

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

April 5, 2021

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at **7:01** p.m. through Virtual *via Webex*.

Chairperson Liz Walsh, Vice Chairperson Opel Jones, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Jeff Meyers, Senior Legislative Analyst; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Kel Berg, Administrative Support were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal for Legislative Day No. 5, March 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the journal passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the minutes for the Monthly Meeting – March 3, 2021; the Joint Meeting with the Board of Education – March 15, 2021; the Legislative Public Hearing – March 15, 2021 and the Legislative Work Session – March 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

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

Appointments

Council Resolution 44-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Herman L. Charity to the Recreation and Parks Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 45-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phillip Dodge to the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 46-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Frances F. LoPresti to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 47-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Reginald T. Avery to the Commission on Aging. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 48-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Patricia Branch to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 49-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Drasin to the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 50-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Eric Shatzer to the Board of Electrical Examiners. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 51-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Young Ran Smith to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 52-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Song to the Commission on Aging. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 53-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Stone to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 54-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alan Whitworth to the Public Works Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 55-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Zinner to

the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Financial

Council Bill 25-2021 - AN ACT transferring \$500,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve and \$1,175,000 from the Department of Police to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal. *(Expires 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 56-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 63-2020 and amended by Council Resolution No. 106-2020, in order to increase the Grants fund appropriation by \$22,273,259 so the Board of Education may receive additional federal, state and private grants; and generally relating to the Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. *(No expiration date)*

Council Bill 26-2021 - AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 30 acres of agricultural land located on the west side of Driver Road in Marriottsville, Howard County, Maryland, from Larry and Peggy Jo Sowell or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$786,000 or, if less, not more than \$26,200 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 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 57-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 58-2021 - A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation. *(No expiration date)*

General

Council Bill 27-2021 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan in order to create an enhanced normal retirement benefit for Deputy Sheriffs hired on or after July 1, 2021, adding and amending certain definitions; increasing the amount of employee pick up contributions to be

made by participating Deputy Sheriffs, changing the normal retirement age for participating Deputy Sheriffs and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan. (*Expires 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Resolution 59-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending the rules that implement the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Howard County Code; to update and add certain definitions; to remove language related to lending pools and participating lenders; to add a method of calculation to determine self-employment; to update minimum down payment requirements and qualification for certain loan types; to update loan subordination requirements; and generally relating to the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program. (*No expiration date*)

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Appointments

The Chair asked if there were objections to reading appointments together. After hearing no objections, the Administrator read Council Resolutions 37-, 38-, 39- and 40-2021 together for a single combined roll call vote.

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 Bitu Dayhoff to the Howard County Local Children's Board. (*No expiration date*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 37-, 38-, 39- and 40-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 37-, 38-, 39- and 40-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 37-, 38-, 39- and 40-2021 passed.

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.)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 16-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 16-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 16-2021 passed.

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)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 41-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 41-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 41-2021 passed.

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.)*

The Chairperson moved to table Council Bill 17-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill 17-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill 17-2021 passed.

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.)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 18-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 18-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 18-2021 passed.

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)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 42-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment corrects the name of the river.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was:
Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 42-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 42-2021 as amended passed.

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)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 28-2020. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 28-2020 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 28-2020 passed.

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)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 43-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 43-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 43-2021 passed.

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 Member Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 19-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 19-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung, Rigby and Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Bill 19-2021 failed.

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 Member Rigby moved to approve Council Bill 20-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment No. 1

(The amendment deletes the exclusion for restrooms in a building owned or occupied by the County, if the County implements a policy that met the restroom requirements by December 31, 2023. The amendment applies the requirements that a public single-user restroom be made available for use by individuals of any gender and identified with gender-inclusive signage to a restroom in a County building. The amendment applies the requirements to restrooms in a portion of a building owned or occupied by the County that is new construction or a retrofit.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was: Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment No. 2

(This amendment makes a technical by changing “must” to “shall”. The amendment also clarifies that if the County does not implement a policy that meets the single-user restroom requirements, the bill requirements apply to a restroom in a portion of a building owned or occupied by the County.)

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment 2

(This Amendment removes language to accommodate Amendment 1.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 20-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 20-2021 as amended passed.

