



Howard County Council

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District 4
Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson
District 1
Calvin Ball
District 2
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District 5
Jennifer Terrasa
District 3

Minutes (approved) Public Hearing February 21, 2012

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 702, Highland
- III. Approve Minutes -
Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson moved to approve Monthly Meeting - February 13, 2012 and Closed Meeting – February 13, 2012, seconded by Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson.
The motion unanimously carried.
- IV. The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:
 - A. Appointments
 1. Council Resolution No. 11-2012 - Confirming the appointment of Nellie A. Hutt to the Public Ethics Commission.
 - a. Nellie A. Hutt –
 2. Council Resolution No. 12-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Kristina Demme to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.
 3. Council Resolution No. 13-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Ann M. Geddes to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.
 4. Council Resolution No. 14-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Stephen M. Liggett-Creel to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.
 5. Council Resolution No. 15-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Elizabeth Singer to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 6. Council Resolution No. 16-2012 - Confirming the reappointment of Ned Tillman to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

B. General

1. Council Bill No. 7-2012 (ZRA 119) - Introduced by, The Chair at the Request of Cynthia Lynn and David Lynn - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Conditional Uses Section to establish a new Conditional Use category that allows boutique hotels under certain conditions; and generally related to boutique hotels.
 - a. Richard Talkin on behalf of the Applicant - 5100 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, MD
 - b. Susan Robertson - 4997 April Day Garth, Columbia, MD
 - c. Carol Klawansky - 10595 Route 108, Columbia MD
 - d. Heather D'Amore - 5430 Hesperus Drive, Columbia, MD 21044
 - e. Mark McPherson - 4826 Wharff Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043

C. Tabled Legislation

1. Council Bill No. 57-2011 - Introduced by, The Chair based on the recommendation of the Redistricting Commission - Repealing and reenacting Subtitle 3 "Councilmanic Districts" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to adopt redistricting maps and council district descriptions which will establish new council districts for Howard County in accordance with Howard County Charter Section 202(f) "Redistricting"; and generally relating to Redistricting.
2. Council Resolution No. 150-2011 - Introduced by, Greg Fox - 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.
3. Council Bill No. 2-2012 - Introduced by, Courtney Watson, Councilperson - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit Community Swimming Pools to send density under the Neighborhood Preservation Program in the R-ED, R-20, and R-12 zoning districts, under certain conditions; establish a reduced rear setback of 15 feet on R-ED zoned lots that adjoin an open space lot; and generally related to Community Swimming Pools and rear setbacks.
4. Council Bill No. 3-2012 - Introduced by, The Chair at the request of Viram Patel - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Riding Academies and Stables Conditional Use category to change required setback provisions; and generally relating to Riding Academies and Stables.
5. Council Bill No. 5-2012 - Introduced by, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning - Removing a requirement that pick-your-own-enterprises located in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District have frontage on and direct access to certain types of roads, requiring that all necessary permits and licenses to be obtained from the Health Department prior to use as a pick-your-own enterprise, and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

V. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Closed meeting
February 13, 2012

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, the County Council met in closed session at 9:45 a.m. in the Council Conference Room. The purpose of the closed meeting was to obtain legal advice from counsel concerning the new enacted Ethics Law (ENR CB 50-2011). Mary Kay Sigaty moved to go into closed session during a previously convened open meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Terrasa and passed unanimously on voice vote of the full membership (Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Courtney Watson).

The closed meeting was attended in person by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Courtney Watson. Also present: Margaret Ann Nolan, County Solicitor; Beverly Heydon, Assistant County Attorney; Steve LeGendre, County Council Administrator; and Terry Chaconas, Karen Knight and JoAnn Maxfield, Special Assistants. Greg Fox participated by telephone.

The Council received legal advice from counsel concerning various aspects of the Ethics Law.

The closed session was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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