



Howard County Council

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District 5

Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, June 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Web-based Virtual Meeting
Streamed at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
Broadcast Channels 44 (Verizon) and 99 (Comcast)
Banneker Room

Members Present: Deb Jung, Council Chairperson; Liz Walsh, Vice Chairperson; Opel Jones, Council Member, Christiana Rigby, Council Member; and David Yungmann, Council Member.

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Kel Berg, Administrative Support.

I. Call to Order at 7:06 p.m. through Virtual via Webex.

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Chair Deb Jung.

III. Acknowledgements

- A. Certificate of Appreciation - Jessica Bentivenga (Project Search)
- B. Honorary Resolution - Jim Irvin (Retiring Director, Department of Public Works)
- C. Honorary Resolution - Janet Irvin (Retiring Finance Director)

IV. Public Hearing

A. Appointments

- 1. Council Resolution 87-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of

Jonathan Di Pietro to the Human Rights Commission. (No expiration date)

a. Jonathon Di Pietro - Clarksville, MD

2. Council Resolution 88-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gabriel Terrasa to the Human Rights Commission. (No expiration date)

a. Gabriel Terrasa - Columbia, MD

B. General

1. Council Resolution 36-2020 - Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and cosponsored by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION amending the purchase price formula used to determine the price that Howard County pays when purchasing development rights under the Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and specifying that the purchase price formula shall be effective upon passage of the Resolution and shall remain in effect until changed or repealed by Resolution of the County Council. (No expiration date)

a. Joy Levy, Planning Supervisor, Department of Planning and Zoning

2. Council Bill 35-2020 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Pictometry International Corp. for certain pictometry services used by the County, 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. (Expires 8/10/20; 9/14/20 if extended; or 10/19/20 if extended twice.)

a. Brandee Ganz, Director, Department of Technology and Communication Services

b. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

3. Council Bill 36-2020 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act. (Expires 8/10/20; 9/14/20 if extended; or 10/19/20 if extended twice.)

- a. John Peterson, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration
 - b. Richard Reuhl, President, Howard County Professional Firefighters Association

4. Council Resolution 89-2020 - A RESOLUTION adopting HoCo By Design General Plan Guidelines: A Strategic Framework, promulgated by the Planning Board, to be used by the Department of Planning and Zoning in the preparation and revision of the General Plan. (No expiration date)
 - a. Mary Kendall, Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
 - b. Paul Verchinski
 - c. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD
 - d. Brent Loveless - Laurel, MD

5. Council Resolution 90-2020 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2021 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County. (No expiration date)
 - a. Jeff Bronow, Chief of Research Division, Department of Planning and Zoning
 - b. Brent Loveless - Laurel, MD

6. Council Resolution 91-2020 - A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy. (No expiration date)
 - a. Renee Kamen, Manager of School Planning, Howard County Public School System
 - b. Brent Loveless - Laurel, MD

7. Council Resolution 92-2020 - 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. (No expiration date)

- a. Vernon Thompson, Executive Vice President, Howard County Economic Development Authority

8. Council Bill 37-2020 – Introduced by Deb Jung - AN ACT specifying the status of the public right of way in relation to a Publicly Accessible Electric Scooter Sharing System; providing for denial, suspension, or revocation of a Publicly Accessible Electric Scooter Sharing System Permit under specified circumstances; providing for a hearing before final action; and generally relating to electric scooters on public rights-of-way in Howard County. (Expires 8/10/20; 9/14/20 if extended; or 10/19/20 if extended twice.)
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

9. Council Resolution 93-2020 – Introduced by Deb Jung - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter by amending Section 202 “The County Council” by altering certain dates for the Council to appoint a Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and for the Commission to prepare a plan of Councilmanic Districts and present the plan to the Council; altering a date, if by which, no ordinance re-establishing the boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts has been enacted, the plan submitted by the Commission becomes law; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

10. Council Resolution 94-2020 – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 202 to alter the method for appointing members of a Councilmanic Redistricting Commission; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD
 - b. Carolan Stansky - Ellicott City, MD

11. Council Resolution 95-2020 – Introduced by Opel Jones and cosponsored by Christiana Rigby - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Howard County Charter Section 202 “The County Council”, Section 208 “Sessions of the County Council;

quorum; rules of procedure”, Section 1201 “Nature of the Article”, and Section 1202 “Establishment of District boundaries for Councilmanic Districts” by changing the term “Councilmanic” to “Council”; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

