



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Work Session
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chair Jung opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Council Members present: Chair Deb Jung, Vice Chair Liz Walsh, Christiana Rigby, and 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; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Ervens Jean-Pierre, Legislative Analyst; Nicholas Rinehart, Legislative Analyst.

Agenda:

CR151-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title:

Title: 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 2026 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction

Chair Jung opened the session and initiated the discussions on CR151-2024, which seeks approval for the Howard County Board of Education's FY 2026 Capital Budget and the FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Superintendent Bill Barnes, Chief Operating Officer Cornell Brown, and Executive Director of Capital Planning Dan Lubley outlined the \$86.7 million budget request. Mr. Brown described his plans for prioritizing capital projects, including analyzing the Facilities Condition Index provided by the State, and engaging third-party consultants to assess program adequacy and space sufficiency. Mr. Brown also discussed plans for stakeholder engagement for building consensus on project priorities.

Council Members expressed concerns about budget fluctuations; utilization of PAYGO funding; consistent planning criteria for long-term projects; and the importance of aligning local funding requests with State requirements to maximize funding opportunities.

Council requested follow-up:

- Ms. Walsh requested that the OoL give guidance to the Council on what legal options that the Council had with respect to the HCPSS CIP submission.

CB59-2024 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Normandy Venture Limited Partnership

Short Title: To allow Self-Storage Facilities, Indoor as a conditional use in the B-2 zoning district

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Self-Storage Facilities, Indoor as a conditional use in the Business: General (B-2) zoning district, under certain conditions; and generally relating to Self-Storage Facilities, Indoor uses expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

Bill Erskine, the attorney for the petitioner, gave a summary of the Zoning Regulation Amendment (ZRA207). Mr. Moxley gave a summary of the proposed project and the site.

Jessica Bellah responded to questions from the Council about DPZ's position on the multiple self-storage ZRA proposals; status on Comprehensive Zoning; and Storage Facilities only being in M – 1 zones. There was general discussion about Prince George's County limiting storage facilities to M – 1 zoning districts; suggested language from the Planning Board recommendation; criteria related to Activity Centers; consideration of combining self-storage with retail space; and missing middle housing.

Based on the discussion, it was determined that the petitioner would work with DPZ and District 1 to draft an amendment to address concerns raised by Council Members.

Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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CR151-2024

Bill Barnes
Dan Lubeley
Darin Conforti
Karalee Turner-Little
Cornell Brown
Tim Guy
Brian Hull
Linfeng Chen
Jacky McCoy

CB59-2024 (ZRA 207)

William Erskine
Rob Moxley
Matt Moxley
Jessica Bellah