

Agenda
May 2, 2009 – May 15, 2009

County Council
Saturday, May 2, 2009
Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD
9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing – Capital and Operating Budgets

Board of Education
Libraries
Community College

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County Council
Monday, May 4, 2009
Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD
7:00 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing - Constant Yield Tax Rate

7:30 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day #5

Approve Journal – April 6, 2009

Approve Minutes

Capital & Operating Budgets Hearing (Dept. Heads Only) – April 20, 2009
Legislative Public Hearing – April 20, 2009
Council Monthly Meeting – April 21, 2009
Capital Budget Work Session – April 21, 2009
Legislative Work Session – April 27, 2009
Operating Budget Public Hearing – April 27, 2009

Introduction of Legislation

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

Appointments

Council Resolution No. 18-2009 - Confirming the reappointment of Sherman Howell to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Council Resolution No. 19-2009 - Confirming the reappointment of Christina Mudd to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Council Resolution No. 20-2009 - Confirming the reappointment of Dr. Mark Southerland to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Financial

Council Resolution No. 21-2009 - 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

General

Council Resolution No. 22-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 23-2009 - 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

Budget

Council Bill No. 22-2009 – 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

Council Bill No. 23-2009 – 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

Council Bill No. 24-2009 – 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

Council Bill No. 25-2009 – 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

Council Bill No. 26-2009 – 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

Council Bill No. 27-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 24-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 25-2009 – Approving the Capital Program for Howard County for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015 and the Extended Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2019

Council Resolution No. 26-2009 – Approving the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories

Council Resolution No. 27-2009 – Approving the County's portion of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget for the Department of Libraries and indicating appropriations for object classes

Council Resolution No. 28-2009 – Setting forth the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget for the Howard County Board of Education

Council Resolution No. 29-2009 – Approving schedules for charges pertaining to the Metropolitan District, to water and sewer service, and to shared sewage disposal facilities

Council Resolution No. 30-2009 – Approving schedules of fees for the functions regulated by the Department of Public Works

Council Resolution No. 31-2009 – Approving schedules of fees, fines and charges for functions regulated by the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits

Council Resolution No. 32-2009 – Approving schedules of fees and charges for functions regulated or administered by the Department of Planning and Zoning

Council Resolution No. 33-2009 – Adopting fees for Fire Prevention Services

Council Resolution No. 34-2009 – Adopting a schedule of fees for functions regulated by the Department of Finance, including a schedule of fees for parking meter rates

Council Resolution No. 35-2009 – Approving schedules of fees and rates for functions regulated and administered by the Department of Police

Council Resolution No. 36-2009 – Approving schedules of fees for functions regulated by the Health Department

Council Resolution No. 37-2009 – 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.

Council Resolution No. 38-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 39-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 40-2009 – 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

Council Resolution No. 41-2009 – Adopting the schedule of rates for the Building Excise Tax

Council Resolution No. 42-2009 – Levying Fire and Rescue tax rates beginning July 1, 2009

Council Resolution No. 43-2009 – 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

Final Consideration

Consent

Council Resolution No. 131-2008 – Confirming the appointment of Christina Diaz-Malone to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency (Tabled 1/5/09)

Council Resolution No. 12-2009 – Confirming the appointment of Eileen Tennor to the Historic District Commission

Council Resolution No. 13-2009 – Confirming the appointment of Jeanne M. Zarnoch to the Personnel Board

Council Resolution No. 17-2009 - Introduced by the Chairperson - Calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on May 20, 2009

Financial

Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance No. 3-Fiscal 2009 – Transferring \$3,000,000 in grant funding from C-0214, Category Contingency Fund, to H-2008, Road Resurfacing Program, in order to accept funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

General

Council Resolution No. 11-2009 - Approving an amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, consisting of tables and maps incorporating various revisions, including the:

1. Revision of the priority designations assigned in the Master Plan to certain County capital projects;
2. Revision of the priority designations assigned in the Master Plan to certain private development projects; and
3. Update of the water and sewer facilities maps to reflect changes in the Metropolitan District. (Tabled 4/6/09)

Council Bill No. 19-2009 –Introduced by Courtney Watson at the request of John Boyd - To allow certain parcels that are subject to specified conservation easements to be removed from the Metropolitan District under specified circumstances, and generally relating to public utilities

Council Bill No. 20-2009 – Pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Contract between Howard County, Maryland and Petrie Ross Joint Ventures D.C., L.L.C., for the construction of certain public improvements including a parking garage and related infrastructure to serve the Savage MARC Station to be financed by certain tax increment financing

Council Resolution No. 14-2009 –Adopted pursuant to Sections 12-201 et seq. of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Tax Increment Financing Act”) and Section 9-1301 of Article 24 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “Special Taxing District Act”, and collectively with the Tax Increment Financing Act, the “Acts”) providing for the designation of contiguous property in the Savage area of Howard County as a development district for purposes of the Tax Increment Financing Act, and as a special taxing district for the purposes of the Special Taxing District Act (collectively, the “Districts”); creating certain special funds pursuant to the Acts; providing for the deposit and use of moneys in such special funds; pledging that the County will allocate and divide property taxes on real property within the District so that a certain portion of the real property tax (the “Tax Increment”) will be allocated and paid into one of the special funds, and providing for the levy and collection of special taxes or ad valorem taxes to be deposited to the other special fund in the event proceeds of the Tax Increment are or will be insufficient to pay debt service on bonds issued under the Acts; and providing for, finding, and determining matters in connection therewith

Council Bill No. 21-2009 - Levying and providing for the collection of a special tax on property within the special taxing district in the Savage area of Howard County, Maryland known as the “Savage Towne Centre Special Taxing District” pursuant to the Rate and Method identified herein and for various matters relating thereto; authorizing and empowering the County to issue up to \$17,000,000.00 of its special obligation bonds at a maximum interest rate of 7% per annum in order to finance or reimburse the cost of certain public improvements relating to the Special Taxing District and the geographically coincident Savage Towne Centre Development District and other costs permitted under the Acts identified herein; providing that such bonds and the interest thereon shall never constitute a general obligation of the County or a pledge of its full faith and credit; providing for the further specification, prescription, determination, provision for or approval of various other matters, details, documents and procedures in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, sale and payment for any such bonds; making certain legislative findings; and generally providing for the levy, imposition, collection and application of such special tax and the issuance of bonds in accordance with the Acts identified herein

Council Resolution No. 15-2009 – Adopting Howard County’s Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds

Council Resolution No. 16-2009 – Approving the redevelopment of an affordable housing project known as Guilford Gardens in Columbia, Maryland to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Department’s Community Development Administration

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County Council
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room II
8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD
9:00 a.m.

Work Session – Operating Budget
Legislative and Judicial
Public Safety (Police, Fire)
Public Facilities

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County Council
Friday, May 8, 2009
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room II
8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD
9:00 a.m.

Work Session – Capital and Operating Budgets
Board of Education

1:00 p.m.

Work Session – Capital and Operating Budgets
Libraries

2:00 p.m.

Work Session – Capital and Operating Budgets
Community College

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County Council
Monday, May 11, 2009
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room II
8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD
8:00 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session

Community Services, Funds/Revenues

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County Council
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room II
8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD
9:00 a.m.

Work Session – Operating Budget
General Government

12:00 p.m.

Budget Public Hearing
General

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County Council
Friday, May 15, 2009
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room II
8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD
9:00 a.m.

Budget Work Session (If Needed)
Pending issues

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