12. Council Resolution 96-2020 – Introduced David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 209 to alter the minimum time between introduction of a bill and the public hearing on the bill; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

13. Council Resolution 97-2020 – Introduced by Deb Jung - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 212 “County Auditor” by requiring the County Auditor to accompany the County Executive and the Council Chair on all discussions with officials of credit rating agencies; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

b. Carolan Stansky - Ellicott City, MD

14. Council Resolution 98-2020 – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 302 “The County Executive” to provide that certain appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz- Columbia, MD

15. Council Resolution 99-2020 – Introduced by Christiana Rigby and Opel Jones - A

RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 404 “Citizen Boards” by reducing from five years to three years the number of overlapping terms a Howard County resident may serve on a citizen board, or until a successor is confirmed; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

16. Council Resolution 100-2020 – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter by amending Section 603 “Submission and contents of the County budget” by altering certain dates for the County Executive to submit to the Council the proposed current expense budget, the operating expense program for certain fiscal years, parts of the budget message, the proposed capital budget, and the capital program for certain fiscal years; altering the contents of the current expense budget and the capital budget and capital program; requiring the Executive to submit certain revenue information to the Council on or before a certain date; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

17. Council Resolution 101-2020 – Introduced by Deb Jung - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter by amending Section 606 “Action on the annual budget and appropriation ordinance by the County Council” to allow the County Council to appropriate funds to capital projects or departments; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

18. Council Resolution 102-2020 – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to add County Charter Section 619 to require fiscal analyses for specified ordinances and resolutions; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)

a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

19. Council Resolution 103-2020 – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to add County Charter Section 619 to provide that certain property tax rate increases may only be made with the approval of the voters; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

20. Council Resolution 104-2020 – Introduced by Christiana Rigby and Opel Jones - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 709 of the Howard County Charter to prohibit specified kinds of discrimination with respect to certain personnel actions in the County Merit System; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution. (No expiration date)
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD

21. Council Bill 11-2020 - Introduced by: Deb Jung; Cosponsored by: Christiana Rigby and Liz Walsh - AN ACT to require certain projects to document that the project meets specified bird-friendly design standards; providing for a delay in enforcement of this Act; and generally relating to environmental design. (Expires 5/11/20; 6/15/20 if extended; or 7/20/20 if extended twice.)
 - a. Felix Baum, Student
 - b. Mark Southerland, Safe Skies Maryland
 - c. Christine Conn - Ellicott City, MD
 - d. Cynthia Williams
 - e. Kurt Schwarz, Conservation Chair, Howard County Bird Club - 9045 Dunloggin Court, Ellicott City, MD
 - f. Nancy Lawson - Sykesville, MD

22. Council Bill 13-2020 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby; Co-sponsored by: Opel Jones and Liz Walsh - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to establish a Notice and a Requirement to provide an offer to the County and Housing Commission to Purchase Rental Housing offered for sale in the County; and generally relating to the sale of Rental Housing. (Expires 5/11/20; 6/15/20 if extended; or 7/20/20 if extended twice.)

- a. Jessie Keller, Maryland Multi-Housing Association - Baltimore, MD
- b. Angelica Bailey, Maryland Building Industry Association - Fulton, MD
- c. Mark Thompson - Laurel, MD
- d. Mark Levy
- e. Michael Muldowney
- f. James Knott - Towson, MD
- g. Donald Carter
- h. Robert Bavar
- i. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD
- j. Brent Loveless - Laurel, MD

V. Tabled

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- B. Council Bill 12-2020 - Introduced by: David Yungmann – AN ACT to allow a landlord to show a model or similar unit to a prospective tenant if the unit to be leased is not vacant under specified circumstances; to repeal the authority of a tenant to terminate a lease without penalty if certain violations are not abated within a certain time; to allow a lease to provide that a tenant will pay specified costs under specified circumstances; to alter the lease payment grace period; to allow for the collection of specified charges; to repeal the prohibition against a lease stating that it is a contract under seal; making a technical correction; and generally relating to landlord-tenant relations. (Expires 5/11/20; 6/15/20 if extended; or 7/20/20 if extended twice.)
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- E. Council Resolution 98-2019 – A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2020 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County. (No expiration date)

- F. Council Resolution 89-2019 - Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive at the request of Dorsey Overlook, LLLP. - AN ACT declaring that a portion of Old Maryland Route 108, containing approximately 1.087 acres, is no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the County's property interest to the developer of the adjacent property, Dorsey Overlook, LLLP. (No expiration date)

VI. Adjourned: 9:51 p.m.