



Howard County Council

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Legislative Public Hearing Minutes

Monday, March 15, 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 Sagar, 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

I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearing

A. Appointments

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

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

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

B. Reappointments

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

C. Financial

1. 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.)
 - a. Joy Levy – called to speak.
 - b. William Curtis Lowrey – called to speak.

2. 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)
 - a. Mark Deluca - called to speak.

D. General

1. Council Bill 17-2021 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 Agriculture Preservation Board; to allow rooftop commercial and accessory ground mount collectors in all zoning districts; to allow commercial ground-mount solar 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.)
 - a. Amy Gowan - called to speak.
 - b. Sharon Keeny – called to speak.
 - c. Christopher Alleva – called to speak.
 - d. Frances Yuhas – CHESSA, called to speak.
 - e. Dan Oleary – Greater Highland Crossroad Assoc., called to speak.
 - f. Devin Keeny – called to speak.
 - g. Stu Kohn – called to speak.
 - h. Claire Lacey – called to speak.
 - i. Cathy Hudson – called to speak.
 - j. Theodore Mariani – called to speak.
 - k. Abe Bennett – called to speak.
 - l. Tammie Bartee – called to speak.
 - m. Charles Goedeke – HoCo Climate Action, called to speak.
 - n. Maura Cahill – called to speak.
 - o. Mark Ramsay – called to speak.
 - p. Carol Zervas – called to speak.
 - q. Cynthia Williams – called to speak.
 - r. Susan Garber – Savage Community Assoc., called to speak.
 - s. Ann Jones – called to speak.
 - t. Judith Coleman – called to speak.
 - u. Hiruy Hadgu – called to speak.
 - v. Liz Feighner – called to speak.
 - w. Ruth White – called to speak.
2. 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.)
 - a. Bruce Gartner - called to speak.
3. 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)
 - a. Carl Katenkamp - called to speak.

4. 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)
 - a. Carl Katenkamp - called to speak.
 - b. Dean Dubbe – called to speak.
 - c. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak.

5. 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)
 - a. Carina Malchiod - called to speak.
 - b. Zoe Davis – called to speak.
 - c. Jennifer White – Horizon Foundation, called to speak.
 - d. Mark Ramsay – called to speak.

6. 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.)
 - a. Hiruy Hadgu – called to speak.

7. 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.)
 - a. Max Crownover – PFLAG, called to speak.
 - b. Ellie Liwack – called to speak.
 - c. Mark Ramsay – called to speak.

8. 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.)
 - a. Kimberly Kepnes - called to speak.
 - b. Amy Noggle - called to speak.
 - c. Victoria Goeller - called to speak.
 - d. Kathleen Flynn – called to speak.

- e. Christine Abunassar – called to speak.
 - f. Patrick Malloy – called to speak.
 - g. Steve McKenna – called to speak.
9. 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.)
- a. Hiruy Hadgu – HCCA, called to speak.
10. 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.)
- a. Jerome Carr - called to speak.
 - b. Nelson Pollack – Replacement East Columbia 50+ Senior Center, called to speak.
 - c. Pearline Atkinson - called to speak.
 - d. Hiruy Hadgu – HCCA, called to speak.
11. 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.)
- a. Lisa Markovitz – PEOPLE’S VOICE, called to speak.
 - b. Susan Garber - HCCA, called to speak.
 - c. Steve McKenna – called to speak.
 - d. Mark Thompson – called to speak.
 - e. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak.
 - f. Dan Hajdo – Indivisible HoCo – called to speak.
 - g. Hiruy Hadgu – called to speak.
 - h. Bruce Harvey – called to speak.
 - i. Brent Loveless – called to speak.

Adjourned at 10:20 pm