

APPROVED
LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

DATE: May 18, 2009 TIME STARTED: 7:32 pm TIME ADJOURNED: 8:39 pm
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jen Terrasa, Courtney Watson
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Meyers, Meredith Beach
ADMINISTRATION: Jennifer Sager, Ray Wacks

Time Stamp	W.T	ITEM #	PERSON/SUBJECT						
7:32:59 PM			<p>Boy Scout Nathan Self, Troup #424 leads the pledge.</p> <p>The County Council will be hearing legislation tonight that was introduced on May 4, 2009. This includes legislation related to the FY 10 Capital and Operating Budgets. We have already held a hearing on the budget-related legislation and ask that budget-related testimony is limited to new matters rather than issues already addressed.</p> <p>We will hold a special session at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 20 here at the Board of Education to give final consideration to the proposed budget and related legislation. If needed, there will be a work session on the non-budget related legislation heard tonight at 4:30 pm on May 26 here at the Board of Education. Final consideration for those bills will be on June 1 at our regular legislative session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We now are using an electronic registration to sign-in to testify. Those who are here to speak should go to the laptops in the hallway and sign in, if you have not already done so. Council staff will be happy to help you, if you need assistance. Rules for speaking, if you are speaking tonight <p>If you have written testimony, give 10 copies to Mr. Meyers</p> <p>When you are at the podium, give your name and address for the record</p> <p>3 minutes for individuals; 5 minutes for a single spokesperson for a group</p> Please turn off cell phones, blackberries, other electronic devices 						
	Vote Tally *	MOTION/ SECOND	VOTE					COMMENTS	
		1 st	2 nd	MKS	CB	GF	JT	CW	
7:35:59 PM		MKS	JT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	<p>MOVE to Approve Minutes Capital & Operating Budgets Public Hearing (BOE/Libraries/HCC) – May 2, 2009 Constant Yield Public Hearing – May 4, 2009 Operating Budget Work Session (Legislative & Judicial/Public Safety/Public Facilities)– May 5, 2009 Capital & Operating Budget Work Session (BOE, Libraries, HCC) – May 8, 2009</p>

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									Budget Work Session (Community Services, Funds) – May 11, 2009 Closed Meeting (May 11, 2009) Budget Work Session (Revenues, General Government) – May 12, 2009 Budget Public Hearing (General), May 12, 2009
7:36:55 PM	Vote Tally *	MOTION/ SECOND		VOTE					COMMENTS
		1 st	2 nd	MK S	CB	GF	JT	CW	Supplemental Work Session-Community Services Sentencing Program – May 8, 2009 (Courtney was absent and should abstain)
		MKS	JT	Y	Y	Y	Y	ABS	
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				Mr. Meyers to read the bills for public hearing.					
7:37:32 PM		CR19-09		Confirming the reappointment of Christina Mudd to the Environmental Sustainability Board					
7:37:44 PM		CR18-09		Confirming the reappointment of Sherman Howell to the Environmental Sustainability Board					
7:37:55 PM		CR20-09		Confirming the reappointment of Dr. Mark Southerland to the Environmental Sustainability Board					
7:38:04 PM		CR21-09		Approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2009; transferring \$1,470,000 to the Special Education category; transferring \$300,000 to the Administration category; transferring \$190,000 to the Pupil Personnel category; transferring \$185,000 to the Health Services category; and transferring \$2,230,000 to the Mid-Level Administration category					
	no			Ray Brown, BOE					
7:40:26 PM		CR22-09		Declaring that 837.893 square feet of Open Space Lot 100 of the subdivision known as Rockburn Township owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to transfer the property to Thomas Vicino and Susann Vicino in exchange for 837.893 square feet of Lot 7 of the subdivision known as Rockburn Township owned by Thomas Vicino and Susann Vicino; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the County Code in connection with the property's conveyance; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the County's interest in the property if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration					
7:41:28 PM	no			John Byrd, Chief of Parks and Programs					
7:42:34 PM	no			Tom Meachum, 10715 Charter Drive, Columbia, MD 21044					
				Gary Lane, 9890 Lyon Avenue, surveyor, not present, only here to answer questions on plat per Tom Meachum					

7:44:16 PM		CR23-09	Approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the HCH Partners, II, LLC, and Howard County, Maryland for a multi-family rental housing project known as Guilford Gardens
			Stacy Spann, Housing
			BUDGET ITEMS
7:46:15 PM			For the following budget-related legislation, please limit your testimony to new matters rather than repeating testimony from the earlier hearings
7:46:47 PM		CB22-09	Authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in a principal amount of up to \$39,451,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County road construction projects and other capital projects specified and described in the County's 2010 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain of such capital projects previously authorized in calendar year 2005), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing and empowering the County to issue bond 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 building excise taxes and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
7:47:51 PM		CB23-09	Authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$46,629,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County water and sewer capital projects which are specified and described in the County's 2010 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain water and sewer capital projects previously authorized in calendar year 2005), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond 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 benefit assessments, ad valorem taxes levied upon the assessable property in the Metropolitan District and other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
7:49:07 PM		CB24-09	Authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the principal amount of up to \$111,874,344 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of certain County capital projects (including bridge projects, general county projects, storm drainage projects, school system projects, fire and rescue projects, road construction projects, road resurfacing projects, roadside and sidewalk projects, library projects, community college projects, parks and recreation projects, intersection improvements projects and community renewal projects), which are specified and described in the County's 2010 Capital Budget (including, without limitation, borrowings for certain capital projects previously authorized in calendar year 2005), and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond 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
7:50:22 PM		CB25-09	Adopting the current expense budget and the capital budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal 2010
			Amendment #1 – Ray Wacks explains – technical corrections transfers; CBB questions furlough for elected officials
			Amendment #2 – by G. Fox, removes 250,000 from healthy howard to general fund
			Amendment #3 – 250,000 restore to education
			Amendment #4 – Ray Wacks – technical amendment agricultural preservation program, BOE

