



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Public Hearing
February 17, 2015

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Members present: Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chairperson, Jon Weinstein, Council Vice Chairperson, Calvin Ball, Council Member, Greg Fox, Council Member and Jen Terrasa, Council Member.

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator, Jennifer Sager, Administration, Theo Wimberly, Legislative Assistant, and Charity Respass, Administrative Aide

I. Call to Order at 7:32 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Fox

Mary Kay Sigaty, Chairperson moved to approve the reading of the bills by short title, seconded by Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson.

The motion carried as follows

AYES: Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Council Member; Greg Fox, Council Member; Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member; Jon Weinstein, Council Vice Chairperson

III. The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution 3-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Angela M. Boyter to the Commission on Aging.

a. Angie Boyter - 3914 MacAlpine Road, Ellicott City - called to speak In Favor

2. Council Resolution 4-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jill M. Bussey to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.
 - a. Jill Marie Bussey - 5257 Open Window, Columbia - called to speak In Favor
3. Council Resolution 5-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nicole Czarnecki to the Commission on Disability Issues.
 - a. Nicole Czarnecki - 6304 Sunhigh Place, Columbia - called to speak In Favor
4. Council Resolution 6-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joanne Drielak to the Public Ethics Commission.
 - a. Joanne Drielak - 4603 Brentwood Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak In Favor
5. Council Resolution 7-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas Paxton to the Environmental Sustainability Board.
 - a. Thomas Paxton - 7444 Broken Staff, Columbia - called to speak In Favor
6. Council Resolution 8-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruno V. Reich to the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - a. Bruno Reich - 10106 Hyla Brook Road, Columbia - called to speak In Favor
 - b. Fred Dorsey - 10774 Judy Lane, Columbia - called to speak In Favor
7. Council Resolution 9-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chinwe Calista Adetula to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.
8. Council Resolution 10-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Richard J. Bergin to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.
9. Council Resolution 11-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jane O'Leary to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
10. Council Resolution 12-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Pastor Donald M. Poole to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
11. Council Resolution 13-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dorothy Ruck to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

12. Council Resolution 14-2015 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joan Webb Scornaienchi to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

B. Financial

1. SAO5-FY2015 - AN ACT transferring \$50,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of County Administration, Office of Transportation for the Electric Bus Grant.
 - a. John Powell, Administrator for Office of Transportation - called to testify for the Administration

C. General

1. Council Bill 3-2015 - AN ACT, reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; changing the name of the Office of Environmental Sustainability; amending the qualifications of the Office administrator; amending the duties and responsibilities of the Office; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.
 - a. Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer - called to speak for the Administration
 - b. Lori Lilly - 10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock - called to speak In Favor
 - c. Joel Goodman - 3700 Cattail Greens Court, Glenwood - called to speak In Favor
 - d. Gerrit Knapp - 14204 Silver Spring (UMD, College Park) - called to speak for UMD, Preinkert Field House In Favor
 - e. Jamie Brown - 15155 Triadelphia Mill Road, Glenelg - called to speak In Favor
 - f. Lawrence Twele - 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia - called to speak for Economic Development Authority In Favor
 - g. David Patrick - 1916 Daisy Road, Woodbine- called to speak
2. Council Bill 4-2015 - AN ACT, reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; amending certain definitions; providing that the County Executive shall designate the Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Commission; amending the number of times per year the Commission is required to meet; requiring that the Commission perform certain outreach and education activities; making certain corrections to conform to the State's Open Meetings Act; removing the requirement that the Human Rights Administrator serve as the Executive Secretary to the Human Rights Commission; correcting cross references; clarifying certain language; clarifying certain standards of review to ensure consistency; clarifying that only ripe cases

may proceed; clarifying certain actions taken by County Employees; clarifying certain notice and nonexclusive remedy provisions; requiring certain reports; authorizing certain corrections to outlining style; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government

- a. Lonnie Robbins - called to speak for Administration
 - b. Sherman Howell - 11370 Heathertoe Lane, Columbia - called to speak
 - c. Sean McGovern - 9509 Mellen Court, Columbia - called to speak for PFLAG Columbia - Howard County In Favor
 - d. Keith Thirion - 1201 S. Sharp Street, Baltimore - called to speak for Equality Maryland In Favor
 - e. Opel Jones - 7660 Stoney Creek Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak for the Human Rights Commission Against
3. Council Resolution 15-2015 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.
4. Council Resolution 16-2015 - Introduced by: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, and Jon Weinstein - A RESOLUTION requesting that the Howard County Police Department's Citizen Advisory Council establish a Committee on Community Policing and make recommendations related to community policing.
5. Council Resolution 17-2015 - Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Mary Kay Sigaty - A RESOLUTION endorsing the Howard County Office of Emergency Management's application with the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Community Development Block Grant Program, in the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for certain grants under the National Disaster Resilience Competition in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
6. Council Bill 5-2015 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - AN ACT to alter the definition of "employee" for purposes of the Howard County Public Ethics Law; to exclude certain mutual funds from the definition of "interest"; to clarify the retention period for certain filings; providing that certain subpoenas may be sent by certified mail and may be judicially enforced; eliminating a requirement that a request be made before a certain notice is provided; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Public Ethics Law.
7. Council Bill 6-2015 - Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty; Co-Sponsored by: Dr. Calvin Ball, Jennifer Terrasa and Jon Weinstein - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that the Department of Planning and Zoning is required to send their technical staff reports for any petitions considered by the Zoning Board, County Council, Planning Board, Hearing Examiner, or Board of Appeals to the appropriate decision making body and the general public at least two weeks prior to

the required public hearing or meeting; generally related to the Department of Planning and Zoning's technical staff reports.

- a. Lisa Markovitz - 2948 Normandy Drive, Ellicott City - called to speak In Favor
- b. Ron Louzon – 11223 Albeth Road, Marriottsville - called to speak

IV. Adjourned at 9:16 pm

V. Tabled

- A. Council Resolution 80-2014 - Confirming the reappointment of William E. Erskine to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. (tabled 7-25-2014)
- B. Council Resolution 125-2014 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 2.142 acres to Rock Realty, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use. (tabled 1-5-2015)

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