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# Howard County Council

George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

## Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing  
Monday, May 20, 2024  
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:** 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; Lisa Geerman, Acting County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

Meeting called to order at: 7:01 p.m.

### **1. Student Testimony - CR48-2024**

- a. James Obasiolu - Student Atholton High School, called to speak

### **I. Appointments**

A. CR42-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Peter J. Spann to the Human Rights Commission.

1. Jorge Tirigall, called to speak
2. Reverend Peter J. Spann, called to speak

### **II. Financial (Non Budget)**

A. SAO1-FY2024 - AN ACT transferring \$347,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal.

1. Yosef Kebede - Director of DPW, called to speak

B. CB17-2024 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 to provide additional spending authority in the Risk Management Self-Insurance fund due to significant increases in claim expenditures of the fund; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

C. CB18-2024 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 to provide additional spending authority in the Employee Benefits Self-Insurance Fund due to significant increases in claim expenditures of the fund; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

D. CB26-2024 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for employees and members of certain collective bargaining units to be effective July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

1. Anju Bennett - Director Human Resources, called to speak

D. CR43-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2024; transferring a total of \$3,900,000 to Student Transportation from other categories; approving supplemental appropriation of unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$4,900,000 to the Howard County Board of Education's General Fund Budget; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget of the Board of Education.

E. CR44-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving supplemental appropriation of unassigned fund balance to the Howard County Board of Education's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to increase the Board of Education's Food and Nutrition Service Fund appropriation by \$4,326,363 through using this fund's Fund Balance; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget of the Board of Education.

1. Darin Conforti - Executive Director Howard County Public School System, called to speak

F. CB19-2024 - AN Act establishing a special Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; specifying the purpose and uses of money in the Fund; prohibiting certain uses of money in the Fund; adding members to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel; adding certain duties to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel related to use of monies in the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; requiring the Howard County Delegation to receive certain reports; and generally relating to the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund.

1. Maureen Evans-Arthurs - Director of Government Affairs and Department of Strategic Partnerships, called to speak

A. SAO1-FY2024 - AN ACT transferring \$347,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal.

### **III. Budget**

A. CB20-2024 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 1810, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that amends certain compensation to be paid during Fiscal Year 2025; approving provisions in an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 1810, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 1810, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3.

B. CB21-2024 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3888, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that amends certain compensation to be paid during Fiscal Year 2025; approving provisions in an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3888, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3888, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3.

C. CB22-2024 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3085, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that amends certain compensation to be paid during Fiscal Year 2025; approving provisions in an amendment to a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3085, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Local 3085, AFL-CIO Maryland Council 3.

D. CB23-2024 - AN ACT approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance Lodge 143 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2026 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Supervisor’s Alliance Lodge 143, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the

collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Supervisor's Alliance Lodge 143.

E. CB24-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2027 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21.

F. CB25-2024 - AN ACT approving an amendment to a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2026 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association.

1. Jamar Herry - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, called to speak

H. CB27-2024 - AN ACT adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year 2025.

I. CB28-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$38,500,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue debt obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Capital Budgets, and to pay costs of issuance of such debt obligations; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

J. CB29-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$60,814,442 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital

projects previously authorized in prior calendar years which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

K. CB30-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$6,480,081 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects which are specified and described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

L. CB31-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,407,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County watershed protection and restoration projects as more particularly described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

M. CB32-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,540,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain General County projects as more particularly described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts collected by the Howard County

Department of Recreation and Parks and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

N. CB33-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$127,545,779 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, police projects and traffic improvements projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in other calendar years, which such authorization has lapsed or will lapse), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

O. CB34-2024 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,020,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds or other obligations therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County environmental services fund projects as more particularly described in the County's 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds or other obligations; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with amounts held in the Environmental Services Special Revenue Fund and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

P. CR45-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2030 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2031 through 2034.

Q. CR46-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

R. CR47-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Howard County Library System and indicating appropriations for object classes.

S. CR48-2024 - A RESOLUTION setting forth the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education.

T. CR49-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Howard County Health Department and indicating appropriations for object classes.

U. CR50-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities.

V. CR51-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works.

W. CR52-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits.

1. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak

X. CR53-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Y. CR54-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police.

Z. CR55-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving schedules of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, including administrative handling fees for parking citations and citations under the automated red-light enforcement program.

AA. CR56-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving fee and rate schedules for: (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan; (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card; (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board; (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee; (5) Participation in work release program; (6) Participation in home detention program; (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs; (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services; (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and (10) Reproduction of public records.

BB. CR57-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

CC. CR58-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting fee schedules for functions of the Health Department.

DD. CR59-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting a Schedule of Fees for inspections conducted by the Department of Fire and Rescue Services.

EE. CR60-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance.

FF. CR61-2024 - A RESOLUTION approving a Reimbursement Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement Program.

GG. CR62-2024 - A RESOLUTION levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

HH. CR63-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax.

II. CR64-2024 - A RESOLUTION levying a fire and rescue tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 and setting the tax rate for the fire and rescue tax.

JJ. CR65-2024 - A RESOLUTION levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax.

KK. CR66-2024 - A RESOLUTION setting the fee-in-lieu rate for moderate income housing.

LL. CR67-2024 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Transfer Tax, the tax on every instrument of writing conveying title to real or leasehold property offered for a record and recorded in Howard County with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax.

MM. CR68-2024 - A RESOLUTION establishing a recordation tax rate on instruments of writing that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

**Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**