



Howard County Council

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Minutes(Approved) Legislative Public Hearing Monday, October 21, 2013

Members Present: Jennifer Terrasa, Council Chairperson; Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Council Member; Greg Fox, Council Member; and Courtney Watson, Council Member.

Staff Present: Sheila Tolliver, Council Administrator; Theodore Wimberly, Legislative Assistant; Jennifer Sager, Administration; Rozonna Hightower, Admin Support Tech III; Kelli Habitch, Admin Support Tech III; Margery Sayers, Administrative Assistant

I. Chairperson called meeting to order at 7:31pm

a. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Council Member Calvin Ball

b. Chairperson Announcements

c. Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson moved to allow the reading of the bills by short title, seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson, Calvin Ball, Council Member, Greg Fox, Council Member, and Courtney Watson, Council Member.

NAYS: None.

II. Public Hearing - The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution No. 93 - 2014 - Confirming the appointment of Barbara Catlin to the Commission on Aging.

a. Barbara Catlin - 10065 Windstream Drive, Columbia, MD 21044 - testified in favor

2. Council Resolution No. 94 - 2013 - Confirming the appointment of Brian Daugherty to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

- a. Brian Daugherty was not present to testify
3. Council Resolution No. 122-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Phillip Adejumo to the Human Rights Commission.
 - a. Phillip Adejumo – 6000 Bee Court, Elkridge, MD 21075 - testified in favor
4. Council Resolution No. 123-2013 - Confirming the appointment of J. Michael Bennett to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. J. Michael Bennett - 6049 Augustine Ave. Elkridge, MD 21075 - testified in favor .
5. Council Resolution No. 125-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Eileen Diggs to the Board of Social Services.
 - a. Eileen Diggs - 13 Athey Court Burtonsville, MD 20866 - testified in favor.
 - b. Yvonne Howard - Chair, Social Services Board - testified in favor.
6. Council Resolution No. 126-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Fred Dorsey to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. Fred Dorsey - 10774 Judy Lane Columbia, MD 21044 - testified in favor.
7. Council Resolution No. 127-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Katherine Elicker to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 - a. Katherine Elicker - 8993 Blue Pool Columbia, MD 21045 - testified in favor.
8. Council Resolution No. 129-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Edward Plitt to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. Edward Plitt - 8334 Old Montgomery Rd Columbia, MD 21045 - testified in favor
9. Council Resolution No. 131-2013 - Confirming the appointment of M. Lee Preston, Jr., to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. M. Lee Preston - 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043 - testified in favor.
10. Council Resolution No. 132-2013 - Confirming the appointment of Rizwan Siddiqi to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 - a. Chairperson announced - Mr. Siddiqi is not able to attend tonight's hearing; he will attend November's public hearing

Chairperson announced – The balance of the appointments are reappointments and a council appointment. These appointees are not required to attend the hearing. The Administrator read these together:

11. Council Resolution No. 124-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Kevin Carlson, M.D., to the Health Board.
12. Council Resolution No. 128-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Carole MacPhee to the Housing Commission.
13. Council Resolution No. 130-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Deb Poquette to the Ethics Commission.
14. Council Resolution No. 133-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Don Taylor to the Design Advisory Board.
15. Council Resolution No. 134-2013 - Confirming the reappointment of Peggy White to the Design Advisory Board.
16. Council Resolution No. 135-2013 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - Appointing Thomas Price to the Compensation Review Commission.

B. General

1. Council Bill No. 47-2013 - Amending the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighting/EMS personnel; amending the payment amount; providing for burial benefits and survivor benefits; amending certain reporting requirements; amending certain deadlines; clarifying the points received for military service; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this act; and generally relating to the Length of Service Award Program.
 - a. Chief Goddard, Fire and Rescue - on behalf of Administration - explanation of CB47-2013
 - b. Julianna Casey, President of the Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Association - 7865 Mariok Drive, Elkridge, MD - testified in favor.
 - c. Ivan Bettencore, 18 year member of the volunteer service - 17015 Frederick Road, Mt. Airy, MD - testified in favor with amendments.
 - d. Terry Thompson, 44 years + volunteer fire fighter - 6122 Two Lane Drive, Clarksville, MD - testified in favor.
2. Council Bill No. 48-2013 - Amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for certain employees to be effective January 1, 2014; amending certain shift differentials, adding and amending certain specialty pays; providing for certain standby and acting duty pay, amending certain overtime and compensatory time provisions; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.
 - a. Art Griffin Department, Sr Admin Analyst, Human Resources - testifying on behalf of the administration, explanation of CB48-2013

Administrator read the next three bills together:

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3. Council Bill No. 49-2013 - Approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in one parcel of agricultural land consisting of approximately 49.3 acres located at 2797 Pfefferkorn Road, West Friendship, Howard County, Maryland, from The James W. Pfefferkorn Revocable Living Trust or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,438,500.00 or, if less, \$30,089.60 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 the 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.
4. Council Bill No. 50-2013 - approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in one parcel of agricultural land consisting of approximately 54.6 acres located at 2815 Pfefferkorn Road, West Friendship, Howard County, Maryland, from Louis and Mary Pfefferkorn or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,614,100.00 or, if less, \$29,561.60 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 the 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.
5. Council Bill No. 51-2013 - approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development right in one parcel of agricultural land consisting of approximately 78.9 acres located on the east side of Pfefferkorn Road, West Friendship, Howard County, Maryland, from Pfefferkorn, LLC, or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$2,464,400.00 or, if less, \$31,234.40 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 the 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.
 - a. Joy Levy, Agricultural Land Preservation program - testifying on behalf of Administration, explanation of CB48-2013, CB49-2013 and CB50-2013 in support.
6. Council Resolution No. 136-2013 - Designating the Southeast Area as a Sustainable Community for approval either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland.
 - a. Brad Killian, Planning Supervisor, Dept of Planning and Zoning - testifying on behalf of Administration - explanation of resolution

7. Council Resolution No. 137-2013 - Approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2015 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2016-2020.
 - a. Ken Roey, Chief Facilities Officer Howard County Public Schools - requesting support of legislation, also gave explanation of request
8. Council Resolution No. 138-2013 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - Accepting the annual report of the Howard County Retirement Plan and the Police and Fire Employee's Retirement Plan submitted by the Pension Oversight Commission.
 - a. Ray Wacks, County Budget Director/Member, Board of Trustees, Retirement systems - testifying on behalf of Administration - gave explanation of legislation

III. Conclusion of legislative hearing - Chairperson motion to close the meeting

Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson motion to close meeting, seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson, Calvin Ball, Council Member, Greg Fox, Council Member, and Courtney Watson, Council Member.

NAYS: None.

IV. Meeting concluded at 8:51pm