



# Howard County Council

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## Legislative Public Hearing Minutes Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Web-based Virtual Meeting  
Video Streamed on

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Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)

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

**Staff Present:** Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator to the County Council, Margery Sayers, County Council; Jennifer Sager, Administration; Maureen Arthurs, Administration; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Attorney; and Brenda Smith, Administrative Support was also present

Administration representatives: Jennifer Sagar; Maureen Arthurs

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing
  - A. **Appointments**
    1. Council Resolution 165-2020 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jerome Rollerson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. (*No expiration date*)
      - a. Jerome Rollerson, called to speak.
    2. Council Resolution 1-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nailah Brock, Ph.D. to the Board of Social Services. (*No expiration date*).
      - a. Nailah Brock, called to speak.

3. Council Resolution 2-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maurice C. Frazier to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. *(No expiration date)*.
  - a. Maurice C. Frazier, called to speak.
  
4. Council Resolution 3-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ralph C. Glover, Jr. to the Board of Social Services. *(No expiration date)*.
  - a. Ralph C. Glover Jr., called to speak.
  
5. Council Resolution 4-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ayesha Holmes to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Ayesha Holmes, called to speak.
  - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak.
  
6. Council Resolution 5-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shoshanah Hornum to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Shoshanah Hornum, called to speak.
  
7. Council Resolution 6-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elizabeth Kromm to the Commission on Aging. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Elizabeth Kromm, called to speak.
  
8. Council Resolution 7-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chalise Cassandra Latimer to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Chalise Cassandra Latimer, called to speak.
  
9. Council Resolution 8-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ivette Lopez to the Board of Social Services. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Ivette Lopez, called to speak.
  
10. Council Resolution 9-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Dr. Elizabeth R. Sapp Jones to the Board of Social Services. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Rev. Dr. Elizabeth R. Sapp Jones, called to speak.
  
11. Council Resolution 14-2021 – Introduced by Chairperson - A RESOLUTION appointing Amy Renee Brooks to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2025. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Amy Renee Brooks, called to speak.

12. Council Resolution 15-2021 – Introduced by the Chairperson - A RESOLUTION appointing David Marker, Everlene Cunningham, McNeal Brown, Mahesh S. Kukata, Chris Oxenham, Ray Serrano, and Donna Hill Staton to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and naming Donna Hill Staton as the Chairperson of the Commission; and generally relating to Councilmanic Redistricting. *(No expiration date)*

- a. Ray Serrano called to speak.
- b. McNeal Brown, called to speak.
- c. Donna Hill Staton, called to speak.
- d. David Marker, called to speak.
- e. Everlene Cunningham, called to speak.
- f. Mahesh Kukata, called to speak.
- g. Chris Oxenham, called to speak.
- h. Cynthia Fikes, called to speak.
- i. Lili Shippe, called to speak.

## **B. Financial**

- 1. Council Bill 2-2021 – AN ORDINANCE approving the execution and delivery by Howard County, Maryland (the “County”) of a conditional purchase agreement or funding agreement (the “Conditional Purchase Agreement”) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 in order to refinance one or more lease agreements of the County and to pay the costs of such refinancing; providing that the County’s obligation to make purchase installment payments under the Conditional Purchase Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriation by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland and shall not constitute indebtedness of the County; providing that the refinancing hereby approved is being undertaken for the purposes of realizing lease payment savings for the County; and generally providing for other matters related to the execution and delivery of the Conditional Purchase Agreement by the County. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*
  - a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration, called to speak.

## **C. General**

- 1. Council Bill 4-2021 - AN ACT amending the timing for Fiscal Analysis provided by the County Auditor; providing that certain exceptions apply to Fiscal Analysis provided by the County Executive; and generally relating to the enactment of legislation. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*
  - a. Maureen Arthurs; Administration, called to speak.
  - b. Dan Hajdo; Indivisible Howard County, called to speak.
  - c. Hiruy Hadgu; HCCA, called to speak.

2. Council Bill 5-2021 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan in order to create a Deferred Retirement Option Program for Participating Corrections Employees (Corrections DROP); defining certain terms; establishing certain deadlines; setting forth the eligibility for Corrections DROP to include certain employees of the Department of Corrections; providing for the term of Corrections DROP participation; providing for the termination of participation in Corrections DROP; requiring that certain accounts be established and maintained; setting forth provisions related to the disability, death, or retirement of Corrections DROP participants; and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*
  - a. John Peterson; Administration, called to speak.
  
3. Council Bill 1-2021 - AN ACT requiring a license for private animal shelters; defining certain terms; authorizing the adoption of certain regulations; providing for certain exemptions; requiring that a license application contain certain information; requiring an application fee; requiring that certain fees be adopted by Resolution of the County Council; providing for inspections; providing that a denied application can be resubmitted under certain conditions; providing for a license term; providing the conditions under which the license can be suspended or revoked; providing for appeals and license renewals; requiring certain records; providing standards of care for private animal shelters; providing for certain penalties; adding to the duties of the Animal Matters Hearing Board; and generally relating to private animal shelters in Howard County. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*
  - a. Jim Marshall, Administration, called to speak.
  - b. Jessica Kratz Hassell, called to speak.
  - c. Joel Hurwitz, called to speak.
  - d. Mara Hurwitz, Friends of Rabbits, called to speak.
  
4. Council Resolution 11-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a nonrefundable application fee and a license fee for an annual Private Animal Shelter License. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Tabitha Drum, called to speak.
  
5. Council Resolution 12-2021 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 16.1203 of the Howard County Code, adopting a new Forest Conservation Manual; and generally relating to Howard County Forest Conservation. *(No expiration date)*
  - a. Susan Overstreet; Administration, called to speak.
  - b. Susan Garber, called to speak.
  - c. Cathy Hudson, called to speak.
  
6. Council Bill 7-2021 (ZRA192) - Introduced by the Chair at the request of Annapolis Junction Town Center, LLC - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow structures within 750 feet of a MARC station platform to exceed 100 feet in height up to a maximum of 180 feet in height under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Zoning District. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*

- a. Sang Oh, Petitioner, called to speak.
  - b. Susan Garber, called to speak.
  - c. Kevin Burke, called to speak.
  - d. Cathy Hudson, called to speak.
  - e. Brent Loveless, called to speak.
7. Council Bill 8-2021 (ZRA193) - Introduced by: The Chair at the request of Blue Stream, LLC - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow all CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoned properties to reduce the required commercial square footage below 20 square feet per dwelling unit if the Department of Planning and Zoning finds based on a market study submitted by the developer that the reduction is necessary for the financial viability of the project; and generally relating to the CAC zoning district. (*Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.*)
- a. Tom Coale, Petitioner, called to speak.
  - b. Susan Garber, called to speak.
  - c. Kevin Burke, called to speak.
  - d. Jessica Burgard, called to speak.
  - e. Tom Coale, called to speak
  - f. Hiruy Hagdu, called speak.
  - g. Cathy Hudson, called to speak.
  - h. Brent Loveless, called to speak.
8. Council Bill 9-2021 - Introduced by: David Yungmann - AN ACT to repeal a prohibition against the installation of certain multiuse sewerage systems; and generally relating to private sewer systems. (*Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.*)
- a. Dave Yungman, called to speak.
  - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak.

Adjourned at 9:54 pm

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