

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12
November 4, 2024

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at 7:04 p.m.
Chair Deb Jung, Vice Chair Liz Walsh, Council Member Opel Jones, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann were 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; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Nick Rinehart, Legislative Analyst; and Patricia Hammond, Administrative Aide were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of: Legislative Session – October 7, 2024

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, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journal passed.

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

Legislative Work Session – October 7, 2024
Closed Meeting – October 10, 2024
Closed Meeting – October 15, 2024
Legislative Public Hearing – October 21, 2024
Legislative Work Session – October 29, 2024
Closed Meeting – October 29, 2024

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, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Minutes passed.

Introduction

Appointments

- CR152-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Arthur Gold- Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Arthur Gold to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.
- CR153-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Colin Fraser - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Colin Fraser to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

Reappointments

- CR154-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Sue Bryant - LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Bryant to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.
- CR155-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- David C. Jordan, SPHR, SHRM-SCP – Pension Oversight Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David C. Jordan, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, to the Pension Oversight Commission.
- CR156-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Ellen Flynn Giles – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ellen Flynn Giles to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- CR157-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Julianne Danna – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Julianne Danna to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- CR158-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Gabriel Moreno- La Alianza Latina Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gabriel Moreno to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

General

- CB60-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Amendment - Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
Title: AN ACT amending the membership of the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency to add an ex officio member and to amend the number of members accordingly; and generally relating to boards and commissions.
expires – 01/13/2025; extended – 02/18/2025; extended twice – 03/24/2025
- CR159-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Conveyance of a portion of a 20” public right of way easement – approximately 930 square feet

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of a 20' public right of way easement to make openings and excavations, and to lay construct and maintain drains, water pipes and other municipal utilities and services containing approximately 930 square feet is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement interest and convey the property to the fee simple owner, Trotter 5857, LLC; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interest to Trotter 5857, LLC; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

CR160-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance to Howard Community college - Approximately 4.848 Acres – 10650 Hickory Ridge Road

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that 4.848 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located at 10650 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to Howard Community College; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

CR161-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Approving – Urban Renewal Project – Long Reach Village Center

Title: A RESOLUTION approving the urban renewal project for the Long Reach Village Center in Columbia pursuant to Section 13.1106 of the Howard County Code.

CR162-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance – 7.71 acres located at 8775 Cloudleap Court to Columbia Concepts, LLC

Title: A RESOLUTION declaring that certain real property containing approximately 7.71 acres located at 8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia, Maryland and acquired by the County pursuant to the urban renewal project initiated by Council Resolution No. 22-2014 is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property to Columbia Concepts, LLC or its subsidiary; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

CB61-2024 - Introduced by Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann

Short Title: Inspector General – Establishment

Title: AN ACT establishing the Office of the Inspector General; specifying the selection, term, qualifications, and responsibilities of the Inspector General; providing for the referral of certain matters; specifying the funding and powers of the Office of the Inspector General; requiring certain reports; establishing the Inspector General Citizen Board; specifying the composition, term, and responsibilities of the Inspector General Citizen Board; amending the whistleblower protection statute; and generally relating to the Office of the Inspector General.

expires – 01/13/2025; extended – 02/18/2025; extended twice – 03/24/2025

CB62-2024 (ZRA 208) - Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of Demirel Plaza, LLC

Short Title: (ZRA 208) To allow School, Commercial as a permitted use in the OT zoning district.

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow School, Commercial as a permitted use in the Office Transition (OT) zoning district; and generally relating to the OT zoning district.

expires – 01/13/2025; extended – 02/18/2025; extended twice – 03/24/2025

CB63-2024 (ZRA 209) - Introduced by The Chair at the request of The Weinman Company

Short Title: (ZRA 209) To allow Self Storage, Indoor as a permitted use, allow for the reduction of retail square footage, and allow for residential uses in the CAC zoning district.

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Self Storage, Indoor as a permitted use in the Corridor Activity Center (CAC) zoning district; to allow for the reduction of first floor retail space in the CAC zoning district; to allow for certain residential uses in the CAC zoning district; and generally relating to the CAC zoning district.

expires – 01/13/2025; extended – 02/18/2025; extended twice – 03/24/2025

CB64-2024 (ZRA 210) - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Tradepoint Atlantic, LLC Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann

Short Title: (ZRA 210) To allow Warehousing, within a flex space as permitted use in Corridor Employment (CE) zoning district.

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Warehousing, within a flex space as a permitted use in the Corridor Employment (CE) zoning district.

expires – 01/13/2025; extended – 02/18/2025; extended twice – 03/24/2025

Final Consideration

Appointments

Chairperson Jung asked the Council Administrator to read all of the appointment resolutions together except Council Resolution 138-2024 and will vote them together unless there is an objection from the Council. Councilmember Walsh objected and asked Council Resolution 150-2024 be read separately.