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.*)

The Chairperson moved to withdraw Council Bill 21-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to withdraw Council Bill 21-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to withdraw Council Bill 21-2021 passed.

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 Member Rigby moved to approve Council Bill 22-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment requires the developer of a TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District site to provide the required disability income housing units or low-income housing units on the TOD site. For a developer required to provide moderate income housing units, disability income housing units, or low-income housing units on a TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District site, this amendment maintains the option for the developer to request permission to provide the required units as a different ratio of unit types or as disability income housing units.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 22-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 22-2021 as amended passed.

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 Member Jones moved to approve Council Bill 23-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Council Member Jones moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment spreads the longevity requirement over 5 years instead of 3.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was: Yea: Council Members Jones and Rigby. Nay: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 failed.

Council Member Jones moved to approve Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment No. 2

(This amendment provides that the credit shall be granted in consecutive years.)

Council Member Yungmann moved to table Council Bill 23-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill 23-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill 23-2021 passed.

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.)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 24-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment eliminates the prohibition on action on certain zoning applications while a new General Plan is in process.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 24-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 24-2021 as amended passed.

The Chairperson moved to remove Council Bill 1-2021 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Bill 1-2021 from the table was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Bill 1-2021 from the table passed.

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.*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 1-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 2

(This amendment makes the following changes in the standards of care:

- 1. Clarifies indoor temperature requirements;*
- 2. Clarifies when primary animal enclosures shall be cleaned;*
- 3. Clarifies language related to pests which may cause disease or nuisance;*
- 4. Clarifies which staff members shall have training as to sanitation protocols;*
- 5. Clarifies the requirement to consult with a veterinarian;*
- 6. Clarifies that the requirement to hold an animal for 30 days is consistent with laws governing the abandonment of animals; and*
- 7. Clarifies that the requirement to obtain a health certificate is a State requirement.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 was:
Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 3. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 3

(This amendment requires that the Department conduct an education and outreach campaign about the new license and waives the fees for one year after the effective date of the Act.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 3 was:
Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 4. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 4

(This amendment clarifies that the Animal Control Administrator may impound animals from private animal shelters that are operating without a license.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 4 was:
Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 4 passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 5. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 5

(This amendment adds an applicability section to the Bill and amends the definition of “private animal shelter” accordingly.

This amendment also makes a clarifying change to the definition of responsible party.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 5 was:
Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 5 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 1-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 1-2021 as amended passed.

The Chairperson moved to remove Council Resolution 11-2021 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Resolution 11-2021 from the table was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolution 11-2021 from the table passed.

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)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 11-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment clarifies that fees are waived for one year after the effective date of Council Bill No. 1-2021.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 11-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 11-2021 as amended passed.

The Chairperson moved to remove Council Resolution 26-2021 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Resolution 26-2021 from the table was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolution 26-2021 from the table passed.

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

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 26-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 26-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 26-2021 passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to remove Council Bill 14-2021 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Bill 14-2021 from the table was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Bill 14-2021 from the table passed.

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 6/23/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 14-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 2

(This Amendment clarifies when a new tenant may select a different dwelling unit or terminate the lease, clarifies when a copy of the rental license or application for it must be given to a tenant, specifies that a certain tenant assistance publication must be offered to a tenant in all available translations; clarifies the characteristics of a substantially dwelling unit; clarifies the options of a new tenant after inspection of a dwelling unit; clarifies the charges to a tenant who moves from one dwelling unit to another in the same complex; clarifies when court costs may be charged to a tenant; indicates when a tenant may terminate a lease under specified circumstances; and retains the prohibition against a lease stating that it is a contract under seal.)

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment No. 3 to Amendment 2

(This Amendment removes the proposed new authority of a landlord to collect certain costs.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 was: Yea: Council Members Jung, Rigby and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to Amendment 2 passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment No. 2 to Amendment 2

(This amendment eliminates the need for a court order and clarifies the timeline for abatement.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 2 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 14-2021 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Bill 14-2021 as amended passed.

Adjourned: **9:22** p.m.

Tabled

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. (tabled 4/5/2021) (*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. (tabled 4/5/2021) (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

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. (tabled 3/1/2021) (*no expiration date*)