



# Howard County Council

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## COUNCILMEMBERS

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Minutes (Approved)  
Legislative Public Hearing  
Monday, November 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Hybrid and In-Person  
Streamed at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>  
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**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; Lynne Rosen, Senior Legislative Analyst; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Roz Hightower, Administrative Support.

- I. Called to Order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing
  - A. Appointments
    1. Council Resolution 157-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bert J. Hash, Jr. to the Housing Commission. (No expiration date)
      - a. Bert Hash, called to speak
    2. Council Resolution 158-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gregory Schuckman to the Commission on Disabilities. (No expiration date)
      - a. Gregory Schuckman called to speak

3. Council Resolution 159-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven L. Towne to the Commission on Disabilities. (No expiration date)
    - a. Steven Towne, called to speak
  
  4. Council Resolution 160-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending a Resolution previously adopted by the County Council to correct the term of an appointment to the Howard County Housing Commission. (No expiration date)
    - a. Jen Sager, Administration called to speak
  
    - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak
  
  5. Council Resolution 161-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board and amending the term of a previously adopted Resolution confirming appointments to the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board. (No expiration date)
    - a. Vikas Raina, called to speak
  
    - b. Kent Finkelsen, called to speak
  
    - c. John Trocher, called to speak
  
    - d. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak
- B. Reappointments
1. Council Resolution 162-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elizabeth Oyebode to the Commission for Women. (No expiration date)
- C. Financial
1. Council Resolution 163-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving supplemental appropriation of unassigned fund balance to the Howard County Board of Education's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, per request of the Board of Education; to increase the Board of Education's General Fund appropriation by \$15 million through adding \$15 million in use of the School System's Fund Balance; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget of the Board of Education. (No expiration date)
    - a. Jahantab Siddiqui, CEO, HCPSS called to speak

- b. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of HoCo, called to speak

D. General

1. Council Bill 83-2021 - AN ACT to establish a Police Accountability Board; setting forth the qualifications for members and method of appointment; setting forth the process for selection of the board chairperson; providing for a process to receive certain complaints alleging police misconduct; setting forth the duties of the Board; defining certain terms; providing for the requirement to submit financial disclosure statements; providing for the staggering of initial appointments to the Board; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to police accountability in Howard County. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
  - a. Major Marshall, Administration - Police, called to speak
  - b. Jacqueline Akinpelu, called to speak
  - c. Ted Stewart, Police Accountability Task Force, called to speak
  - d. Bill Cozzo, called to speak
  - e. James Gormely, called to speak
  - f. Paula Seabright, called to speak
  - g. Regan Mercer, called to speak
  - h. Paul Rivers, called to speak
  - i. Steven Bolen, called to speak
2. Council Bill 84-2021 - AN ACT amending provisions of the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan in order to remove certain distinctions between management firefighters and firefighters with regard to unused sick leave; and generally relating to the Howard County Pension for Police and Fire Employees. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
  - a. John Peterson, Assistant CAO - Administration, called to speak
3. Council Bill 85-2021 - AN ACT to update County housing discrimination law to comply with Subtitle 7 of Title 20 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland by amending the definition of source of income, amending provisions related to unlawful discrimination in the sale and rental of housing, amending provisions related to unlawful discrimination based on source of income, amending certain exemptions related to

age-restricted housing, owner-occupied dwellings and source of income, all to align with State Law; prohibiting discrimination in commercial leases; amending provisions related to nonexclusive remedies; and generally related to Human Rights provisions of the County Code. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)

- a. Yolanda Sonnier, Administration, called to speak
  - b. Steve Miller, called to speak
4. Council Bill 86-2021 - AN ACT providing that the Fee-in-Lieu for Moderate Income Housing Units and the Building Excise Tax shall be paid at the time of building permit issuance in order to align with the timing of payment of the School Facilities Surcharge; and generally related to fees collected by the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
- a. Don Mock, Administration - DILP, called to speak
  - b. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of HC, called to speak
5. Council Resolution 164-2021 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that 10.18 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located on Resort Road, Ellicott City, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the Board of Education of Howard County; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that it may have a further public use. (No expiration date)
- a. Emily Iacchei, Chief - Real Estate Services Division - DPW, called to speak
6. Council Resolution 165-2021 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of a Sewer and Utility Easement, containing approximately 1,189 square feet is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the easement interest in the property to the fee simple owner, PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to PS Atlantic Coast 2021 B LLC; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use. (No expiration date)
- a. Emily Iacchei, Chief - Real Estate Services Division - DPW, called to speak
7. Council Resolution 166-2021 - A RESOLUTION finding that the Greenfields development located at 8120 Hicks Road, which will create three new, single-family, detached rental

housing units to serve nine disabled adults, meets the requirements of certain Special Affordable Housing Opportunities pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act and that the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning shall authorize the Development to proceed subject to all other provisions of the Act despite being located in an area that is closed for development due to the projected enrollment in the school capacity chart. (No expiration date)

