



# Howard County Council

George Howard Building  
Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

## COUNCILMEMBERS

Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson  
District 3  
Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson  
District 4  
Courtney Watson  
District 1  
Calvin Ball  
District 2  
Greg Fox  
District 5

Public Hearing Minutes  
February 19, 2013

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**Members present:** Jen Terrasa, Council Chairperson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Vice Chairperson, Calvin Ball, Council Member, Greg Fox, Council Member and Courtney Watson, Council Member.

**Staff Present:** Stephen LeGendre, Administrator, Jennifer Sager, Administration, Meredith Beach, Legislative Assistant, and Charity Respass, Administrative Aide

I. Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Fox

III. Approve Minutes -

A. Monthly Meeting - February 11, 2013

*Jen Terrasa, Chairperson moved to approve Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson.*

***The motion carried as follows***

**AYES:** Jen Terrasa, Council Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Council Member; Greg Fox, Council Member; Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Vice Chairperson; Courtney Watson, Council Member

IV. The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution No. 3-2013 - Confirming the appointment of M. Eletta Morse to the Commission on Aging.

- a. M. Eletta Morse called to speak
2. Council Resolution No. 17-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Mark D. Donovan to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.
3. Council Resolution No. 18-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of N. Joseph Gagliardi, M.D., to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.
4. Council Resolution No. 19-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Douglas C. Lea to the Commission on Disability Issues.
5. Council Resolution No. 20-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Dave Willemain to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

B. General

1. Council Bill No. 8-2013 - Establishing a Watershed Protection and Restoration fund as a dedicated, non-lapsing, enterprise fund; specifying the purposes of the fund and allowing certain revenue to be deposited into the fund; allowing the fund to be used for certain purposes; establishing a Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee; establishing the method, frequency and enforcement of the collection of the Fee; setting forth certain provisions specific to particular types of properties; creating a certain credit and reimbursement program to adjust the amount of the Fee that certain properties will pay; allowing for certain adjustments; allowing for a certain Assistance Program; allowing certain appeals; authorizing the adoption of certain regulations; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; providing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program in Howard County.
2. Council Resolution No. 21-2013 - Approving schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee including the impervious unit rate and the amounts for certain credit, reimbursement and assistance programs.
  - a. Jim Caldwell called to speak for Administration
  - b. Jacob Sorak - called to speak in favor
  - c. Afua Boateng - called to speak in favor
  - d. Herman Cheneui - called to speak in favor
  - e. Elliot Hazzard - called to speak in favor

- f. Peter Bulka - called to speak in favor
- g. Cathy Hudson - 6018 Old Lawyer Hill Road, Elkridge - called to speak in favor
- h. Grace Kubofcik - 4801 Carmen Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor
- i. Michael Harrison - 7127 Ambassador Road, Baltimore - called to speak for Home Builders Association of Maryland in favor
- j. Ned Tillman - 9467 Hickory Limb, Columbia - called to speak for Howard County Enviromental Sustainability Board in favor
- k. Salvator Cosentino - 10860 Beech Creek Drive, Columbia - called to speak
- l. Robert Turner - 9055 Tamar Drive, Columbia - called to speak for People Acting Together in Howard in favor
- m. Lori Lilly - 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock - called to speak in favor
- n. Gayle Killen - 8572 Frederick Road, Ellicott City - called to speak for Ellicott City Flood Solution
- o. Ted Giovanis - 7141 Deer Valley Road, Highland - called to speak
- p. James Gracie - 10301 Wetherburn Road, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor
- q. Barbara Schmeckpeper - 6305 Summercrest Drive, Columbia - called to speak for Watershed Stewards Academy Advisory Committee in favor
- r. John McCoy - 9450 Gerwig Lane, Columbia - called to speak for Columbia Association in favor
- s. Betsy Singer - 6180 Devon Drive, Columbia - called to speak in favor
- t. Jay Sheppard - 3359 Cranberry So, Laurel - called to speak for Trout Unlimited in favor
- u. Theresa Stonesiffer - 12865 Frederick Road, West Friendship - called to speak against
- v. Theodore Mariani - 16449 Ed Warfield Road, Woodbine - called to speak for Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County

- w. Eileen Straughan - 10245 Old Columbia Road, Columbia - called to speak
  - x. Timothy Titus - 5576 Eaglebeak Row, Columbia - called to speak for Patapsco Heritage Greenway in favor
  - y. Mark Mullinix - 13900 Howard Road, Dayton - called to speak
  - z. Raissa Kirk - called to speak for Johns Hopkins APL
  - aa. Paul Verchinski - 5475 Sleeping Dog Lane, Columbia - called to speak
  - bb. David Walter - 13881 Route 144, West Friendship - called to speak
  - cc. Robert Jenkins - 13870 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton - called to speak
  - dd. Jacquie Sentell - 10114 High Ridge Road, Laurel - called to speak
  - ee. Alison Carney - called to speak for League of Women Voters in favor
  - ff. Howie Feaga - 3807 Walt-Ann Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak against
  - gg. Josie Thompson - 3512 Char Lil Court, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - hh. Diane Butler - 4056 Saint Johns Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - ii. Alan Schneider - Clarksville - called to speak
3. Council Resolution No. 22-2013 - Adopting the Howard County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- a. Chief Goddard called to speak for Administration
  - b. Alison Carney - called to speak for League of Women Voters in favor
4. Council Bill No. 6-2013 (ZRA 143) - Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of Normandy Venture Limited Partnership - amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' TNC (Traditional Neighborhood Center) overlay district to expand the permitted uses and change the bulk regulations; and generally related to the TNC overlay district.
- a. Bill Erskine called to speak for Normandy Venture Limited Partnership

