



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)

Legislative Public Hearing

Monday, September 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid

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Members Present: Dr. Opel Jones, Chairperson; Christiana Rigby, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung, Council Member; Liz Walsh, Council Member; and David Yungmann, Council Member.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendening, County Auditor; Lisa German, Fiscal Specialist II; Michael Martin, Fiscal Manager I; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Theo Wimberly, Deputy Administrator; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Support were also present.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 757
- III. Honorary Resolution in recognition of Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month 2022 read by Opel Jones.
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. Council Resolution 117-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elise Choe to the Howard County Local Children's Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Elise Choe was called to speak
 2. Council Resolution 114-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ronald A. Berk to the Commission on Aging. (No expiration)
 - a. Ronald Berk was called to speak

3. Council Resolution 115-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nicholas Brightwell to the Personnel Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Nicholas Brightwell was called to speak
4. Council Resolution 116-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bethany Cho to the Human Rights Commission. (No expiration)
 - a. Bethany Cho was called to speak
5. Council Resolution 118-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joseph Dymek to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Joseph Dymek was called to speak
6. Council Resolution 119-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michelle Kilkenny to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Michelle Kilkenny, called to speak was called to speak
7. Council Resolution 120-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joanne Locke to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Joanne Locke was called to speak
8. Council Resolution 121-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Barbara Mosier to the Planning Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Barbara Mosier was called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurwitz was called to speak
9. Council Resolution 122-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Vernon J. Parks to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (No expiration)
 - a. Vernon Parks was called to speak
10. Council Resolution 123-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tyera N. Sheppard to the Personnel Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Tyera Sheppard was called to speak
11. Council Resolution 124-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phil Scherer to the Multimodal Transportation Board. (No expiration)
 - a. Phil Schere was called to speak

12. Council Resolution 125-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Heather Stiltner to the Environmental Sustainability Board. (No expiration)

a. Heather Stiltner was called to speak

B. Reappointments

1. Council Resolution 126-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Candace Ball to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration)

2. Council Resolution 127-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Renee Bitner to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration)

3. Council Resolution 128-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michael Griggs to the Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (No expiration)

4. Council Resolution 129-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Savannah A. Kaiss to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board. (No expiration)

a. Joel Hurwitz was called to speak

5. Council Resolution 130-2022 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Savannah A. Kaiss to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board. (No expiration)

a. Joel Hurwitz was called to speak

C. General

1. Council Bill 51-2022 – Introduced by David Yungmann - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require all Howard County officials involved in the Maryland Public Information Act request process seek a formal review by the Howard County Office of Law before declaring any documents, emails, or materials as privileged; and generally relating Maryland Public Information Act requests. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

a. Barbara Kruplarz was called to speak

b. Jorge Tirigall was called to speak

c. Robert Flanagan was called to speak

d. Alan Schneider, HoCo Citizens Association was called to speak

2. Council Bill 52-2022 - Introduced by Deb Jung - AN ACT amending the criteria, including the duration, for a property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel in accordance with Chapter 267, Acts of the General Assembly of 2022; and generally relating to property tax credits. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

