



Howard County Council

George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

COUNCILMEMBERS

Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson
District 4
Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson
District 1
Calvin Ball
District 2
Greg Fox
District 5
Jennifer Terrasa
District 3

Public Hearing Minutes (approved)
June 18, 2012

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Members present: Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chairperson, Courtney Watson, Council Vice Chairperson, Calvin Ball, Council Member, Greg Fox, Council Member, and Jen Terrasa, Council Member.

Staff Present: Stephen LeGendre, Administrator, Jeff Meyers, Legislative Assistant, Charity Respass, Administrative Aide, and Sheila Williams, Administrative Support Technician III.

- I. Called to Order at 7:37 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Ball
- III. Honorary Resolutions - MD Economic Challenge - Hammond High (Jody Zepp)
- IV. Approve Minutes
 - A. Closed Meeting - May 31, 2012
 - B. Closed Meeting - June 4, 2012
 - C. Closed Meeting - June 11, 2012
 - D. Quarterly Meeting with Board of Education - June 13, 2012
Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson moved to approve Minutes for Closed Meetings - May 31, June 4, and June 11, 2012 and Board of Education Quarterly Meeting – June 13, 2012, seconded by Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson.
The motion unanimously carried
 - E. Monthly Meeting - June 11, 2012
Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson moved to approve Monthly Meeting - June 11, 2012, seconded by Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson.
The motion carried as follows
AYES: Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Council Member; Greg Fox, Council Member; Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member
ABSTAIN: Courtney Watson, Council Vice Chairperson
- V. The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution No. 50-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Thomas K. Munns to the Board of Library Trustees.
 - a. Thomas Munns - 2242 Ballard Way, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to testify on his own behalf
2. Council Resolution No. 83-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Nathaniel Alston, Jr. to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.
 - a. Nathaniel Alston Jr. - 11617 Dark Fire Way, Columbia, MD 21044, called to testify on his own behalf
3. Council Resolution No. 84-2012 - Confirming the appointment of John T. Blake to the Commission on Disability Issues.
 - a. John Blake - 5517 Suffield Court, Columbia, MD 21044, called to testify on his own behalf
4. Council Resolution No. 85-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Jae Chon to the Personnel Board.
 - a. Jae Chon - 8904 Tawes Street, Fulton, MD 20759, called to testify on is own behalf
5. Council Resolution No. 86-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Karen Greenfield to the Board of Electrical Examiners.
 - a. Karen Greenfield - 10949 Rock Coast Road, Columbia, MD 21044, called to testify on her own behalf
6. Council Resolution No. 87-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Caroline Harper to the Housing and Community Development Board.
7. Council Resolution No. 88-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Ronald J. Hartman to the Public Transportation Board.
 - a. Ronald Hartman - 6408 Summer Sunrise Drive, Columbia, MD 21044, called to testify on his own behalf
8. Council Resolution No. 89-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Stacy L. Spann to the Housing Commission.
 - a. Stacy Spann - 7619 Mulberry Street, Fulton, MD 20759, called to testify on his own behalf
 - b. Sherman Howell - 11370 Heathertoe Lane, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak
9. Council Resolution No. 91-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Alex Walker to the Commission on Disability Issues.
 - a. Alex Walker - 7070 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045, called to testify on his own behalf
10. Council Resolution No. 90-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Mitchell W. Stringer to the Pension Oversight Commission.
 - a. Mitchell Stringer - 10572 Hounslow Drive, Woodstock, MD 21163, called to testify on his

own behalf

11. Council Resolution No. 92-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of B. Jerome Jackson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.
12. Council Resolution No. 93-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Ike Okoye to the Housing and Community Development Board.
13. Council Resolution No. 94-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Stephen Rivers to the Commission on Disability Issues.
14. Council Resolution No. 95-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Jennifer R. Smith to the Commission for Women.
15. Council Resolution No. 96-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of S. Allan Shad to the Historic District Commission.
16. Council Resolution No. 97-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Sue Song, Ph.D. to the Board of Health.

