



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 16, 2023

Due to inclement weather, this meeting was held via WebEx ONLY
7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Owen Clark, Acting County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Owen Kahn, Senior Legislative Analyst, Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Trish Hammond, Administrative Aide and were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Hearing
 - A. General
 1. **CR1-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kristen Aybar OTR/L, to the Commission on Aging.
 - a. Kristen Aybar called to speak.
 2. **CR2-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Barbara Darley, JD, to the Commission on Aging.
 - a. Barbara Darley called to speak.
 3. **CR3-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Arthur Gold to the Commission on Aging.
 - a. Arthur Gold called to speak.

4. **CR4-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James Earl Hollywood III to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
 - a. James Earl Hollywood III called to speak.
5. **CR5-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven Hunt to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.
 - a. Steven Hunt called to speak.
6. **CR6-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Julie-Ann S. Hutchinson to the Board of Social Services.
 - a. Julie-Ann S. Hutchinson called to speak.
7. **CR7-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Carol Miller to the Board of Social Services.
 - a. Carol Miller called to speak.
8. **CR8-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Renee F. Williams to the Commission on Aging.
 - a. Renee F. Williams called to speak.
9. **CR9-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas Zei to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.
 - a. Thomas Zei called to speak.
10. **CR10-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board.
 - a. Kent Finkelsen called to speak.

11. **CR11-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James Jiyu Obasiolu to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 - a. James Jiyu Obasiolu called to speak.

12. **CB1-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ORDINANCE authorizing and empowering the County to issue up to \$17,200,000 of its special obligation refunding bonds at a maximum interest rate not to exceed 6.10% per annum in order to refinance the cost of certain public improvements relating to the development district in Howard County, Maryland known as the “Annapolis Junction Town Center Development District” (the “Development District”) and the special taxing district in Howard County, Maryland known as the “Annapolis Junction Town Center Special Taxing District” (the “Special Taxing District”) and other costs permitted under the Acts (as identified herein) through the issuance of bonds to refund the County’s outstanding Special Obligation Bonds (Annapolis Junction Town Center Project) 2014 Series; providing that such bonds and the interest thereon shall never constitute a general obligation of the County or a pledge of its full faith and credit; providing for the further specification, prescription, determination, provision for or approval of various other matters, details, documents and procedures in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, sale and payment for any such bonds; making certain legislative findings; and generally ratifying the levy, imposition, collection and application of such special tax and the issuance of refunding bonds in accordance with the Acts identified herein.
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, County Administration, called to speak.
 - b. Jake Burdett called to speak.

13. **CB2-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 56.02 acres of agricultural land located at 1611 Saint Michaels Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Rhonda Winkler and Jeff Winkler or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$2,191,600 or, if less in acreage, not more than \$39,120 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
 - a. Joy Levy, County Administration, called to speak.
 - b. Rhonda Winkler called to speak.

14. **CB3-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT imposing a cap on the amount of damages that can be awarded to a person aggrieved by a prohibited employment action; and generally relating causes of action and the award of civil remedies.
 - a. Yolanda Sonnier, County Administration called to speak.

15. **CR12-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION pursuant to the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act, granting a franchise renewal application received from Comcast of Howard County, LLC and providing that the parties shall agree on the terms of a franchise agreement within a certain time.
 - a. Donna Richardson, County Administration called to speak.

16. **CR13-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Council A. RESOLUTION amending the Rules of Procedure of the Howard County Council that allow for the creation and reading of legislative short titles under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Rules of Procedure of the Howard County Council.

17. **CB4-2024** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
AN ACT repealing certain provisions of law that provide optional methods for a developer to provide moderate income housing units under the zoning regulations and that allow a developer to request permission from the Director of Housing to use alternative compliance to certain optional methods; repealing certain provisions of law relating to market-based required alternatives to the moderate income housing unit obligation; repealing certain provisions of law relating to alternatives to moderate income housing unit obligation in certain zones; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the sale of moderate income housing units; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the rental of moderate income housing units; altering certain definitions and certain regulations; and generally relating to the sale of moderate income housing units.
 - a. Brian England, Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak.
 - b. Lisa Markovitz, The People's Voice, called to speak.
 - c. Jackie Eng, Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition, called to speak.
 - d. Bruce Harvey called to speak.
 - e. Alex Andelsman, Maryland Building Industry Association, called to speak.

IV. Adjourn at 8:28 p.m.