



Howard County Council

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Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, October 16, 2023
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/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; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Maureen Arthurs, Director of Government Affairs; The Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Brenda Smith, Administrative Support were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. **Council Resolution 131-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie Bauer to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

Council Resolution 153-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie Bauer to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. Leslie Bauer – called to speak
 2. **Council Resolution 134-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dana Couch to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
 - a. Dana Couch – did not appear

3. **Council Resolution CR154-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xavier V. Bruce to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.
 - a. Xavier V. Bruce - did not appear

4. **Council Resolution 155-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Roxanne Cox to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.
 - a. Roxanne Cox - called to speak

5. **Council Resolution 156-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kellyann Few to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 - a. Kellyann Few - called to speak

6. **Council Resolution 157-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Monteith Mitchell to the La Alianza Latina Commission.
 - a. Monteith Mitchell - called to speak

7. **Council 158-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Katie Myers to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
 - a. Katie Myers – called to speak

8. **Council Resolution CR159-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Derek Patrick to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

Council Resolution 141-2023 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Derek Patrick to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.
 - a. Derek Patrick - called to speak

9. **Council Resolution CR160-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrew Sherman to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.
 - a. Andrew Sherman - did not appear

10. **Council Resolution CR161-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Phillip Webster to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

a. William Phillip Webster - called to speak

B. Re-Appointments

1. **Council Resolution CR162-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ash Baker to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.

2. **Council Resolution 163-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Brian Bailey to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.

3. **Council Resolution 164-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Abby Gibbon to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

4. **Council Resolution CR165-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Abby Gibbon to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

5. **Council Resolution 166-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

6. **Council Resolution CR167-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

7. **Council Resolution CR168-2023** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Beck Rainbow Lynn Seckler to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.

C. Financial

1. **Council Bill 38-2023** - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

- a. Rafiu Ighile – Administration, called to speak
- D. General
- 1. **Council Resolution 169-2023** - A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
 - a. Lauren Chilton – Administration, called to speak
 - 2. **Council Resolution 171-2023** - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education’s Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2026-2030 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.
 - a. Daniel Lubeley – Administration, called to speak
 - 3. **Council Bill 39-2023 (ZRA 204)** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby - AN ACT amending the definitions of "Parking Area, Parking Facility or Parking Use" and "Solar Collector, Rooftop" to ensure that solar canopies are permitted by right uses on parking structures.; and generally relating to solar canopies.
 - 4. **Council Bill 40-2023** - Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT removing certain exemptions for stream restoration projects in the Forest Conservation Act, removing the definition of a stream restoration project, and generally relating to the Forest Conservation Act.
 - a. Robert Dover - called to speak
 - b. Beth Connor – called to speak
 - c. Roger Davis – called to speak
- D. Tabled
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IV. Adjourned at 08:02 p.m.