- a. Kelly Cimino, Director - Housing, called to speak
  - b. Judi Olinger, iHomes, called to speak
  - c. Daniel Frasco, Humanin, called to speak
  - d. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of HC called to speak
8. Council Bill 87-2021 ZRA198 – Introduced by the Chair at the request of Dunteachin Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. - An Act amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations pertaining to Age-Restricted Adult Housing conditional uses by reducing the maximum number of dwelling units allowed per net acre in Residential: Environmental Development (R-ED) and Residential: Single (R-20) zoning districts; limiting the square-footage of a certain number of Age-Restricted units; increasing the square-footage of required community buildings in certain circumstances; and generally relating to Age-Restricted Adult Housings. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
- a. Samer Alomer, called to speak
  - b. Clark Wagner, called to speak
  - c. James Raggio, Dunteachin, Estates, HOA, called to speak
  - d. Bruce Harvey, called to speak
  - e. Issac Ambruso, MD Building Industry Association, called to speak
  - f. Tim Burkard, called to speak
  - g. Joan Lancos, called to speak
  - h. William Erskine, called to speak
  - i. Tom Coale, called to speak
  - i. Brandon Boy, called to speak

- k. Alan Schneider, called to speak
  - l. Chris Alleva, called to speak
9. Council Bill 88-2021 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT to prohibit the willful failure to do specified maintenance and repair of certain historic structures thus prohibiting certain demolition by neglect of those structures; allowing the Historic District Commission to waive compliance in certain cases of financial hardship; providing for a hearing and an opportunity to cure specified violations; and generally relating to historic structures, historic sites, and historic districts in the County. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
- a. Stu Kohn, HCCA President, called to speak
  - b. Elly Cowan, Preservation MD, called to speak
  - c. Brent Loveless, called to speak
  - d. Fred Dorsey, called to speak
  - e. Dr. Steve McKenna, Preservation HC, called to speak
10. Council Bill 89-2021 – Introduced by David Yungmann - AN ACT establishing a “lookback” provision for the disturbance of certain trees; 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 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
- a. Regan Mercer, called to speak
  - b. Alan Schneider, HC Citizens Association called to speak
11. Council Bill 90-2021 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Quote between Howard County, Maryland and Axon Enterprises, Inc. and between the Howard County Office of the Sheriff and Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the acquisition of equipment and software and technical services and support related to the County’s Body Worn Camera Program, authorizing the County Executive or the Sheriff to make changes to their Quotes respectively, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive or the Sheriff to execute the Quote pertaining to their respective entities; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)

- a. Major Jim Marshall, Administration - Police, called to speak
12. Council Bill 82-2021 Introduced by Opel Jones and Christiana Rigby - AN ACT establishing a local minimum wage for employees working in Howard County; and generally relating to Howard County minimum wage requirements. (Expires 1/10/22; 02/14/22 if extended; or 03/21/22 if extended twice.)
- a. Leonardo McClarty, President-Chamber of Commerce, called to speak
  - b. Barbara Nicklas, called to speak
  - c. Jim Starke, called to speak
  - d. Joseph Barbara, called to speak
  - e. Amy Rohrer, MD Hotel & Lodging Association, called to speak
  - f. Kelly Klinefelter Lee, President - Howard Progressive Project, called to speak
  - g. Randy Marriner, called to speak
  - h. Daniel Newberger, Living Wage HC, called to speak
  - i. Katherine Berland, called to speak
  - j. Tracy Lingo, called to speak
  - k. Melvin Thompson, Restaurant Association of MD, called to speak
  - l. Patricia Wecker, called to speak
  - m. Tricia Hudson, called to speak
  - n. William Low, called to speak
  - o. Eric King, called to speak
  - p. Christopher Costello, called to speak
  - q. James Cecil, called to speak
  - r. Dawn Popp, Columbia Democratic Club, called to speak

s. Rebecca Otte, called to speak

t. Janssen Evelyn, called to speak

E. Adjourned at 12:11am