



Howard County Council

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Legislative Public Hearing

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)

7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendening, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Jeff Meyers, Senior Legislative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Senior Legislative Analyst, Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant and Trish Hammond, Administrative Support were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Packs 305 and 874
- III. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. **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.
 - a. Isabella Clancy - called to speak
 2. **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.
 - a. Tabitha Dixon - called to speak

3. **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.
 - a. Sharon Stanley Merriweather – called to speak
4. **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.
 - a. Chris Rhodes – called to speak
5. **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.
 - a. Andrea L. Rose - called to speak
6. **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.
 - a. Miesha L. Suber – called to speak
7. **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.
 - a. Phyllis S. Zolotorow was unable to attend the hearing
8. **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.
9. **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.

B. Student Testimony

1. **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.

- a. Samuel Moon – called to speak
- b. Anjali Gangalam – called to speak
- c. Anumita Kohli – called to speak
- d. Maneet Mehta – called to speak
- e. Akhil Gurram – called to speak
- f. Neal Goturi – called to speak
- g. Alicia Spooner – called to speak
- h. Dinobi Offurm – called to speak

C. Financial

- 1. **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.

- a. Joy Levy, Administration – called to speak
- b. Keith Ohlinger – called to speak
- c. Leslie Bauer, Howard County Farm Bureau – called to speak
- d. Howie Feaga – called to speak

- 2. **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.

- a. Emily Iacchei, Administration – called to speak

D. General

- 3. **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.

- a. Leah Miller, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Abigail Johnson, MD Clean Energy Center – called to speak
 - c. Liz Feighner – called to speak
4. **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.
- a. Karen Douglas, Sierra Club – called to speak
 - b. Liz Feighner – called to speak
 - c. Lawrence Schoen – called to speak
 - d. Ruth Auerbach, Indivisible Howard County – called to speak
 - e. John Hillegass, Greater Washington Partnership – called to speak
 - f. Brent Loveless – called to speak
5. **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.
- a. Tom Coale – called to speak
6. **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.
- a. Bilal Sarayra, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Art Shapiro, Administration – called to speak
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- a. Carl Latkins, Howard County Sierra Club – called to speak
- b. Doug Siglin, Chesapeake Climate Action network – called to speak
- c. Ted Williams– called to speak
- d. Jonathan Wilson, National Center for Healthy Housing – called to speak
- e. Issac Ambrusco, Maryland Building Industry Association – called to speak
- f. Steve Miller, HCAR – called to speak
- g. Liz Feighner – called to speak
- h. Lindsay Estes, InterFaith Power and Light (DC.MD.NoVA) – called to speak
- i. Tim Lattimer – called to speak
- j. Ruth White, League of Women Voters – called to speak
- k. Daniel Helfrich, Howard County Climate Action – called to speak
- l. Bruce Harvey – called to speak
- m. Heather Deese, Dandelion Energy – called to speak
- n. Alex Vazquez, CASA – called to speak
- o. Betsy Singer, Jewish Community Relations Council – called to speak
- p. Meagan Braganca, Progressive Democrats of Howard County
- q. Ruth Auerbach, Indivisible Howard County – called to speak
- r. Lizz Hammon – called to speak
- s. Jessica Nichols, Columbia Democratic Club – called to speak
- t. Pat Dornan – called to speak
- u. Reginald Harrison – called to speak
- v. Misty Sexton – called to speak
- w. Brent Loveless – called to speak

IV. Adjourn at 11:15 p.m.