



Howard County Council

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Work Session Minutes - approved

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Hybrid – In Person and Virtually via Webex
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
1:00pm

Vice-Chair Rigby called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

Councilmembers –Vice-chair Christiana Rigby; Deb Jung (at 1:55 pm); Liz Walsh and David Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Brenda Smith, Administrative Aide; Cecelia Amankaya, Administrative Aide; Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Owen Clark, Deputy County Auditor; Lori Buchmann, Fiscal Manager II; Rebecca Gold, Fiscal Manager I and Michael Martin, Fiscal Manager I.

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.

Ms. Walsh provided a brief overview of the Bill to Council and attendees, including the area impacted; related historical legislation; details of CB54-2022; waiver criteria; environmental support; projects that received waivers within the Tiber Branch Watershed; and amendments to the CB54-2022.

Ms. Walsh, Ms. Gowan, Ms. Luber and Mr. Cataldo responded to questions from the Council about status of specific development projects; sponsor intent of the Bill; status of waivers; storm water management compliance; and clarification of the 10% exemption criteria.

Ms. Gowan and Mr. Meunier responded to questions from Council about the impact of this legislation on County sponsored projects; proposed amendments; and clarification on implementation.

Ms. Walsh provided a summary of the intent of CB54-2022.

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.

Ms. Walsh provided an overview of the intent of CB56-2022. Specifically discussed were requirement for disclosures when a Council Member submits a Zoning Regulation Amendment (ZRA) and historical examples presented before the Council.

Ms. Walsh responded to questions from the Council about possible amendments for Council sponsored ZRA; effects of interested and uninterested property owners; whether CB56-2022 is changing the State definition of applicant; posting requirement for ZRAs; and criteria for 12 properties.

Ms. Walsh summarized understanding of proposed amendments, including posting of the ZRA and the requirements of reporting affidavits for the affected property owners.

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.

Mr. Frances responded to questions from the Council about the criteria surrounding the definition of bedrooms vs square foot requirement; Department of Inspection Licensing and Permit's ability to implement the criteria; renovation subject to this surcharge; types of building permits requested; original intent of changes in this surcharge; clarification of amendments; and process for issuing retroactive refund of surcharge.

There was general discussion about possible amendments to CB58-2022 and the renovation trends within the County. Ms. Walsh summarized discussion of proposed amendments and actions needed on the tabled legislation.

Council Resolution 190-2022 - Introduced by Liz Walsh - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for certain functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.

Ms. Walsh provided an overview of CR190-2022 specifically to recover the cost of police overtime supporting Merriweather events.

Mr. Glendenning provided the Council with additional fiscal impact of police overtime cost, including historical cost; prior audit findings; collection of admission and amusement tax; and practice in surrounding jurisdiction.

Mr. Glendenning, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Parker, Major Zirk, and Mr. Canfield responded to questions from the Council about security and traffic options available to It's My Amphitheatre; differentiation between the land owner and owner operator of Merriweather; events to benefit the public; applicable to Howard County Fair; exemption/waiver request process; details of what police would be required to provide; control over the amount of police deployed; use of admission and amusement tax; setting of ticket price;

Vice-Chair Rigby adjourned the meeting at 3:46 pm

Work Session Attendees

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Council Bill 54-2022

- Amy Gowan
- Anthony Cataldo
- Brenda Luber
- Josh Feldmark
- Brian Moody
- Tom Meunier
- Mark Deluca
- Amah Binde

Council Bill 56-2022

- Amy Gowan
- Brian Shepter
- Anthony Cataldo
- Brenda Luber

Council Bill 58-2022

- Bob Frances

Council Resolution 190-2022

- Major Zirk
- Tami Bulla
- Jean Parker – Merriweather
- Tom Coale – Merriweather
- Ian Kennedy - Merriweather
- Brad Canfield – Merriweather
- Mickey Day – Howard County Fair