



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
June 16, 2014

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Members present: Calvin Ball, Council Chairperson, Courtney Watson, Council Vice Chairperson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Member, Jen Terrasa, Council Member, and Greg Fox, Council Member

Staff Present: Sheila Tolliver, Administrator, Jennifer Sager, Administration, Meredith Beach, Legislative Assistant, and Charity Respass, Administrative Aide

- I. Call to Order at 7:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Watson
- III. The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:
 - A. Appointments
 1. Council Resolution 61-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Katherine B. Bornstein to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.
 - a. Katherine Bornstein - 4069 Fragile Sail Way, Ellicott City - called to speak
 2. Council Resolution 62-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Bridget C. McCarthy to the Commission on Disability Issues.
 - a. Bridget C. McCarthy - 8815 Longwood Street, Fulton - called to speak
 3. Council Resolution 63-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Robert C. McLaughlin to the Commission on Aging.

- a. Robert McLaughlin - 10926 Shadow Lane, Columbia - called to speak
4. Council Resolution 64-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Lawrence J. Schoen to the Public Transportation Board.
 - a. Lawrence Schoen - 10478 Waterfowl Terrace, Columbia - called to speak
5. Council Resolution 65-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Winnie Tsao to the Recreation & Parks Board.
 - a. Winnie Tsao - Ellicott City - called to speak
6. Council Resolution 66-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Richard M. Alexander to the Board of Library Trustees.
7. Council Resolution 67-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Renee Bitner, R.N., to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.
8. Council Resolution 68-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Beryl Gantt to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.
9. Council Resolution 69-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Barbara Kellner to the Public Transportation Board.
10. Council Resolution 70-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Danilsa M. Marciniak to the Board of Social Services.
11. Council Resolution 71-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of Howard T. Mooney, Jr. to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.
12. Council Resolution 72-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of William A. Moss to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

B. General

1. Council Bill 32-2014 - Introduced by Greg Fox; Co Sponsored by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Courtney Watson - AN ACT requiring, to the extent practical, that County documents and other files be searchable by the public through the County's website; requiring the County to create and implement a plan for this purpose; setting a deadline for publishing such information; requiring that certain County documents related to land use be regularly posted on the County's website in a searchable format; and generally relating to accessible data in the County.
 - a. Chris Merdon, Director of Department of Technology and Communications - called to speak for Administration
 - b. Stu Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel - called to speak for HCCA
 - c. Alison Beall - 5639 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia - called to speak for League of Women Voters in Favor
 - d. Susan Garber - 9100 Gorman Road, Laurel - called to speak in Favor
 - e. John Garber - 9100 Gorman Road, Laurel - called to speak in Favor
 - f. Brent Loveless - 9570 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel - called to speak
 - g. Marsha McLaughlin - called to speak for Department of Planning and Zoning

2. Council Bill 33-2014 - Introduced by Jen Terrasa - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to revise the requirements that developers of residential property hold community meetings before submitting their development plans for County approval; and generally relating to presubmission community meetings.
 - a. Stu Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel - called to speak for HCCA
 - b. Susan Garber - 9100 Gorman Road, Laurel - called to speak for Savage Community Association in Favor
 - c. Paul Verchinski - 5475 Sleeping Dog Lane, Columbia - called to speak
 - d. Michael Harrison - 1216 W 37th , Baltimore - called to speak for Home Builders Association of Maryland in Favor
 - e. Brent Loveless - 9570 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel - called to speak
 - f. Judy Fisher-George - 9216 Howland Road, Laurel - called to speak

3. Council Bill 34-2014 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Employees' Retirement Plan to amend the definition of "benefitted employee" in order to correct certain classification code references and to add certain new classifications; and generally relating to the Howard County Employees' Retirement Plan.

4. Council Bill 35-2014 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan to make certain technical corrections; to allow Police cadets to receive credit for years of eligibility service under certain conditions; and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.
 - a. Todd Allen, Human Resources Administrator - called to speak for Administration

5. Council Resolution 73-2014 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from the structure and use setback for a proposed retaining wall at Troy Park.
 - a. Raul Delerme, Bureau Chief of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction for Recreation and Parks - called to speak for Administration

6. Council Resolution 74-2014 - A RESOLUTION creating a task force to study mulching, composting and wood processing policies and regulations with respect to Howard County land use planning processes and Zoning Regulations.
 - a. John Tegarlis - 14028 Big Branch Drive, Dayton - called to speak for Dayton Rural Preservation Society

IV. Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

V. Tabled

- A. Council Resolution No. 150-2011 - Introduced by Greg Fox - Proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution. (tabled 10-4-11)

- B. Council Resolution 42-2014 - Confirming the appointment of Charley C. Sung to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board. (tabled 6-2-14)

- C. Council Bill 12-2014 - Introduced By, Jen Terrasa - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require developers conducting presubmission community meetings in accordance with Section 16.128 and 16.205 of the County Code to send notification to any school within a three-mile radius of the subject property; and generally relating to presubmission community meetings. (tabled 6-2-14)

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