



Howard County Council

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Legislative Public Hearing Minutes Tuesday, February 16, 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: Vice Chairperson Opel Jones, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann were present; Absent: Chairperson Liz Walsh

Staff Present: Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator to the County Council, Margery Sayers, County Council; Jennifer Sager, Administration; Maureen Arthurs, Administration; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Attorney; Jeff Meyers, Senior Admin. Analyst and Trish Hammond, Administrative Support was also present

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acknowledgements
 - A. Honorary Resolution – Lunar New Year
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments**
 1. Council Resolution 17-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brooke Abercrombie to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. (*No expiration date*)
 - a. Brook Abercrombie called to speak.

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

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

4. 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)*
 - a. Dr. Cherron L. Blakely, called to speak.

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

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

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

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

9. Council Resolution 26-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gudell L. Ward to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. *(No expiration date)*
 - a. Gudell L. Ward was not available to speak.

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

11. Reappointments (Witness are not asked to appear for reappointments)

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 Roggeron 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)*

B. Financial

1. 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; *(Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/23/21 if extended twice.)*
 - a. Tom Meunier, DPW, called to speak.
 - b. Carl Katenkamp, DPW, called to speak.
 - c. David Francis, Police, called to speak.

C. General

1. 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 6/23/21 if extended twice.)*
 - a. Jen Sager, Administration, called to speak.
 - b. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

2. 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)*
 - a. Larry Twele, EDA, called to speak.
 - b. Vernon Thompson, EDA, called to speak.

3. 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;
 - a. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

4. 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; *(Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/23/21 if extended twice.)*
 - a. Jessie Keller, MD Multi-Housing Assoc., called to speak.
 - b. Jim Johnson, MD Multi-Housing Assoc., called to speak.
 - c. Jessica Burgardi, Howard County Indivisible, called to speak.

5. Council Bill 6-2021 - AN ACT requiring certain recycling services for office buildings over a certain size in Howard County. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*
 - a. Mark DeLuca, DPW, called to speak.

6. 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)*
 - a. Mark DeLuca, DPW, called to speak.
 - b. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

7. 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)*
 - a. Art Shapiro, DPW, called to speak.

8. 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; *(Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/23/21 if extended twice.)*
 - a. Jamie G., student, called to speak.
 - b. Oliver S., student, called to speak.
 - c. Emma Bush, student, called to speak.
 - d. Defne Demirekler, Sunrise Movement HoCo, called to speak.
 - e. Ruth Auerbach called to speak.
 - f. Meg Boyd, HoCo Conservancy, called to speak.
 - g. Pat Hersey, Less Plastic Please, called to speak.
 - h. Carla Tevelow called to speak.
 - i. Robin Hessey called to speak.
 - j. Zainab Zarnish, student, called to speak.
 - k. Liz Feighner HoCo Climate Action, called to speak.
 - l. Justice Sefas called to speak.
 - m. Kim Drake, Sierra Club, called to speak.
 - n. Dina Boogard called to speak.
 - o. Joseph Barbera called to speak.
 - p. Eric Kin called to speak.
 - q. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

Adjourned at 9:54 pm