			Amendment #5 – Ray Wacks – modifies description of Rt 40 enhancemnt project.
7:59:59 PM		CB26-09	Amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; establishing pay rates for certain employees; stating that salary schedules are subject to certain furlough plans; adding and amending certain classification titles and pay grades; amending certain specialty pays; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act
8:00:20 PM			Art Griffin – HR – pay scales
			Amendment #1 – minimum rate for certain contingent persons
8:01:53 PM		CB27-09	Amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; adding and amending certain class descriptions; amending certain minimum educational requirements; amending certain licensure requirements; making certain technical corrections; providing for the application of this Act
8:02:14 PM			Ray Wacks, HR, Greg Fox questions, raising Director of Technology from P to Q due to increase of responsibility and value of the position. Some qualifications will be changed on some engineering positions. And firefighter positions will go in the DFRS manual. New level of Sheriff Security Officer 3
8:05:34 PM		CR24-09	Approving a Furlough Plan, pursuant to Section 1.119 of the Howard County Code, in order to reduce the operating budget of the County because of an anticipated decrease in revenue
			Todd Allen, HR explains furlough plan
8:06:40 PM		CR25-09	Approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019
			Amendment #1 – Ray Wacks, carries changes from CB25 to CR25
8:07:55 PM		CR26-09	Approving the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories
8:08:27 PM	Y		Kate Hetherington, President HCC
			CW remarks.
8:13:15 PM		CR27-09	Approving the County's portion of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget for the Department of Libraries and indicating appropriations for object classes
8:13:40 PM		CR28-09	Setting forth the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education
			Amendment #1 – Ray Brown, BOE explains, adjust for state revenues shortfall
			G.Fox amendment #1 to Amendment #1CB25 adding 250,000 from Healthy Howard
8:16:38 PM		CR29-09	Approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities
8:16:59 PM		CR30-09	Approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works
	no		Sandra Miceli, 5800 Clipper Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029 she has no bucket for recycling and is charged for it.
			Ray Wacks will talk to DPW about her dilemma.
	no		Don Soeken, 4161 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City 21043 has recycling issues.
	no		Dave Self and Joanne Snow, 8320 Darkwood Court, Jessup, 20794: 301-395-7472
			MKS asked residents to give name and address to Ms. Beach so that contact could be made when information was obtained. Candace Miraglia, 8369 Gatewood Drive, Jessup 20794, 301-604-6078; Don Soeken, 4161 Lotus Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21043; 410-461-6649 and Sandra Miceli, 5800 Clipper Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029, 410-340-7448 and Dave Self and Joanne Snow, 8320 Darkwood Court, Jessup, 20794: 301-395-7472
8:33:52 PM		CR31-09	Approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits
8:34:15 PM		CR32-09	Approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning
8:34:33 PM		CR33-09	Adopting fees for Fire Prevention Services
8:34:49 PM		CR34-09	Adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance, including a schedule of fees for parking meter rates

<u>8:35:08 PM</u>		CR35-09	Approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police
<u>8:35:25 PM</u>		CR36-09	Approving schedules of fees for functions regulated by the Health Department
<u>8:35:39 PM</u>		CR37-09	Approving fee and rate schedules for: (1) Applying for approval of an industrial development revenue bond or MIDFA bond or loan; (2) Solicitor and Peddler Identification Card; (3) Weekend Prisoners - Room and board; (4) Prisoner - Health care provider fee; (5) Participation in work release program; (6) Participation in home detention program; (7) Marriage license fee charge for funding of domestic violence programs; (8) Annual registration of trespass towing companies and maximum rates to be charged by trespass towing services; (9) Fee and specifications for transcripts of administrative proceedings; and (10) Reproduction of public records
			Amendment #1 – Jennifer Sager
<u>8:37:01 PM</u>		CR38-09	Approving schedules of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, including administrative handling fees for parking citations and citations under the automated red light enforcement program
<u>8:37:24 PM</u>		CR39-09	Levying a tax on certain admissions and amusements, establishing classes of admissions and amusements, setting tax rates on different classes, and providing for certain exemptions from the tax
<u>8:37:47 PM</u>		CR40-09	Imposing a recordation tax on instruments of writing that convey title to or create or give notice of a security interest in real property, or that create or give notice of a security interest in personal property, and that are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court
<u>8:38:10 PM</u>		CR41-09	Adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax
<u>8:38:21 PM</u>		CR42-09	Levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2009
<u>8:38:39 PM</u>		CR43-09	Levying a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; setting the tax rates for property; and providing for the collection of the property tax
<u>8:39:15 PM</u>		ADJOURN	