CR135-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–James Lewis Aikens III- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James Lewis Aikens III to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR136-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–Brandon Cogdell- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brandon Cogdell to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR137-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Daniela Flores- La Alianza Latina Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Daniela Flores to the La Alianza Latina Commission

CR139-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–Mark A. Gretz- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark A. Gretz to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR140-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–Brent Guyton- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brent Guyton to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR141-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Jean Sunmi Kim- Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Sunmi Kim to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

CR142-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Lois Mikkila- Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lois Mikkila to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

CR143-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–Toyin Opesanmi, M.D- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Toyin Opesanmi, M.D, to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR144-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Janeé M Pelletier- LGBTQIA+ Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Janeé M Pelletier to the LGBTQIA+ Commission

CR145-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Kyle Popkey- Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kyle Popkey to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

CR146-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Saran Djimini Toure- LGBTQIA+ Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saran Djimini Toure to the LGBTQIA+ Commission

CR147-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment–Justin Vereen- Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Justin Vereen to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR148-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Gabriel Zaldivar- Commission for Veterans and Military Families

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gabriel Zaldivar to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

Reappointments

CR149-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Kathryn Valentine – Housing Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kathryn Valentine to the Housing Commission

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 135; 136; 137; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; and 149- 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 135; 136; 137; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; and 149- 2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 135; 136; 137; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; and 149-2024 passed.

CR150-2024 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Reappointment -- Gene Thomas Ryan - Board of Appeals

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment Gene Thomas Ryan to the Board of Appeals.

Mr. Yungmann to approve Council Resolution CR150-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution CR150-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Resolution CR150-2024 passed.

CR138-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Bruce Fulton- Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruce Fulton to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

The Chair moved to table Council Resolution CR138-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Resolution CR138-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Resolution CR138-2024 passed.

Financial

CB53-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Multi-year lease – Board of Elections

Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and AAK Einstein, LLC for the lease of space located at 7031 Albert Einstein Drive, Columbia, Maryland to be used by the Board of Elections; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement

expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to table Council Bill CB53-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill CB53-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill CB53-2024 passed.

CB54-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery – up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill CB54-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill CB54-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill CB54-2024 passed.

CB55-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance – Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds and Metropolitan District Refunding Bonds

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issuance of Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds and Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Refunding Bonds; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for the private (negotiated) sale of such bonds; providing for an escrow deposit agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, the final list of refunded bonds, and certain other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill CB55-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill CB55-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill CB55-2024 passed.

CB56-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery - \$23,500,000 bonds - Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$23,500,000 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill CB56-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill CB56-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill CB56-2024 passed.

CB57-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Multiyear Agreement and related quotes – Hurricane Electric, LLC – high-bandwidth internet services and wi-fi

Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement and related Quotes between Howard County, Maryland and Hurricane Electric, LLC for high-bandwidth internet services to support Howard County Government, Howard County Public School System, and the County’s Public Safety System, and for complimentary wi-fi service provided to the County’s residents at various locations; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement

expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill CB57-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill CB57-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill CB57-2024 passed.

General

CB58-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Animal Control- Appeals to the Animal Matters Hearing Board or the District Court
Title: AN ACT amending the process for the issuance and appeal of citations for violations of animal control provisions of the County Code; providing that appeals may go to the Animal Matters Hearing Board or to the District Court; providing that the Board may take certain actions; and generally relating to the enforcement of animal control provisions of the Code
expires – 12/16/2024; extended – 01/21/2025; extended twice – 02/24/2025

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill CB58-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill CB58-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill CB58-2024

(This amendment clarifies that there may be proceedings before either the Court or the Animal Matters Hearing Board. This amendment also clarifies that the Animal Control Administrator may request the Office of Law to institute civil proceedings.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill CB58-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill CB58-2024 as amended passed.

CR151-2024 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Resolution - Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and CIP Request for Fiscal Years 2027-2031
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

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution CR151-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution CR151-2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Council Resolution CR151-2024

(This amendment corrects the whereas clauses to reflect the action taken by the Board of Education after prefile and substitutes revised attachment pages. On September 26, 2024, the Board of Education amended the Superintendents proposed FY2026 capital budget and subsequently adopted the FY2026 capital budget. On October 10, 2024, the Board adopted the FY2026 Capital Improvement Plan and the Long-Range Master Plan. This amendment also adds a short title.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution CR151-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution CR151-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution CR151-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Abstained: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Resolution CR151-2024 as amended passed.

CB59-2024 (ZRA 207)- Introduced by The Chair at the request of Normandy Venture Limited Partnership

Short Title: (ZRA 207) 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*

The Chair moved to table Council Bill 59-2024 (ZRA 207). The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Bill CB59-2024 (ZRA 207) Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill CB59-2024 (ZRA 207) passed.

Adjourned at 7:42 pm.