



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:00 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; Theodore Wimberly, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Support.

- I. Call to Order at 6:09 p.m through Virtual via Webex.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Chair Deb Jung.
- III. Acknowledgements
 - A. Honorary Resolution – Hispanic Heritage Month
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. Council Resolution 110-2020 - A RESOLUTION appointing members to the Planning Advisory Committee to assist in the development of HoCo By Design, Howard County's next General Plan. (No expiration date)
 - a. Mary Kendall from DPZ on behalf of the Administration
 - b. Brent Loveless
 2. Council Resolution 111-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hunter Craig to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)

- a. Hunter Craig
3. Council Resolution 112-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Teresa Garcia to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Teresa Garcia
4. Council Resolution 115-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lawrence Lewis III to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Lawrence Lewis III
5. Council Resolution 117-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kimberly McCauley to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Kimberly McCauley
6. Council Resolution 119-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Daniel Thomas Nairn to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Daniel Thomas Nairn
7. Council Resolution 122-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bonnie Sorak to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Bonnie Sorak
8. Council Resolution 113-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Larry Scott Henschel to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. (No expiration date)
 - a. Larry Scott Henschel

Tracey Williams on behalf of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission – *Ms. Williams signed up to testify for each of the proposed appointees.*

9. Council Resolution 114-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kevin Hill to the Board of Electrical Examiners. (No expiration date)
 - a. Kevin Hill

10. Council Resolution 116-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eduardo Marin to the Recreation and Parks Board. (No expiration date)
 - a. Eduardo Marin
11. Council Resolution 118-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mike Mitchell to the Howard County Local Children's Board. (No expiration date)
 - a. Mike Mitchell
12. Council Resolution 120-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kelly Shalcosky-Proctor to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board. (No expiration date)
 - a. Kelly Shalcosky-Proctor
13. Council Resolution 121-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kelly L. Smith to the Board of Library Trustees. (No expiration date)
 - a. Kelly L. Smith
14. Council Resolution 135-2020 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Bevan-Dangel to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission. (No expiration date)
 - a. Jennifer Bevan-Dangel
15. Council Resolution 123-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James W. Brown to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. (No expiration date)
16. Council Resolution 124-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Katie Collins-Ihrke to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities. (No expiration date)
17. Council Resolution 125-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shahriar Etemadi to the Multimodal Transportation Board. (No expiration date)
18. Council Resolution 126-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cynthia Gula to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. (No expiration date)
19. Council Resolution 127-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Wei Guo to the Commission on Aging. (No expiration date)

20. Council Resolution 128-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Patricia Warr Marshall to the Housing Commission. (No expiration date)
21. Council Resolution 129-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Judi Olinger to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities. (No expiration date)
22. Council Resolution 130-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cynthia Parr to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities. (No expiration date)
23. Council Resolution 131-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Charles A. Phillips, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. (No expiration date)
24. Council Resolution 132-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Steven J. Plakitsis to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration date)
25. Council Resolution 133-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Rivers, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (No expiration date)
26. Council Resolution 134-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Linda Skelton to the Housing and Community Development Board. (No expiration date)

B. General

1. Council Bill 43-2020 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, Finance Director to testify on behalf of the Administration
2. Council Bill 44-2020 - AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to receive approximately \$9,733,000 of additional State funding in the Board of Education's Capital budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and declaring that this Act

is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)

- a. Dan Lubeley from HCPSS
3. Council Resolution 136-2020 - A RESOLUTION approving the inclusion of approximately \$9,733,000 of additional State funding in the Board of Education's Capital budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget of the Board of Education. (No expiration date)
 - a. Dan Lubeley from HCPSS
 4. Council Resolution 137-2020 - A RESOLUTION approving an application to the State of Maryland for funding under the Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program for funds awarded through the federal CARES Act; and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. (No expiration date)
 - a. Kelly Cimino, Housing Director, on behalf of the Administration
 5. Council Bill 46-2020 - AN ACT authorizing the County Executive to award points under the Length of Service Awards Program for active service by Executive Order based on a declared state of emergency; and generally relating to the Length Of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighting/EMS personnel. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Fire Chief Anuszewski on behalf of the Administration
 - b. Ray Wines for Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Ass'n.
 6. Council Bill 47-2020 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County in order to add pay scales for Emergency Communications Supervisors, members of Local 3085 and members of Lodge 131; amending specialty pays applicable to Emergency Communication Supervisors and Police Lieutenants; providing for the application of certain pay schedules; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Wanda Hutchinson, Administrator, Office of Human Resources on behalf of the Administration
 7. Council Bill 48-2020 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code in order to change the name of the Office of Human Rights to be the Office of Human Rights and Equity; and generally related to the Office of Human Rights. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)

