



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)

Legislative Public Hearing

Monday, May 15, 2023

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

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7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Michele Harrod Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendening, County Auditor; Owen Clark, Fiscal Manager II; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Charity Repass, Administrative Aid and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Support were also present.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

I. Appointments

1. CR62-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Homayara Aziz to the Commission for Women.
 - a. Dr. Homayara Aziz, called to speak
2. CR63-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven M. Bolen to the Police Accountability Board.

- a. Dr. Steven Bolen, called to speak
 - b. Jorge Tirigall, called to speak
3. CR64-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Liggett-Creel to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
 - a. Stephen Liggett Creel, called to speak

II. Financial

1. CB13-2023 - AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023 to provide additional spending authority in the Environmental Services fund due to significant increases in the price of exporting waste from the County and other expenses of the fund; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
 - a. Mark Deluca - Bureau Chief, called to speak
2. CB14-2023 - AN ACT establishing a Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers; defining certain terms; setting forth certain eligibility requirements; providing that the program will be administered by the Howard County Public School System; providing for the method of appropriation and providing that the program may be subject to annual appropriation; providing for a limit to the fiscal obligation of the program; requiring certain applications; providing for the application of this Act; requiring a report; providing for a sunset of the Program after five years; and generally relating to the Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers.
 - a. Yousuf Ahmad, Administration, called to speak
 - b. Jennifer Swickard Mallo - BOE, called to speak

3. CR65-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023; transferring a total of \$800,000 to Other Instructional Costs and \$300,000 to Operation of Plant; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget of the Board of Education.
 - a. Sandra Austin - Budget Coordinator, HCPSS, called to speak
 - b. Jennifer Swickard Mallo - BOE, called to speak

III. Budget

1. CB15-2023 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, AFSCME Maryland Council 3 (formerly, Council 67, AFL-CIO) that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2025 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, AFSCME Maryland Council 3, 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3888, AFSCME Maryland Council 3.
2. CB16-2023 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Howard County Local 3080 AFSCME Maryland Council 3 (formerly, Council 67, AFL-CIO) that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2025 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Howard County Local 3080 AFSCME Maryland Council 3, 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 American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Howard County Local 3080 AFSCME Maryland Council 3.

3. CB17-2023 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, AFSCME Maryland Council 3 (formerly, Council 67, AFL-CIO) that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2025 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, AFSCME Maryland Council 3, 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3085, AFSCME Maryland Council 3.
4. CB18-2023 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, AFSCME Maryland Council 3 (formerly Council 67, AFL-CIO) that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2025 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, AFSCME Maryland Council 3, 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, AFSCME Maryland Council 3.
5. CB19-2023 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees to be effective July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024; amending certain time in steps for certain employees; amending the pay grade for Park Rangers; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.
6. CB20-2023 - AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to amend the minimum experience required for the position of Fire Fighter/HVO and to reflect the pay

grade change for the position of Park Ranger; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

- a. Anju Bennett - Director, HC Human Resources, called to speak
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7. CB21-2023 - AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2024.
 - a. Dan Berland - Howard Progressive Project, called to speak
 - b. Brent Lovelace - PTA Council of Howard County, called to speak
 - c. Kelly Klinefelter, called to speak
 - d. Jennifer Swickard Mallo - BOE, called to speak
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8. CB22-2023 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$118,402,600 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2024 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
 - a. Jamison Hibbard, called to speak

9. CB23-2023 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$81,936,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2024 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

10. CB24-2023 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$8,524,387 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2024 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

11. CB25-2023 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$8,730,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County watershed protection and restoration projects as more particularly described in the County's 2024 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

12. CB26-2023 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$6,630,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's 2024 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts collected by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

13. CR66-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2030 through 2033.

14. CR67-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

15. CR68-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

16. CR69-2023 - A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.
 - a. Jennifer Swicker Mallo, called to speak
 - b. Kelly Kleinfelter Lee, called to speak

17. CR70-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes.

18. CR71-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.
19. CR72-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.
20. CR73-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.
21. CR74-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.
22. CR75-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.
23. CR76-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, including administrative handling fees for parking citations and citations under the automated red-light enforcement program.
24. CR77-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for: (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan; (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card; (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board; (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee; (5) Participation in work release program; (6) Participation in home detention program; (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs; (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services; (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and (10) Reproduction of public records.
25. CR78-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

26. CR79-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting fee schedules for functions of the Health Department.
27. CR80-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting a Schedule of Fees for inspections conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services.
28. CR81-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance.
29. CR82-2023 - A RESOLUTION approving a Reimbursement Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program.
30. CR83-2023 - A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.
31. CR84-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.
32. CR85-2023 - A RESOLUTION levying a fire and rescue tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and setting the tax rate for the fire and rescue tax.
33. CR86-2023 - A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.
34. CR87-2023 - A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing.
35. CR88-2023 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Transfer Tax, the tax on every instrument of writing conveying title to real or leasehold property offered for a record and recorded in

Howard County with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

36. CR89-2023 - A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

37. SAO2-FY2023 - AN ACT transferring \$773,000 from the General Fund, Contingency to the Board of Elections, due to unbudgeted State mandates and a delay in 2022 election expense payments.
 - a. Holly Sun - Director of Budget, called to speak
 - b. Guy Mickley, called to speak

Adjourned at 8:19 PM