



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
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 and Brenda Smith, Administrative Aide were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Honorary Resolution
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. **CR14-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kelly Cimino as an additional nonvoting Commissioner to the Housing Commission.
 - a. Kelly Cimino, Administration - called to speak.
 2. **CR15-2024** - 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. Richard Meyer, called to speak.

B. Reappointments

1. **CR16-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jin Chung to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.
2. **CR17-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sanjeev Gholap to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.
3. **CR18-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Saffiyah Madraswala to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.

C. Financial

1. **CB5-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive 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 2024 in order to receive Water Quality State Revolving Funds in the amount of \$23,500,000 from the State of Maryland for the County's Safe and Sound project; adding loan funding to Capital Project C0337, Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
 - a. Mark DeLuca, Administration - called to speak.
2. **CB6-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and AAK II, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company, for approximately 13,057 square feet of rentable space in a building located at 7095 Samuel Morse Drive, Columbia, 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 Lease Agreement and to make changes to the Lease Agreement before executing it, under certain conditions; and generally relating to a multi-year Lease.
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Administration - called to speak.
3. **CR19-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION adopting a permit fee for the Publicly Accessible Electric Scooter Sharing System.
 - a. Chris Eatough, Administration - called to speak.
 - b. Emily Ranson – did not appear.

D. General

1. **CB7-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; moving the Office of Consumer Protection to the Department of County Administration; establishing an Office of Agriculture within the Department of County Administration; establishing an Opioid Restitution Fund Commission within the Department of Community Resources and Services; setting forth the duties and qualifications of the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission; providing that the Office of Community Partnerships within the Department of Community Resources and Services shall perform certain functions with regard to the receipt of Opioid Restitution Funds; setting forth the duties and qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Agriculture; removing certain functions from the Office of Community Sustainability that will be functions of the Office of Agriculture; moving the function of administering homelessness services to the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring that members of the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission provide certain financial disclosure statements; clarifying certain duties; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.
 - a. Angela Cabellon, Administration - called to speak.
 - b. Barbara Allen, Opioid Collaborative Community Council – called to speak.

2. **CR20-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION amending a Resolution previously adopted by the County Council to correct the term of an appointment to the Howard County Housing Commission.
 - a. Jen Sager, Administration - called to speak.

3. **CR21-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Council A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

4. **CB8-2024** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
AN ACT amending the process for approving waivers which allow for alternative compliance to protections of wetlands, streams, and steep slopes; requiring the Departments that grant the waivers to adhere to certain requirements; and generally relating to the alternative compliance for protection of wetlands, streams, and steep slopes.
 - a. Brian England, HCCA - called to speak.
 - b. Sharon Boies - called to speak.
 - c. Christopher Costello, Howard County Chamber of Commerce - called to speak
 - d. Meagan Braganca, Progressive Democrats of Howard County - called to speak
 - e. Roger Davis - called to speak.

5. **CB9-2024** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby / Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones, Deb Jung
AN ACT amending the Public Protection Services title of the Code to require Motor Vehicle
Fueling Station operators to add the highest price on their fuel pricing signs; and generally
relating to Motor Vehicle Fueling Stations.
- V. Adjourn at 8:09 p.m.