B. General

1. Council Bill No. 23-2012 - Pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.
 - a. Sean Malone called to speak on behalf of Administration
2. Council Resolution No. 99-2012 - Introduced by: Council Member Calvin Ball - Proposing to amend Section 202 "County Council" of the Howard County Charter by changing from three to four the maximum number of terms the Council Members can serve; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
 - a. Alan Klein - 11006 Wood Elves Way, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak
 - b. Theodore Mariani - 16449 Ed Warfield Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, called to speak
 - c. Brian Meshkin - 7706 Water Street, Fulton, MD 20759, called to speak
 - d. Rosalyn Williams - 4722 Roundhill Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043, called to speak
 - e. Russell Swatek - 8141 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
 - f. Ed Priola - 9206 Perfect Hour, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
 - g. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel, MD, called to speak
 - h. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
 - i. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
3. Council Resolution No. 100-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter

Review Commission - Proposing to amend the Howard County Charter to make various technical changes; to amend Section 202 "The County Council" by removing an obsolete factor to be considered in redistricting; to amend Section 501 "The County Board of Appeals" by correcting a citation to the Annotated Code of Maryland; to amend Section 601 "Fiscal year and tax year definitions", Section 615A "Budget Stabilization", and Section 615B "Restrictions on Use of Surplus Revenues" in order to consolidate certain duplicate definitions; to amend Section 709 "Prohibitions" by correcting a typographical error; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

- a. Kenneth Stevens - 7525 Weather Worn Way, Columbia, MD 21046, called to speak
 - b. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
 - c. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
4. Council Resolution No. 101-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to amend Section 208 "Sessions of the County Council; quorum; rules of procedure", Section 209 "Legislative Procedure", Section 210 "Recording, printing and compilation of laws", and Section 604 "Filing of proposed budget; copies" of the Howard County Charter by changing various publication and advertising requirements to provide that certain information also be made available in at least one electronic medium; proposing to amend Section 209 "Legislative procedure" of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to post emergency legislation; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
5. Council Resolution No. 102-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to amend Section 209 "Legislative procedure" of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Russell Swatek - 8141 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
 - b. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
6. Council Resolution No. 103-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to amend Section 211 "The referendum" of the Howard County Charter by providing that the number of required signatures for a referendum be 5% of the qualified voters of the County calculated upon the whole number of votes cast in the County for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Alan Klein - 11006 Wood Elves Way, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak
 - b. Theodore Mariani - 16449 Ed Warfield Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, called to speak
 - c. Russell Swatek - 8141 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak

- d. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel, MD, called to speak
 - e. Kenneth Stevens - 7525 Weather Worn Way, Columbia, MD 21046, called to speak
 - f. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
 - g. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
 - h. Kesa Bruce - 5560 Sterrett Place, Suite 105, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for HC Chamber of Commerce
7. Council Resolution No. 104-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to amend Section 611 "Lapsed appropriations" of the Howard County Charter to permit the County to carry over grant funds from one fiscal year to the next; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
8. Council Resolution No. 105-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to amend Section 613 "Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget", of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
9. Council Resolution No. 106-2012 - Introduced by: The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission - Proposing to repeal Section 906 "Copies of books and papers on demand" and Section 907 "Inspection of books, accounts, and papers" of the Howard County Charter and replace them with new Section 906 "Right to Inspect and Copy Public Records"; making the public access provisions of the County Charter consistent with the Maryland Public Information Act; expanding the public right to inspect records to include all persons; permitting persons to obtain copies of public records upon payment of a reasonable fee prescribed by the County Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- a. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel, MD, called to speak
 - b. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
10. Council Bill No. 24-2012 - Creating the Downtown Columbia Partnership; defining certain terms; establishing the Downtown Columbia Management District; setting forth the composition, qualifications and term of the Partnership's Board of Directors; establishing the powers and duties of the Board; requiring that the Board adopt bylaws and that the bylaws contain certain provisions, including ethical standards and disclosure requirements; requiring the Partnership to perform certain duties; setting forth the powers and duties of the Partnership; providing for certain funding and certain payments required by the Downtown

Columbia Plan; providing that the Partnership serves as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and that certain funds shall be used to make affordable housing more available; requiring certain transportation initiatives; requiring that the Partnership prepare certain reports and keep certain records; allowing the Partnership to use certain methods of procurement; requiring Partnership compliance with the State Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act laws; setting forth the Partnership's legal advisor; providing a method to terminate the existence of the Downtown Columbia Partnership; providing for staggered terms for the initial members of the Board; and generally relating to the Downtown Columbia Partnership.

