



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, May 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Web-based Virtual Meeting
Streamed at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
Broadcast Channels 44 (Verizon) and 99 (Comcast)

Members Present: Liz Walsh, Council Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung, Council Member, Christiana Rigby, Council Member; and David Yungmann, Council Member.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Kel Berg, Administrative Support.

I. Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Honorary Resolution for National Historic Preservation Month - presented by Council Member David Yungmann.

III. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Chair Liz Walsh.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Reappointments

1. Council Resolution 60-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joan Hash to the Human Rights Commission. (No expiration date)

2. Council Resolution 61-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Kathleen Hetherington to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. (No expiration date)
3. Council Resolution 62-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Peter K. Hwang to the Human Rights Commission. (No expiration date)
4. Council Resolution 63-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Archana G. Leon-Guerrero to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration date)
5. Council Resolution 64-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nikki Young to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration date)

B. Financial (Non-FY2022 Budget)

1. Council Resolution 93-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021; transferring \$2,250,000 to the Maintenance of Plant Category and \$2,500,000 to the Fixed Charges category; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget of the Board of Education. (Expires 7/12/21; 8/16/21 if extended; or 9/20/21 if extended twice.)
 - a. Darin Conforti, Executive Director of Budget, Howard County Public School System
 - b. Jahantab Siddiqui, Chief Administrative Officer, Howard County Public School System

C. General

1. Council Bill 29-2021 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and

that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21. (Expires 6/30/21)

a. John Peterson, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration

2. Council Bill 30-2021 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2022 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085. (Expires 7/12/21; 8/16/21 if extended; or 9/20/21 if extended twice.)

a. John Peterson, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration

3. Council Bill 42-2021 – Introduced by: Deb Jung - AN ACT requiring the Department of Planning and Zoning, in collaboration with specified County agencies, to establish a system of data collection; requiring the Department of Planning and Zoning, in collaboration with specified County agencies, to recommend actions to improve the retention of existing forest areas and effectiveness of mitigation measures; and generally relating to the Forest Conservation Act. (Expires 7/12/21; 8/16/21 if extended; or 9/20/21 if extended twice.)

a. Susan Garber, Howard County Citizens Association and Savage Community Association

D. Budget

1. Council Bill 31-2021 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

a. Wanda Hutchinson, Human Resources Administrator, Office of Human Resources

2. Council Bill 32-2021 - AN ACT adding certain executive exempt employees who are appointed by the County Executive; amending certain titles of employees in the Department of Corrections as reflected in a list of classifications eligible under certain retirement plans; and generally relating to the listing of position classifications in the Howard County Code. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Wanda Hutchinson, Human Resources Administrator, Office of Human Resources

3. Council Bill 33-2021 - AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to remove certain classifications and to add certain classifications; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Wanda Hutchinson, Human Resources Administrator, Office of Human Resources

4. Council Bill 34-2021 - AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2022. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

5. Council Bill 35-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$100,337,165 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2022 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

6. Council Bill 36-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$64,311,822 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2022 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

7. Council Bill 37-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,484,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County environmental services fund projects as more particularly described in the County's 2022 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Environmental Services Special Revenue Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

8. Council Bill 38-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$12,264,209 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2022 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

9. Council Bill 39-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$12,755,634 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County watershed protection and restoration projects as more particularly described in the County's 2022 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

10. Council Bill 40-2021 - AN ACT to authorize and empower Howard County, Maryland, to enter into installment purchase agreements to acquire development rights in agricultural lands located within the County (Project No. G 0163), for an aggregate purchase price of not more than \$22,590,000, plus interest thereon; providing that the County's obligation to pay the purchase price under and interest on such agreements shall be a general obligation of the County made upon its full faith and credit; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with the portion of the transfer tax imposed on transfers of real property in Howard County which is dedicated to agricultural land preservation and other available funds, to provide for the payment of the purchase price under and interest on any agreements so entered into; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

11. Council Bill 41-2021 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$75,000,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue debt obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such debt obligations; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

12. Council Resolution 65-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2028 through 2031. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

13. Council Resolution 66-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

14. Council Resolution 67-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

15. Council Resolution 68-2021 - A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

16. Council Resolution 69-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2022 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

17. Council Resolution 70-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

18. Council Resolution 71-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

19. Council Resolution 72-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Lisa Markovitz, President, The People's Voice, LLC - Ellicott City, MD

20. Council Resolution 73-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

- a. Lisa Markovitz, President, The People's Voice, LLC - Ellicott City, MD (she combined her testimony when she spoke on CR72-2021)
 - b. Joel Hurewitz - Columbia, MD
21. Council Resolution 74-2021 – Introduced by: Liz Walsh and Cosponsored by Deb Jung and Christiana Rigby - A RESOLUTION increasing the fees charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for Zoning Regulation Amendment petitions; and generally relating to fees. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
- a. Lisa Markovitz, President, The People's Voice, LLC - Ellicott City, MD
22. Council Resolution 75-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
23. Council Resolution 76-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, including administrative handling fees for parking citations and citations under the automated red-light enforcement program. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
24. Council Resolution 77-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for: (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan; (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card; (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board; (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee; (5) Participation in work release program; (6) Participation in home detention program; (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs; (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services; (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and (10) Reproduction of public records. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
25. Council Resolution 78-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

26. Council Resolution 79-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting fee schedules for functions of the Health Department. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

27. Council Resolution 80-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting a Schedule of Fees for inspections conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

28. Council Resolution 81-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

29. Council Resolution 82-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a Reimbursement Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

30. Council Resolution 83-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending the fee process for requests to establish Tax Increment Financing Districts and establishing a fee for certain Special Taxing Districts. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

31. Council Resolution 84-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting a permit fee for the Publicly Accessible Electric Scooter Sharing System. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

32. Council Resolution 85-2021 - A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

33. Council Resolution 86-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Lisa Markovitz, President, The People's Voice, LLC - Ellicott City, MD
 - b. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

34. Council Resolution 87-2021 - A RESOLUTION levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2021. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

35. Council Resolution 88-2021 - A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)

36. Council Resolution 89-2021 - A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Lisa Markovitz, President, The People's Voice, LLC - Ellicott City, MD (she combined her testimony when she spoke on CR86-2021)
 - b. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

37. Council Resolution 90-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Transfer Tax, the tax on every instrument of writing conveying title to real or leasehold property offered for a record and recorded in Howard County with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

38. Council Resolution 91-2021 - A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. (goes into effect 7/1/2021 if not passed)
 - a. Brent Loveless, President, PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)

V. Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.