



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes (Approved) Legislative Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 20, 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, Chairperson; Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson; Dr. 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; Owen Clark, Fiscal Manager II; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant, Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Aide were also present.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

### Reading of Honorary Resolution by Chair Rigby

#### I. Public Hearing Legislation

##### A. Appointments

##### 1. STUDENT TESTIMONY -

CR91-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ishaan Busireddy to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

a. Ishaan Busireddy, called to speak

##### 2. CR90-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Laura Elizabeth Bacon to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

a. Laura Elizabeth Bacon, called to speak

3. CR92-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mason Godsey to the Planning Board.
  - a. Mason Godsey, called to speak
4. CR93-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phillip Patrick Larson to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
  - a. Phillip Patrick Larson, called to speak
5. CR94-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Sean Kendric Stewart to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
  - a. Dr. Sean Kendric Stewart, called to speak,

**B. Reappointments**

1. CR95-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ted Cochran to the Multimodal Transportation Board.
2. CR96-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ralph O. Frith to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.
  - a. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak – combined testimony with CR98-2023.
3. CR97-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marcellous P. Frye Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
4. CR98-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Suzanne R. Geckle to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.
5. CR99-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Monica Simon to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

**C. Financial**

1. CB27-2023 - AN ACT for purposes of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers, amending the definition of Public Safety Officer in response to a State Law change; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers.
  - a. Rafu Ighile - Director of Finance, called to speak

## **D. General**

1. CB28-2023 - AN ACT adopting HoCo By Design as the general plan for Howard County, Maryland which includes a Plan for the Route 1 Corridor, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.
  - a. Mary Kendall - Deputy Director, DPZ, called to speak
  - b. Brent Loveless - PTACHC, called to speak
2. CB29-2023 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Second Amendment of Lease Agreement (the “Second Amendment”) between Howard County, Maryland and The Howard County Arts Council, Inc., a Maryland non-profit corporation, for approximately 12.652 acres of land at 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, Maryland, under the terms of which the County agrees to pay certain costs associated with the premises; authorizing the County Executive to enter into the Second Amendment and to make changes to the Second Amendment before executing it, under certain conditions; and generally relating to a multi-year lease of certain premises owned by Howard County, Maryland to The Howard County Arts Council, Inc.
  - a. Emily Iacchei - Chief of Real Estate Division/DPA, called to speak
  - b. Colleen West - Executive Director, HC Arts Council, called to speak
3. CR101-2023 - 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 may replace and relocate poles and other equipment maintained by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on property owned by Howard County, Maryland 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.
  - a. Emily Iacchei - Chief of Real Estate Services Division/DPW, called to speak
  - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak – combined testimony with CR102-2023.
4. CR102-2023 - A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to grant a deed of easement to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that Baltimore Gas and Electric Company may install communication facilities on property owned by Howard County, Maryland; 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 convey the Property if he finds that the County may have a use for the property.
  - a. Emily Iacchei - Chief of Real Estate Services Division/DPW, called to speak

5. CR103-2023 - A RESOLUTION amending previously adopted Resolutions to correct the term of appointments to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
  - a. Jen Sager - County Administration, called to speak
6. CB30-2023 - AN ACT amending the purpose of the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County; altering the definition of a forest; increasing certain reforestation calculations; amending qualification for the use of certain forest mitigation banks; and generally related to the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County.
  - a. Sharon Boies, called to speak
  - b. James Fraser, called to speak
  - c. Matthew Wessel, called to speak
  - d. Bruce Harvey, called to speak
  - e. Isaac Ambruso - MD Builders Industry Association, called to speak
  - f. Grace Kubofcik, called to speak
  - g. Susan Garber - Howard County Citizens Association and SCA, called to speak
7. CB31-2023 - AN ACT designating September 19 as Howard County Flag Day; and generally relating to the Howard County Flag.
  - a. Fred Dorsey, called to speak
  - b. Grace Kubofcik, called to speak
  - c. Connie Siegel - Historic EC, called to speak
8. CB32-2023 - AN ACT creating an Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel; specificizing the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Panel; providing for the membership and staffing of the Advisory Panel; establishing requirements for meetings and reports; and generally related to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.
9. CR104-2023 - A RESOLUTION creating a Cannabis Workgroup to study the effects of adult-use cannabis legalization in Howard County and recommend legislative actions to promote health, public safety, and equity in the local adult-use cannabis market; and generally relating to adult-use cannabis.

Adjourned at 8:29pm