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Legislative Public Hearing

Minutes (Approved)

Monday, July 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Virtual via Webex Teleconference

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C. Vernon Gray Room

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

Members Absent: David Yungmann, Council Member

Staff Present: Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Jeff Meyers, Legislative Analyst; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Support.

- I. Call to Order at 7:08am
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing
- A. Legislation
- 1. SAO1-FY2021 AN ACT transferring \$3,660,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Housing and Community Development to restore funding that was moved to the Contingency Fund so that programs and services to low- and moderate-income residents provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development may be continued in Fiscal Year 2021. (Expires 9/14/20; 10/19/20 if extended; or 11/23/20 if extended twice.)
 - a. Kelly Cimino, Director of Housing and Community Development called to speak
- 2. Council Bill 38-2020 AN ACT establishing a personal property tax exemption on the personal property of a Qualified Data Center; defining certain terms; providing for certain

amounts of property tax exemptions under certain conditions; requiring a certain report; providing for an application procedure; and generally relating to personal property tax exemptions. (Expires 9/14/20; 10/19/20 if extended; or 11/23/20 if extended twice.)

- a. Larry Twele, Executive Director, EDA called to speak
- b. Leonardo McClarty, HC Chamber of Commerce, called to speak
- 3. Council Bill 39-2020 AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement for financing the acquisition and installation of 7,258 LED streetlight fixtures; 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 9/14/20; 10/19/20 if extended; or 11/23/20 if extended twice.)
 - a. Leah Miller, Office of Community Sustainability called to speak
- 4. Council Resolution 105-2020 A RESOLUTION amending the minimum square footage for Conservation Landscaping Reimbursement; and generally relating to schedules of rates adopted as part of the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee. (No expiration date)
 - a. Jennifer Sager, Administration, called to speak
- 5. Council Resolution 106-2020 A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 63-2020, in order to: (1) increase the general fund budget of the BOE by \$7,751,999, based on a net increase of \$7,502,000 in other funding sources primarily through the use of unbudgeted \$8,000,000 in school fund balance and other revenue changes, an estimated additional \$250,000 in federal funding, and a decrease of \$1 in anticipated state funding; (2) make categorical transfers to align with anticipated funding and expenses; and (3) to adjust restricted funds based on final Board of Education decisions; and generally relating to the Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. (No expiration date)
 - a. Jahantab Siddiqui, HCPSS called to speak
- 6. Council Bill 40-2020 AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County in accordance with a certain recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement; providing for certain specialty pays; providing for the application of certain pay schedules; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County. (Expires 9/14/20; 10/19/20 if extended; or 11/23/20 if extended twice.)
 - a. Wanda Hutchinson, Administrator, Human Resources, called to speak
- 7. Council Bill 41-2020 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human

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Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2022 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, Council 67, AFL-CIO. (Expires 9/14/20; 10/19/20 if extended; or 11/23/20 if extended twice.)

- a. John Peterson, Deputy CAO, called to speak
- 8. Council Resolution 107-2020 A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement by and between Camilla Carroll and Philip D. Carroll and Howard County, Maryland in accordance Title 16, Subtitle 17 of the Howard County Code. (No expiration date)
 - a. Peter Conrad, Deputy Director, DPZ, called to speak
 - b. Victor Ilenda, Ellicott City, called to speak
 - c. Theodore Baruch, Ellicott City, called to speak
 - d. Jack Gaurmen, Ellicott City, called to speak
 - e. Janet Rollins, Ellicott City, called to speak
 - f. Hadgu Hiruy, Savage, called to speak
- 9. Council Resolution 108-2020 A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of a Water, Sewer and Utility Easement, containing 20,918 square feet, and of a Right of Way Easement, containing 7,502 square feet, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement interests in the property of the fee simple owner, The Normandy Venture Limited Partnership; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to The Normandy Venture Limited Partnership; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use. (No expiration date)
 - a. Melanie Bishop, Real Estate, DPW, called to speak
 - b. Lisa Markovitz, Normandy HOA, called to speak
- 10. Council Resolution 109-2020 A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that property containing 2.447 acres, owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey, at no cost, fee simple title to the property to the State of 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 convey the property if he finds that the County may have a public use for it. (No expiration date)
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IV. Tabled

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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)
- D. 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)