

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 14

July 28, 2021

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at **10:12** a.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; Owen Clark, Legislative Audit Manager; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Kel Berg, Administrative Support were also present.

APPROVE JOURNALS AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal for Legislative Day No. 12, July 6, 2021 and the Journal for Legislative Day No. 13, July 21, 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 journals passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the minutes for the Racial Equity Task Force Kick Off – November 19, 2020; the League of Women Voters Forum – June 16, 2021; the Monthly Meeting – July 7, 2021 and the Legislative Public Hearing – July 21, 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 and Walsh. Abstain: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Appointments

The Chairperson moved to remove Council Resolution 94-2021 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 94-2021 from the table was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolution 94-2021 from the table passed.

Council Resolution 94-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Christina J. Bostick, Esquire, to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council. *(No expiration date)*

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 94-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 94-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 94-2021 passed.

Financial

TAO1-FY2022 - AN ACT transferring a total of \$8,000,000 from C0214, Category Contingency Fund, to capital project N3108, Park Systemic Improvements, as a result of the award of \$8,000,000 in grant funds from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. *(Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.)*

The Chairperson moved to approve TAO1-FY2022. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve TAO1-FY2022 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve TAO1-FY2022 passed.

Council Bill 53-2021 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and ePlus Technology, Inc. for certain ePlus services used by the County, authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement. (*Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 53-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 53-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 53-2021 passed.

General

Council Bill 54-2021 - AN ACT correcting state law references in a property tax credit; and generally relating to technical corrections to the Howard County Code. (*Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 54-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 54-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 54-2021 passed.

Council Resolution 122-2021 – Introduced by the Chairperson - A RESOLUTION pursuant to the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Sections 5-852 through 5-854 of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the forms for the Affidavit as to Contributions to Candidates and Business Engagements with Elected Officials and the Disclosure of Contribution; and generally providing for the approval by the County Council of the forms for the affidavit and the disclosure required under the Maryland Public Ethics Law. (*No expiration date*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 122-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 122-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 122-2021 passed.

Council Bill 55-2021 – Introduced by David Yungmann - AN ACT to remove the minimum size criteria for a parcel on which a landowner’s dwelling could be built; and generally relating to agricultural preservation. (*Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 55-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 55-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 55-2021 passed.

Council Bill 56-2021 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT adding new definitions to the Forest Conservation ordinance; establishing a “look-back” provision for the disturbance of certain trees; reducing the diameter threshold to 24 inches for forest retention; and generally relating to forest conservation in the County. (*Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.*)

The Chairperson moved to table Council Bill 56-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill 56-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill 56-2021 passed.

Council Bill 57-2021 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT providing for enhanced enforcement measures and penalties for violations of the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County; and

generally relating to forest conservation in the County. (*Expires 9/14/21; 10/19/21 if extended; or 11/23/21 if extended twice.*)

The Chairperson moved to table Council Bill 57-2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill 57-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill 57-2021 passed.

Council Bill 58-2021 – AN EMERGENCY ACT extending the expiration of certain applications for temporary Outdoor Restaurant Seating until a certain date; and generally relating to applications for temporary Outdoor Restaurant Seating. (*Expires 9/29/21; 11/3/21 if extended; or 12/8/21 if extended twice.*)

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 58-2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 58-2021 was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 58-2021 passed.

Adjourned: **10:40** a.m.

Tabled

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*)

Pending

General

Council Bill 51-2021 (ZRA194) – Introduced by: The Chairperson - AN ACT to permit motor vehicle fueling facilities in the PGCC Multi-use Subdistrict subject to Planning Board approval and under specified conditions; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations. (*Expires 8/16/21; 9/20/21 if extended; or 10/25/21 if extended twice.*)

Appointments

Section 209(c) of the County Charter states that resolutions for appointments shall not be adopted less than 25 days after introduction. The resolutions listed below were introduced July 6th and will be included in the September 8th Legislative Session for Final Consideration.

Council Resolution 111-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reverend Regina M. Clay to the Howard County Local Children’s Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 112-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rosa Angelica Maymi to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 113-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chloe McGeehan to the Recreation and Parks Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 114-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tiffany Murray Releford, Esquire, to the Human Rights Commission. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 115-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michelle Rhodes-Brown, CFA, to the Pension Oversight Commission. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 116-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charles Schuster to the Soil Conservation District. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 117-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sabina Taj to the Board of Library Trustees. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 118-2021 – Introduced by the Chairperson - A RESOLUTION appointing the members of the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2022 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2021; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2022; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2022. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 119-2021 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - A RESOLUTION appointing Jean Xu to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2021. *(No expiration date)*

Reappointments

Council Resolution 120-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chuck Chandler to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 121-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jon Steuernagle to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council. *(No expiration date)*