

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2021 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No. 1
January 3, 2023**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at **7:03** p.m.

Chairperson Christiana Rigby, Vice Chairperson Deb Jung, and Council Member Opel Jones, were present. Council Members Liz Walsh and Council Member David Yungmann were absent.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Jeff Meyers, Legislative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Support were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal - Legislative Session October 31, 2022 and the Journal – Legislative Session December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Legislative Session – October 31, 2022
Legislative Session – December 5, 2022

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, and Rigby.

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Minutes - Legislative Public Hearing – October 31, 2022 and the Citizens’ Election Fund Commission – December 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Legislative Public Hearing – October 31, 2022
Citizens’ Election Fund Commission – December 6, 2022

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Jung, and Rigby. Abstain: Council Member Jones.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

- CR1-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Isabella Clancy to the Commission for Women.
- CR2-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tabitha Dixon to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
- CR3-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sharon Stanley Merriweather to the Board of Health.
- CR4-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chris Rhodes to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.
- CR5-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea L. Rose to the Pension Oversight Commission.
- CR6-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Miesha L. Suber to the Housing and Community Development Board.
- CR7-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phyllis S. Zolotorow to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Reappointments

- CR8-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mae Beale to the Commission for Women.
- CR9-2023** - Introduced by Deb Jung
A RESOLUTION reappointing Lynn Foehrkolb to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2027.

Financial

- CB1-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT providing that the tax credit for Agricultural Land shall automatically renew, as long as the property owner remains eligible; providing a date by when a property owner shall initially apply; and generally relating to the tax credit for Agricultural Land.
- CB2-2023** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Tenth Amendment and Renewal of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony Woods, LLC, that expands the leased premises located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland, to a total of approximately 2,385 rentable square feet and that extends the term to June 30, 2030; authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions;

authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment.

General

CB3-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Clean Energy Loan Program by defining certain terms; amending the scope of eligibility to receive a Clean Energy Loan; adding improvements that are eligible under the Program; adding qualifying costs that are eligible for reimbursement under the Program; clarifying default provisions; amending when surcharges will be collected; setting forth the term by which the Clean Energy Loan shall be repaid; setting forth the Clean Energy Loan Program Administrator; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Clean Energy Loan Program.

CB4-2023 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

AN ACT imposing an assessment on each trip generated by a Transportation Network Service company originating in the County; providing for collection of the assessment; creating a Transit Services Improvement Fund; specifying the components and uses of the Fund; requiring a certain Report; and generally relating to for-hire transportation network activities.

CB5-2023 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

AN ACT requiring the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits to report to the County Council with recommendations about changes to the Howard County Building Code that would be needed to require all-electric buildings, requiring the Department to consider specified exemptions and considerations; setting a certain deadline, and generally relating to the Howard County Building Code.

CB6-2023 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Demirel Plaza, LLC

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Age-Restricted Adult Housing as a permitted use in the Office Transition (OT) zoning district, under certain conditions; and generally relating to Age-Restricted Adult Housings.

CR10-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to add the Lyhus Property to the Inventory of Existing Multi-Use Community Well and Surface Water Supply and the Summary of Existing and Planned Permit Discharges.

Adjourned at 7:12 PM