

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2024 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No. 1
January 2, 2024**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at **7:02** p.m.

Chairperson Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson, Liz Walsh, Council Member Opel Jones, and Council Member David Yungmann were 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 Khan, Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Aide were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the **Journal** of: Legislative Session – December 4, 2023

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journal was: Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the **Minutes** of:

Special Session to Hold Closed Session – December 4, 2023
Continuation Public Hearing – December 4, 2023
Joint Meeting with Board of Education – December 11, 2023

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the minutes was: Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Introduction

Appointments

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Reappointments

- 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.

Financial

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.

General

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Tabled Legislation

CB40-2023 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Ms. Walsh moved to remove CB40-2023 from the table. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CB40-2023 from the table was Yea: Council Members, Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CB40-2023 from the table failed

CB43-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Co-sponsor(s) Christiana Rigby.

The Chairperson moved to remove CB43-2023 from the table. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CB43-2023 from the table was Yea: Council Members, Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CB43-2023 from the table failed

CB44-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Co-sponsor(s) Christiana Rigby

The Chairperson moved to remove CB44-2023 from the table. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CB44-2023 from the table was Yea: Council Members, Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CB44-2023 from the table failed

CB45-2023 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Ms. Walsh moved to remove CB45-2023 from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove CB45-2023 from the table was Yea: Council Members, Jones, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jung and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CB45-2023 from the table failed

Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.