

# **Howard County Council**

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### **Agenda**

Legislative Session
Monday, March 1, 2021
Web-based Virtual Meeting
Video Streamed on <a href="https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us">https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us</a>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)
7:00 p.m.

# **Legislative Session**

Day # 5

# Approve Journal

February 3, 2021 February 16, 2021

#### **Approve Minutes**

Monthly Meeting – February 8, 2021 Legislative Public Hearing – February 16, 2021 Legislative Work Session – February 22, 2021

# **Introduction**

#### **Appointments**

Council Resolution 37-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marlene S. Hendler to the Multimodal Transportation Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 38-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Vanita Leatherwood to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 39-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Mariana Izraelson to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 40-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bita Dayhoff to the Howard County Local Children's Board. (*No expiration date*)

#### Financial

Council Bill 16-2021 - AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 34.5 acres of agricultural land located on the south side of McKendree Road, Glenwood, Howard County, Maryland, from William Lowrey and Jennifer Lowrey or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,011,600 or, if less, not more than \$29,320 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

Council Resolution 41-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a Financial Assurance Plan for Howard County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment. (*No expiration date*)

#### General

Council Bill 17-2021 (ZRA197) - AN ACT to update and add definitions related to solar collector equipment; to eliminate the requirement for a glare study; to add certain reviews by the Agricultural Preservation Board; to allow rooftop commercial and accessory ground mount solar collectors in all zoning districts; to allow commercial ground-mount solar collector facilities in certain zoning districts; to limit the size of commercial ground-mount solar collector facilities on certain parcels that are in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations. (Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 18-2021 - AN ACT removing the requirement that the Office of Transportation establish a Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group; amending the qualifications to serve on the Multimodal Transportation Board; amending the powers of the Multimodal Transportation Board; and generally relating to transportation and the Office of Transportation. (*Expires* 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

Council Resolution 42-2021 - A RESOLUTION correcting the conveyance of certain easements that were granted to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company by the passage of Council Resolution No. 140-2020. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 28-2020 - Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Dean Dubbe - A RESOLUTION to close a portion of Roxbury Road as shown in Exhibits A and B in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 43-2021 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh - A RESOLUTION encouraging the County Executive to implement a "Shared Streets Program" to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and the safe use of outdoor space during the State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and generally relating to implementing the "Shared Streets Program". (*No expiration date*)

Council Bill 19-2021 - Introduced by: David Yungmann - AN ACT to alter the method to calculate the number of one-acre lots that could be subject to release of easement; removing the minimum size criteria for a parcel on which a landowner's dwelling could be built; and generally relating to agricultural preservation. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 20-2021 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby - AN ACT to require that certain single-user restrooms in Howard County be made available to all individuals regardless of gender; requiring that certain single-user restrooms use gender-inclusive signage to identify the restroom; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the availability of single-user restrooms to all individuals regardless of gender. (*Expires 5/10/21*; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 21-2021 (ZRA196) – Introduced by: The Chair at the request of Kimberly Kepnes - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add certain uses permitted as a matter of right in HO (Historic: Office) zoning districts. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 22-2021 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby; Co-Sponsored by: Deb Jung and Liz Walsh - AN ACT requiring the developer of a TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District site to provide the required moderate income housing units on the TOD site; prohibiting certain actions by the developer relating to optional methods or alternative compliance to optional methods; and generally relating to Moderate-Income Housing Unit requirements. (Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 23-2021 - Introduced by: Opel Jones and Deb Jung; Co-sponsored by: Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann - AN ACT amending the eligibility requirements for a property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel in accordance with Chapter 332, Acts of the General Assembly of 2019; and generally relating to property tax credits. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 24-2021 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh; Co-sponsored by: Deb Jung - AN ACT to prohibit action on certain zoning applications while a new General Plan is in process; requiring a specified report related to disclosure of certain contributions and business

relationships in compliance with the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to Zoning matters. (Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)

#### Final

# **Appointments**

Council Resolution 17-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brooke Abercrombie to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 18-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Brian Akers to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 19-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alexandra Berry to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 20-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Cherron L. Blakely, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 21-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Amma Felix to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 22-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Geetha Jayaram to the Commission on Aging. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 23-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Frank W. Kirkland to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 24-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elizabeth Oyebode to the Commission for Women. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 25-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Colonel Eric Towns, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (*No expiration date*) (TO BE WITHDRAWN)

Council Resolution 26-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gudell L. Ward to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 27-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of David M. Woodruff to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 28-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bert Hash to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 29-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kathy Land to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 30-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Edward T. Plitt to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 31-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Yetta Roggerson to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 32-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Charley Sung to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 33-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kurt W. Wall to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. (No expiration date)

#### General

Council Bill 11-2021 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Ninth Amendment of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony Woods, LLC, that expands the leased premises located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland, by approximately 184 square feet and that results in an increased rental amount; authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment. (Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/2321 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 12-2021 – AN ACT amending the term of board and commission members to be consistent with recently enacted amendments to Section 404 of the Howard County Charter; and generally related to boards and commissions. (Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/2321 if extended twice.)

Council Resolution 34-2021 - 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)

Council Resolution 35-2021 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - A RESOLUTION setting a date by which the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission is required to prepare a plan of Councilmanic Districts and present the plan to the Howard County Council; setting a date following presentation of the plan of Councilmanic Districts to the County Council by which, if no ordinance re-establishing the boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts has been enacted, the plan submitted by the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission becomes law; and generally relating to Councilmanic Redistricting. (No expiration date)

Council Bill 13-2021 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby, Opel Jones, and Liz Walsh - AN ACT to prohibit the sale or distribution of certain single-use straws and stirrers, certain

condiment packets and certain plastic food ware by certain food service facilities and retail business entities under specified circumstances; providing for exceptions to the prohibition; requiring certain establishments to have specified materials; providing for enforcement of the prohibition; specifying the duties of the Office of Community Sustainability; requiring fines to be placed in a certain Fund; and generally relating to waste reduction in the County. (Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/2321 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 14-2021 - 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 alter the authority of a tenant to terminate a lease without penalty if certain violations are not abated within a certain time; to alter the authority of a tenant to terminate a lease because of an involuntary change of employment; 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 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/2321 if extended twice.)

Council Bill 6-2021 - AN ACT requiring certain recycling services for office buildings over a certain size; requiring compliance with the County's Solid Waste Management Plan; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain penalties; and generally related to recycling in office buildings in Howard County. (*Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Resolution 10-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Office Building Recycling Plan as an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, 2014-2024, in accordance with the procedure required by State Law. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 13-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to add Cattail Creek Country Club to the list of existing wastewater treatment plants and to the list of existing and planned permit discharges. (*No expiration date*)

# <u>Tabled</u>

Council Resolution 4-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ayesha Holmes to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board. (*No expiration date*)

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.)

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*)

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.)

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