- b. Sean Davis - 14280 Park Center Drive, Laurel - called to speak for Normandy Venture Limited Partnership
- c. Michael Cordes - Old Columbia Road, Columbia - called to speak for Normandy Venture Limited Partnership
- d. David Moxley - 3820 Championship Drive, Glenwood - called to speak for Normandy Venture Limited Partnership
- e. Brian Gibbons - 4580 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak for Normandy Venture Limited Partnership
- f. Cathy Hudson - 6018 Old Lawyer Hill Road, Elkridge - called to speak for HCCA
- g. Grace Kubofcik - 4801 Carmen Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor
- h. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel - called to speak
- i. Kevin Kranacs - 8563 Stonehouse Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- j. Stephen Cohen - 2907 Normandy Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- k. Jacquie Sentell - 10114 High Ridge Road, Laurel - called to speak
- l. Carole Fisher - 2990 Rogers Avenue, Ellicott City - called to speak
- m. Rose Machiran - 2938 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- n. Dr. Norberto Machiran - 2938 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- o. David Keelan - 2943 Knoll Circle, Ellicott City - called to speak
- p. Diane Butler - 4056 Saint Johns Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak for Saint Johns Association
- q. Dylan Huntimer - 2917 Montclair Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- r. Thomas Kasuba - 2917 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
- s. Kay Hartleb - 2939 Knoll Circle, Ellicott City - called to speak
- t. Paul Markovitz - 2948 Normandy Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak

- u. Jason Smith - 7660 Horman Drive, Sykesville - called to speak
  - v. Kirsten Saxe - 2944 Knoll Circle, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - w. Maureen McManus - called to speak
  - x. Chris McManus - called to speak
  - y. Laura Brown - 2894 Rosemar Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - z. Daniel Britt - 8350 Chestnut Farm Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - aa. Stephanie Marcello - 2820 Willow Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - bb. Jennifer Valencia - 2824 Willow Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak
  - cc. Lisa Markovitz - 2948 Normandy Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak for Normandy Home Owners Association
  - dd. Alan Delgaudio - 2905 Montclair Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak
5. Council Bill No. 7-2013 - Providing that historic outbuildings are eligible property for purposes of the Historic Tax Credit Program; providing that work performed by an architect or historic preservation consultant is a qualified expense; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to Howard County tax credits.
- a. Beth Burgess called to speak for the Administration
  - b. Cathy Hudson - 6018 Old Lawyer Hill Road, Elkridge - called to speak in favor
  - c. Grace Kubofcik - 4801 Carmen Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor
  - d. Richard Tufts - 2830 Duvall Road, Woodbine - called to speak for Concerned Citizens of Western Howard county
  - e. Fred Dorsey - 10774 Judy Lane, Columbia - called to speak
6. Council Bill No. 9-2013 - Revising the criteria used to determine whether property is eligible for the County Agricultural Land Preservation Program; revising the process by which development rights are purchased under the Program; authorizing the County, under certain conditions, to transfer purchased development rights for a certain purpose; requiring the Department of Planning and Zoning to establish a

process for such transfers; and generally relating to the County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

7. Council Bill No. 10-2013 - Amending certain provisions related to nuisance suits against agricultural operations; amending certain definitions; clarifying the types of properties for which certain protection applies; requiring certain mediation; and generally related to nuisance suits against agricultural operations.
8. Council Resolution No. 23-2013 - Amending the purchase price formula used to determine the price that Howard County pays when purchasing development rights under the Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and specifying that the purchase price formula shall be effective upon passage of the resolution and shall remain in effect until changed or repealed by resolution of the County Council.
  - a. Joy Levy called to speak for Administration
  - b. Grace Kubofcik - 4801 Carmen Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor
  - c. Lewis Zitzman - 12110 Patapsco Ridge Road, Marriottsville - called to speak against
  - d. Howie Feaga - 3807 Walt-Ann Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak in favor

#### V. Tabled Legislation

- A. Council Resolution No. 150-2011 - Proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- B. Council Resolution No. 3-2013 - Confirming the appointment of M. Eletta Morse to the Commission on Aging.

#### VI. Adjourn at 12:30 a.m.

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Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council Office, 410-313-2001, at least eight working days in advance.