- a. Jeanne DellAcqua was called to speak
 - b. Vincent Marando was called to speak
 - c. John Marsch was called to speak
 - d. Paul Verchinski, HCCA was called to speak
 - e. Peter Brunner was called to speak
 - f. Alan Schneider, HoCo Citizens Association was called to speak
 - g. Francis Miller was called to speak
 - h. Mary Julia Marcin was called to speak
3. Council Bill 53-2022 - Introduced by Deb Jung - AN ACT clarifying that a Board or Commission must consist of at least five members; requiring a member of a Board or Commission to be a Howard County resident; providing for exceptions; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
 - a. Paul Verchinski, HCCA was called to speak
 - b. Alan Schneider was called to speak
4. Council Bill 54-2022 - Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to prohibit the issuance of certain waivers or variances to Forest Conservation regulations for properties located in the Tiber Branch Watershed; requiring certain site design requirements in the Tiber Branch Watershed; altering the existing floodplain, wetland, stream, and steep slope waiver provisions for the Tiber Branch Watershed; requiring development in the Tiber Branch Watershed to meet its forest conservation obligations on-site; and generally relating to waivers or variances. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
 - a. Barrett King was called to speak
 - b. Gayle Killen was called to speak
 - c. Laura Janiszewski was called to speak
 - d. Beth Connor was called to speak
 - e. Alan Schneider was called to speak
 - f. Judy Herrmann was called to speak
5. Council Bill 55-2022 - Introduced by Deb Jung - AN ACT to enable the Zoning Board to issue a subpoena in certain circumstances; and generally relating to Zoning matters. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
 - a. Alan Schneider, HoCo Citizens Association was called to speak
 - b. Christopher Alleva was called to speak
6. Council Bill 56-2022 - Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT amending the zoning regulation text amendment process by requiring a certain applicant for a zoning regulation text amendment to file a certain affidavit and disclosure; requiring certain applicants to file a certain affidavit or disclosure; requiring a technical staff report to include a list of certain impacted parcels of land under certain circumstances; requiring the Council Administrator

to notify certain title owners of certain information and an obligation to file a certain affidavit and disclosure under certain circumstances; requiring the receipt of certain affidavits and disclosures before a bill may be added to the Council's legislative agenda under certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning regulation text amendments. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

- a. Paul Verchinski, HCCA was called to speak
- b. Christopher Alleva was called to speak

7. Council Bill 57-2022 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby- AN ACT requiring the Department of Police to notify the Director of Public Works of certain fatalities; requiring the Director of Public Works, or the Director's designee, to conduct an infrastructure review when certain fatalities occur on a road or at an intersection; requiring consultation with the Office of Transportation; requiring the review to be complete within a certain time; requiring the review to be sent to specified recipients and published on the County website; and generally relating to traffic fatalities in the County. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

- a. Jack Guarneri, Bike HoCo was called to speak
- b. Jorge Tirigall was called to speak
- c. Jennifer White, Horizon Foundation was called to speak
- d. Paul Verchinski, HCCA was called to speak
- e. Alan Schneider was called to speak

8. Council Bill 58-2022 - Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT to set the rate of the Public School Facilities Surcharge for certain addition construction; and generally relating to the public school facilities surcharge. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

- a. Siddiq Abdul-Khabir was called to speak
- b. Brent Lovelace, PTAHC was called to speak
- c. Alan Schneider, HoCo Citizens Association was called to speak

9. Council Resolution 113-2022 - Introduced by the Chairperson - A RESOLUTION rescheduling a legislative session of the County Council of Howard County, Maryland. (No expiration)

- IV. Chairperson statement of Public Hearing continuation on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 1pm.

- V. Adjourned at 10:56

10. Council Bill 59-2022 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2024 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the

International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

11. Council Bill 60-2022 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2024 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 21, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 21. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
12. Council Bill 61-2022 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 143 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2024 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 143, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officers’ Association Lodge 143. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
13. Council Bill 62-2022 - AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to amend the classification description; the required skills and abilities; and the minimum educational and certification requirements for certain public safety positions; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
14. Council Bill 63-2022 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for certain public safety employees subject to certain Memorandums of Agreement; adding a step onto the PayScale for Emergency Communications Supervisors; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)
15. Council Bill 64-2022 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Crestpointe III, LLC, for the lease of approximately 10,600 square feet of space located at 7090 Samuel Morse Drive Columbia, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the

Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement. (Expires 11/5/22; 12/20/2022 if extended; or 1/24/23 if extended twice)

16. Council Resolution 131-2022 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that it can extend three phase electric service to the Old Annapolis Brine Facility in Ellicott City; 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 grant the easements if he finds that the property may have a further public use. (No expiration)