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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)
June 16, 2025
7:00pm

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, Administrator to the County Council; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; and Brenda Smith, Administrative Aide were also present

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm.

A. Appointments

- 1. CR81-2025 A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Jenkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
 - a. Jennifer Jenkins did not appear.

B. Financial

- 1. CB46-2025 AN ACT reestablishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on certain commercial or industrial real property located adjacent to Route 1 that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; establishing a sunset provision; and generally relating to property tax credits
 - a. Lynda Eisenburg, Administration did not speak
 - b. Jennifer Jones, Administration called to speak.
 - c. Kristen O'Connor, Administration called to speak

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C. General

- 1. CB47-2025 Approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2027 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, 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 International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000
 - a. Anju Bennett, Administration did not speak
 - b. Jamar Herry, Administration called to speak
- 2. CB48-2025 AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to provide for certain specialty pay for management employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County
 - a. Anju Bennett, Administration did not speak
 - b. Jamar Herry, Administration called to speak
- 3. CB49-2025 AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving an Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Merritt-HR, LLC for the lease of approximately 13,500 rentable square feet of space located at 9515 Gerwig Lane, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Jeremy Zeller, Administration called to speak
- 4. CB50-2025 AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Third Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and P Portfolio Owner, LLC for the lease of approximately 8,188 rentable square feet of space located at 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Jeremy Zeller, Administration called to speak
- 5. CR113-2025 A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program

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capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy and requiring a certain joint special work meeting in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code

- a. Timothy Rogers, Administration called to speak
- b. Daniel Lubeley, Administration did not speak
- c. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA, Inc) called to speak
- d. Catherine Carter called to speak
- 6. CR114-2025 A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County
 - a. Jeff Brownow, Administration called to speak
 - b. Catherine Carter called to speak
- 7. CR115-2025 A RESOLUTION correcting the consideration included in Council Resolution No. 152-2023 that the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration would pay for certain fee simple and perpetual easements
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Administration did not speak
 - b. Jeremy Zeller, Administration called to speak
- 8. CB51-2025 LW AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to remove the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems permitted within a designated school zone and generally related to Speed Monitoring Systems in Howard County
 - a. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association (HCCA, Inc) called to speak
- 9. CR116-2025 OJ A RESOLUTION approving a schedule of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to the enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, specifically increasing fines for parking citations for commercial motor vehicle parking in residential areas violations; allowing the Department of Police to embark on a public education campaign about the increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking on residential areas violations; and generally relating to increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking in residential area violations
 - a. Aura Abrams, The Cluster at Twin Knolls called to speak
 - b. Chris Valentine, Howard County Police Department called to speak
 - c. Ken Abrams, TACTICAL52 LLC called to speak

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- d. Melissa Hogle called to speak
- e. Dr. Lillian Norris Holmes called to speak
- 10. CB52-2025 OJ AN ACT to revise the penalties for parking commercial motor vehicles in residential areas and generally relating to parking of commercial motor vehicles
 - a. Aura Abrams, The Cluster at Twin Knolls called to speak
 - b. Paul Verchinski, Howard County Citizens Association called to speak
 - c. Daniel Medinger, Clusters at Twin Knolls called to speak
 - d. Melissa Hogle called to speak
 - e. Dr. Lillian Norris- Holmes called to speak
- D. Adjourned at 8:36 pm

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