous substances; defining certain terms and setting forth different types of hazardous substances; and generally relating to the Howard County Fire Prevention Code.

Council Bill 2-2017 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Second Amendment for the lease of space; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

Council Bill 3-2017 – AN ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2017 in order to fund unanticipated expenses related to the Ellicott City flood response and recovery efforts; increasing the General Fund for certain departments; and amending the total General Fund accordingly; adding funding to Capital Project D1165, Flood Mitigation and Stormwater/Waterway Enhancement, and H2014, Road Resurfacing; and generally relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017.

Council Bill 4-2017 – Introduced by Jon Weinstein; AN Act requiring periodic reviews and certain revisions to the Howard County Design Manual; generally relating to standards for design and construction in Howard County.

Council Bill 5-2017 – Introduced by Greg Fox and Co-sponsored by Mary Kay Sigaty; AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that court-ordered partitions of real property under certain conditions are not included within the definitions of minor subdivision or resubdivisions under the Subdivision Regulations; and generally relating to Minor Subdivisions and Resubdivisions.

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.

Council Bill 6-2017 – AN ACT clarifying the definition of eligible property; clarifying certain qualified expenses for purposes of qualifying to receive the tax credit; clarifying the process to receive the tax credit; removing certain obsolete provisions; making certain technical corrections; defining certain terms, and generally related to the tax credit for the restoration and rehabilitation of historic or heritage properties.

Council Bill 7-2017 – AN ACT amending the Livable Homes Tax Credit in order to amend the features for which one may receive the tax credit; adding certain features; amending the amount of the credit that may be received; amending certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to real property tax credits.

Council Resolution 16-2017 – Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Greg Fox; A RESOLUTION adding a reimbursement related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee; and generally related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Council Bill 8-2017 – Introduced by Calvin Ball and Jon Weinstein; AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Office of Law to institute any civil action or other proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Council Resolution 17-2017 – Introduced by the Chairperson; A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

Council Bill 9-2017 – Introduced by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa; AN ACT providing that certain individuals shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the

immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on citizenship status; requiring that certain information related to citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County.

Tabled

Council Resolution 171-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John F. Tenerowicz to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (tabled 12/05/16)

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)

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)

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