- a. Alan Klein - 11006 Wood Elves Way, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for Coalition for Columbia's Downtown
 - b. Kesa Bruce - 5560 Sterrett Place, Suite 105, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for HC Chamber of Commerce
 - c. Jackie Eng - 760 Hoods Mill Road, Cooksville, MD 21723, called to speak for Association of Community Services
 - d. Tim Sosinski - 11795 Bragdon Wood, Clarksville, MD 21029, called to speak
 - e. Sherman Howell - 11370 Heathertoe Lane, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for African American Coalition of Howard County
 - f. Linda Wengel - 10101 Governor Warfield Parkway, Apt #330, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for Town Center Community Association
 - g. JD Smith - 7425 Swan Point Way, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
 - h. Richard Talkin - 5100 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak
 - i. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
 - j. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
 - k. Mark Thompson called to speak for the Administration
11. Council Bill No. 25-2012- Amending the process for comprehensive zoning; defining certain terms; clarifying the County Council authority related to comprehensive zoning, clarifying the purpose of zoning districts and zoning regulations; requiring certain notice of a comprehensive zoning plan; requiring certain procedures before the Planning Board and the County Council; allowing for the consideration of certain requests; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to comprehensive zoning in Howard County.
- a. Marsha McLaughlin called to speak for the Administration
 - b. Cathy Hudson - 6018 Old Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, MD 21075, called to speak for Howard County Citizens Association
 - c. Theodore Mariani - 16449 Ed Warfield Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, called to speak for Concerned Citizen of Western Howard County
 - d. Howard Johnson - 6241 Latchlift Court, Elkridge, MD 21075, called to speak
 - e. Tom Meachum - 10715 Charter Drive, Columbia, MD 21723, called to speak
 - g. Dan O'Leary - 12832 Highland Road, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
 - h. Alice Giles - 9614 Donnan Castle Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak for League of Women Voters
 - i. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
 - j. Alan Schneider - 12598 Clarksville Pike, called to speak
 - k. Russell Swatek - 8141 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
12. Council Bill No. 26-2012 - Adopting PlanHoward 2030 as the general plan for Howard County, Maryland, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and

multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.

- a. Marsha McLaughlin called to speak for the Administration
- b. Cathy Hudson - 6018 Old Lawyers Hill Road, Elkridge, MD 21075, called to speak for Howard County Citizens Association
- c. Howie Feaga - 3807 Walt-Ann Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak
- d. Bridget Mugane - 9250 Red Cart Court, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
- e. Paul Revelle - 7017 Meandering Stream Way, Fulton, MD 20759, called to speak
- f. Richard Tufts - 2830 Duvall Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, called to speak
- g. Theodore Mariani - 16449 Ed Warfield Road, Woodbine, MD 21797, called to speak for Concerned Citizen of Western Howard County
- h. Howard Johnson - 6241 Latchlift Court, Elkridge, MD 21075, called to speak
- i. Ned Tillman - 9467 Hickory Limb, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak for General Plan Task Force
- j. Tom Meachum - 10715 Charter Drive, Columbia, MD 21723, called to speak
- k. Alison Carney - 3933 Foxhill Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak for League of Women Voters
- l. Kesa Bruce - 5560 Sterrett Place, Suite 105, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak HC Chamber of Commerce
- m. Jackie Eng - 760 Hoods Mill Road, Cooksville, MD 21723, called to speak for Association of Community Services
- n. Fred Dorsey - 10774 Judy Lane, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for Preservation Howard County
- o. Dan O'Leary - 12832 Highland Road, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak for Greater Highland Crossroads Association
- p. Sherman Howell - 11370 Heathertoe Lane, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for African American Coalition of Howard County
- q. Robert Buchmeier - 10557 Tolling Clock Way, Columbia, MD 21044, called to speak for Bridges to Housing Stability
- r. Linda Spencer - 2634 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak for Residents of Turf Valley Road
- s. Rusty Toler - 7421 Swan Point Road, Columbia, MD 21045, called to speak
- t. Nichole Galvin - 1 South Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, called to speak for Howard County Independent Business Association
- u. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel, MD 20723, called to speak
- v. Kris Singleton - 3710 Takoya Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak
- w. Douglas Kornreich - 6128 Adcock Lane, Hanover, MD 21076, called to speak
- x. Kirsten Saxe - 2944 Knoll Circle, Ellicott City, MD, called to speak
- y. Lisa Markovitz - 2948 Normandy Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043, called to speak for Normandy Heights Improvement Association
- z. Diane Butler - 4056 St. Johns Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21042, called to speak for St. Johns Community Association
- aa. John Taylor - 6528 Prestwick Drive, Highland, MD 20777, called to speak
- bb. Joe Duncan - US #1, Laurel, MD, called to speak
- cc. Sam Ashai, called to speak for Highland Business Association
- dd. Shun Lu - 12852 Mac Beth Farm Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029, called to speak

13. Council Resolution No. 107-2012 - Introduced by The Chairperson - Calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on July 26, 2012.

VI. Adjourned at 12:41 a.m.

VII. Tabled Legislation

- a. Council Resolution No. 150-2011 - Proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.
- b. Council Resolution No. 50-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Thomas K. Munns to the Board of Library Trustees.

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Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council Office, 410-313-2001, at least eight working days in advance.