



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Work Session
Monday, October 27, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
9:30 A.M.

Councilmembers present: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christinia Rigby, and David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; and Brenda Smith, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Walsh opened the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Agenda

CR167-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement – Solar Facility – 55 acres – 3855 Manor Lane, Ellicott City, Maryland

Tim Lattimer Administrator Howard County Office of Community Sustainability and Luke Smith of CI Renewables appeared before the Council to review amendments to the Resolution regarding corrections and clarifications on land ownership, and information on the amount of acreage used for the PILOT agreement. There was general discussion between the Councilmembers and Mr. Smith about the proposed reduction in acreage amounts that will be used for a proposed solar array and the PILOT. There was also discussion about the specifics of the proposed solar array's energy generation, maintenance costs, and the lack of disclosure of the financial aspects of the PILOT agreement.

Council requested follow-up:

- *Can we get an updated Administrative Testimony reflecting the change to the 7 acres?*
- *Financial reports supporting the comment on page 2 line 26-27, can we sign an NDA like we have done for other PILOTS in order to get the proforma.*
 - *WHEREAS, the Facility Owner has demonstrated to the County that an agreement for*

- *payments in lieu of taxes is necessary to make the Project economically feasible; and*
- *Can we get an updated map reflecting the 7 acres?*
- *When available, provide copy of the power purchase agreement currently being negotiated.*

Research – what financials have we received for prior Solar PILOTS and confirm that this requires the annual Solar PILOT reports that we get from other PILOTS.

CR183-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Board of Education - Submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction

Cornell Brown and Dan Lubeley from the Howard County Public School System (“HCPSS”) and Howard County Board of Education members Jolene Mosley, Dr. Linfeng Chen, Ms. Antonia Watts, and Ms. Jacquelin McCoy appeared before the Council. There was general discussion about possible amendments to the Resolution and the schedule for the County Council’s consideration of the Resolution. Councilmembers and the HCPSS staff discussed the projects HCPSS were submitting to the Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction (“IAC”) for State funding. Councilmembers raised questions regarding the bifurcated process by which the HCPSS was considering State funded and locally funded projects for IAC submission. There were also questions about HVAC units in school gymnasiums, availability of prior allocated State funds, tax increment financing, State requirements for funding, and the use of excess surplus funds.

Council requested follow-up

- *Does the school system charge for fans for unconditioned gyms?*
- *Has county previously used Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for school projects?*
- *Are there any State allocated funds from prior Fiscal years that have not been spent?*

Chair Walsh closed the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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Luke Smith - CI Renewables

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Chair Jolene Mosley
Dr. Chen
Ms. McCoy
Ms. Watts
Dan Lubeley
Cornell Brown