



Howard County Council

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- Christiana Rigby, Vice Chair
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- Deb Jung
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- Liz Walsh
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- David Yungmann
District 5

Work Session Minutes –approved

Monday, January 24, 2022
Hybrid – In Person and Virtually via Webex
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

Attendees:

Councilmembers – Chair Opel Jones; Vice-chair Christiana Rigby; Deb Jung; Liz Walsh and David Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

Agenda

Police Accountability Board – with Amendments

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.*)

Ms. Tami Bulla provided an overview of the Police Accountability Board, Charging Committee, Trial Board and the State Law mandates as they pertain to the legislation. Ms. Bulla walked through the steps taken if a citizen has a concern.

Mr. Gormley spoke on behalf of the Police Accountability Task Force, he focused on requirement of the Police Accountability Board to work with the law enforcement agencies and the County to monitoring and drive police accountability. Mr. Gormley highlighted key amendment recommendations from the PATF.

Mr. Gibson provide the Council with information about the roles, responsibilities and authority of the Police Accountability Board and the relevant supporting agencies.

Officer Flynn provided the Council with the Police Union's perspective of this Board and his concern about the qualifications of the PATF.

Ms. Akinpelu provided the Council with the perspective of the PATF in that they are citizens of Howard County and their purpose is to ensure there are adequate measures in place to improve policing in Howard County.

There was general discussion about the amendments related to confidentiality; access to records; the State Law; and the investigative role of the Police Accountability Board.

Moderate Income Housing Units in Planned Golf Course Community

Council Bill 7-2022 (ZRA199) – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to require that Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHUs) be developed in the Planned Golf Course Community (PGCC) zoning district; and generally relating to Moderate Income Housing Units. (*Expires 3/14/22; 4/18/22 if extended; or 5/23/22 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 8-2022 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHUs) be developed in the Planned Golf Course Community (PGCC) zoning district; and generally relating to Moderate Income Housing Units. (*Expires 3/14/22; 4/18/22 if extended; or 5/23/22 if extended twice.*)

Ms. Walsh provided the Council with information that DPZ indicated that the Bill as written does not affect the current development and the possible amendment needed. Ms. Gowan stated that according to 100.E.3.B, if the development has over 50% of the units developed, they would be grandfathered.

Mr. DeCarlo provided the Council with the status and impact of this legislation on the development.

There was general discussion about the purpose, criteria, and impact of grandfathering provisions; the types of units to be built; and the future development of a school.

Ellicott City Parcel

Council Resolution 16-2022 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of land containing a total of 1,669 square feet or 0.0383 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland located on Main Street in Ellicott City is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey, upon certain consideration, fee simple title to 8308 Main Street, LLC while retaining easement interests; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the Property if he finds that the County may have a use for the property. (No expiration)

Ms. Lanham provided the Administration's liability reasons supporting the conveyance of this property. There was general discussion about the sale and use of alcohol on County owned property.

Ms. Hernandez responded to questions about the conveyance of the property and the role of this property in the Safe and Sound Plan and the role this parcel has in the watershed and evacuation of Ellicott City.

Mr. Hemmis provide information to the Council about his intent for the use of the property to be conveyed.

Mr. Glendenning responded to Council questions about the appraisal of the property.

There was general discussion about the terms of the conveyance; can an easement suffice; and concerns about the conveyance.

Howard County Design Manual

Council Resolution 17-2022 - A RESOLUTION adopting a comprehensive revision to the Howard County Design Manual Volume III (Roads and Bridges) that includes content changes; renaming the Howard County Design Manual Volume III to be "Complete Streets and Bridges"; amending the Howard County Design Manual Volume IV (Standard Specifications and Details for Construction) to include updated sections and details reflecting Complete Streets concepts and policy in Howard County; repealing current Howard County Design Manual Volume III (Roads and Bridges); and generally related to Volume III and IV of the Design Manual. (No expiration)

Mr. Gardner, Mr. Eatough, and Mr. Townsend provided the Council with information about background growth traffic rates. Ms. White provided the Council with the concerns of the Horizon Foundation and request to include plans for other modes of transportation.

There was general discussion about this topic and potential amendments.

Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

Council Bill 9-2022 – Introduced by Deb Jung - AN ACT to alter a duty of the Department of Planning and Zoning related to the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance; requiring certain developers to meet with the School System about school capacity solutions; and generally relating to the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. (*Expires 3/14/22; 4/18/22 if extended; or 5/23/22 if extended twice.*)

Ms. Jung, Mr. Lubeley and Ms. Lueking provided details to the Council about the amendment to CB9-2022 specifically about the meeting and strategies identified between the developer and the Board of Education.

Mr. Coale and Ms. Kisiel provided information to the Council about the APFO process, low-income tax credit, the application process, availability of data, and how it pertains to this legislation.

There was general discussion about the requirement of a meeting to discuss the impact of development on school capacity.

Recall Worker

Council Bill 10-2022 – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT requiring certain employers to recall certain employees who have been laid-off after the imposition of the COVID-19 state of emergency; specifying the procedures by which the recall would operate; establishing certain procedures for filing, investigating, and adjudicating a complaint; prohibiting retaliation against employees for filing a certain complaint or participating in certain proceedings; declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property; providing for a certain termination date; and generally relating to a right of recall for Covid-19 laid-off employees. (*Expires 3/14/22; 4/18/22 if extended; or 5/23/22 if extended twice.*)

Ms. Nicklas provided the Council with information about the Mall of Columbia employees and which groups would be affected by this legislation specifically the commercial property employer criteria.

Ms. Lingo provided the Council with information about commercial property employer and how contractors and subcontractors are affected by this legislation. Mr. Canfield and Mr. Costello provided the Council with information about what their business have done during the pandemic and how this legislation affects hotels and event venues.

There was general conversation about the details of the legislation related to commercial property employers; contractors or subcontractors; and if there are amendments needed.

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:16 pm.

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Gregory Der
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John Seefried
Amy Gowan
Anthony Cataldo
Amy Lanham
Mark Hemmis
Shaina Hernandez
Bob Frances

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Bruce Gartner
Chris Eatough
Kris Jagarapu
Chad Edmonson
Jennifer White, Horizon Foundation

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Jahantab Siddiqui
Vicki Cutroneo
Danielle Lueking
Dan Lubeley
Tim Rodgers
Tom Coale
Mackenzie Kisiel
Brian McLaughlin

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Traci Lingo, Unite Here Local 7
Paul More Unite Here Local 7
Jim Stark, MD Hotel Lodging Association
Amy Rohrer, MD Hotel Lodging Association
Sharon Sykes, American Hotel & Lodging Assn.
Barb Nicklas, General Manager Columbia Mall
Brad Canfield