



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Monday January 21st 2025
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: Council Chair Liz Walsh, Vice Chair Opel Jones, Council member Deb Jung, Council member Christiana Rigby, and Council member David Yungmann were present.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod; Council Administrator; Lisa Geerman, Acting County Auditor; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Nick Rinehart, Senior Legislative Analyst; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were present.

I. Call to Order at 7:09 pm

II. Roll Call.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Urban Renewal Project

- A. **CR161-2024** - 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.
- B. **CR162-2024** - 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.

- i. Jonathan Song, City of Hope Church - called to speak
- ii. Brian Shepter, Howard County Deputy Chief of Staff - called to speak.
- iii. Tracy Broccolino, Community Action Council of Howard County- called to speak
- iv. Erika Chavarria, Columbia Community Care Founder & Director - called to speak.
- v. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition Coordinator - called to speak.
- vi. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.
- vii. Emily Iacchei, Chief of Howard County Real Estate Services Division- called to speak.
- viii. Brian Kim, Managing Director of Columbia Concepts - called to speak.
- ix. Nina Basu, Long Reach Village Board of Directors Chair - called to speak.
- x. Matt Willhite - called to speak.

V. January Legislation

A. Appointments

1. **CR1-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Edward Coleman to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.
 - a. Edward Coleman - called to speak.
2. **CR2-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas P. Horejcs to the Commission on Disabilities.
 - a. Dr. Thomas Horejcs, called to speak.

B. Reappointments

1. **CR3-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alicia Altamarano, Esq., to the La Alianza Latina Commission.
2. **CR4-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Santiago Carrera to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

3. **CR5-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James Cecil to the Planning Board.
 - a. James Cecil, called to speak.
4. **CR6-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Barbara Mosier to the Planning Board.
5. **CR7-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Steve Town to the Commission on Disabilities.

C. Financial

1. **TAO1-FY2025** - AN ACT transferring \$5,345,000 from various capital projects to capital project C0360, Real Estate Planning and Design, in order to acquire an office building located at 9755 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland.
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Chief of Howard County Real Estate Services - called to speak.
 - b. Matt Willhite - called to speak.
2. **CB1-2025** - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,445,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant 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.
 - a. Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator Howard County Administration - called to speak.
3. **TAO2-FY2025** - AN ACT transferring \$2,500,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1038, Planning and Design, in order to fund two capital-needs studies.
 - a. Dan Lubeley, Executive Director Capital Projects Investment HCPSS - called to speak.
 - b. Cornell Brown, Chief Operating Officer HCPSS - called to speak.
 - c. Matt Willhite - called to speak.
4. **CB2-2025** - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,500,000 on its full

faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant 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.

- a. Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator Howard County Administration - called to speak.

D. General

1. **CB3-2025** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Contract and related loan documents between Howard County, Maryland and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance funding to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing units in two redevelopment projects with Enterprise Community Development, Inc. in Columbia, Maryland; authorizing the Executive to accept the terms of the Contract, under certain conditions; identifying the collateral for the Loan; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract; and generally relating to the Contract.

- a. Rose Burton, Deputy Director Housing & Community Development - called to speak.

- b. Jackie Eng, Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition - called to speak.

2. **CB4-2025** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multiyear agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Montgomery County, Maryland for the extension of certain bus rapid transit systems to Downtown Columbia; 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.

- a. David Cookson, Deputy Administrator Howard County Department of Transportation - called to speak.

- b. Christopher Conklin, Director of Montgomery County Department of Transportation - called to speak.

3. **CB5-2025** - AN ACT amending the amount of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain law enforcement officers or rescue workers.

- a. Rafiu Ighile, Director of Finance Howard County - called to speak.

4. **CB6-2025** - DJ - AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to establish the class code, pay grade, qualifications, duties, and general requirements for the

Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General; and generally relating to the Howard County Classification Plan.

5. CB7-2025 - DJ - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County
 - a. Anju Bennet, Human Resources Administrator Howard County - called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

6. **CB8-2025** - DJ - AN ACT amending Section 22.206(c) of the Howard County Code to add the Inspector General Advisory Board to the list of boards and commissions required to file financial disclosure statements; and generally relating to financial disclosure statements.
 - a. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

Adjourned at 8:53 pm