- a. Yolanda Sonnier, Administrator, Office of Human Rights on behalf of the Administration

8. Council Bill 49-2020 - AN ACT prohibiting parking in a bike lane; defining certain terms; and generally related to parking control in Howard County. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation, on behalf of the Administration

9. Council Resolution 138-2020 - A RESOLUTION approving a fine for parking in a bike lane. (No expiration date)
 - a. Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation, on behalf of the Administration
 - b. Joel Hurewitz

10. Council Resolution 139-2020 - A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale, for nominal consideration, of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer owned by Howard County to the Maryland State Police, Forensic Science Division. (No expiration date)
 - a. Major Marshall on behalf of the Administration

11. Council Resolution 140-2020 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that BGE may place equipment on poles owned by the County in three locations in Ellicott City; 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 grant the easements if he finds that the property may have a further public use. (No expiration date)
 - a. Melanie Bishop on behalf of the Administration
 - b. Joel Hurewitz

12. Council Resolution 141-2020 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that land containing 0.188 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 use for the Property. (No expiration date)
 - a. Melanie Bishop on behalf of the Administration

13. Council Bill 50-2020 - Introduced by: Deb Jung - AN ACT to update a reference in the LEED green building rating system related to bird-friendly buildings; and generally relating to environmental design. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)

14. Council Resolution 142-2020 - Introduced by: Opel Jones and Christiana Rigby - A RESOLUTION creating a Racial Equity Task Force to study racial inequities and disparities in Howard County and recommend legislative actions to close racial disparities in our community. (No expiration date)
 - a. Erika Strauss Chavarria
 - b. Mike Mitchell on behalf of FIRN
 - c. Jennifer White on behalf of Horizon Foundation
 - d. Allison Sayers
 - e. Jacqueline Eng on behalf of Howard County Housing Coalition
 - f. Byron McFarlane
 - g. Hiruy Hadgu
 - h. Karen Randall
 - i. Jessica Coates
 - j. Chiara Damore
 - k. Candace Dodson Reed
 - l. Rashida George on behalf of the Racial Equity Task Force
 - m. Joel Hurewitz

15. Council Resolution 143-2020 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh - A Resolution declaring policy support by the Howard County Council for the “Fight For \$15” Coalition, which successfully advocated for the passage and eventual enactment of a phased-in \$15 per hour minimum wage for Marylanders, and for maintaining the first minimum wage phase-in as enacted, effective January 1, 2021. (No expiration date)
 - a. Chris Stevenson on behalf of 1199 SEIU

16. Council Bill 51-2020 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh - AN ACT prohibiting the Howard County Department of Corrections from accepting into its custody persons detained by federal immigration law enforcement agencies and housing those persons as they await disposition of exclusively immigration-related proceedings. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Richard Kohn
 - b. Meagan Braganca
 - c. Gavin Kohn
 - d. Tammy Spengler
 - e. Alexander Kohn

- f. Marina Adler
 - g. Paul Baicich on behalf of Our Revolution Howard County
 - h. Ying Matties on behalf of Howard County Coalition for Immigrant Justice
 - i. Roslyn Zinner
 - j. Robin Vestal
 - k. Laurie Liskin
 - l. Margaret Montouri on behalf of Help Save Maryland Research and Education
 - m. Thais Moreira
 - n. Kathleen Uy
 - o. Hiruy Hagdu
 - p. Michael David
 - q. Nicole Abrokwa
 - r. Leslie Salgado-Tamayo on behalf of Friends of Latin America
 - s. Anna Rubin
 - t. Sara Chernikoff on behalf of Howard County for Justice
 - u. Nolvin Chavez (with translator Jorge Benitez-Perez)
 - v. Jose Lovos (with translator Jorge Benitez-Perez)
 - w. Marcia Bravo (with translator Jorge Benitez-Perez)
 - x. Carla Tevelow
 - y. Grace Magori
 - z. Jill Clark Gollub
 - aa. Sebastian Brown on behalf of ACLU
17. Council Resolution 144-2020 - A RESOLUTION establishing Wilde Lake High School as a fifth early voting center for the 2020 general election. (No expiration date)
- a. Joel Hurewitz
18. Council Bill 45-2020 (ZRA191) - AN ACT revising the definition of Housing Commission Housing Development to include the Howard County Government so that the Department of Housing and Community Development can facilitate the construction of affordable housing on non-residentially zoned land; allowing the Planning Board to approve up to a maximum of 12 acres of housing developments on non-residentially zoned land owned by the Howard County Government or for housing developments owned by a business entity in which Howard County Government is a general partner or managing member; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations. (Expires 11/17/20; 12/22/20 if extended; or 1/26/21 if extended twice.)

Adjourned at 10:11 p.m.