

Agenda
April 4, 2009 – April 17, 2009

County Council
Monday, April 6, 2009
Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD
7:30 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day #4

Approve Journals – February 2, 2009 (Tabled 3/2/09) and March 2, 2009

Approve Minutes

Public Hearing – March 16, 2009
Legislative Work Session – March 23, 2009
Council Meeting with the Board of Education – April 1, 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. 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

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 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

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

Final Consideration

Consent

Council Resolution No. 8-2009 – Confirming the appointment of A. John Rezaiyan to the Human Rights Commission

Council Resolution No. 9-2009 – Confirming the appointment of Joshua D. Sullivan to the Human Rights Commission

Council Resolution No. 10-2009 – Confirming the reappointment of James H. Eacker to the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Financial

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 8-Fiscal 2009 - Transferring up to \$1,500,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses for snow removal

General

Council Bill No. 10-2009 (ZRA-105) – Introduced by The Chair at the request of The Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County, Inc. - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add additional requirements to the B-1 (Business: Local) and B-2 (Business: General) regulations for uses on properties located in the No Planned Service Area of the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewer; and generally relating to the B-1 and B-2 zoning districts

Council Bill No. 11-2009 (ZRA-108) – Introduced by The Chair at the request of Brantly Development Group - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulation's definition of Age-restricted Adult Housing to allow an exception of up to 20 percent of the units within age-restricted adult housing developments to be unrestricted in terms of age occupancy requirements except for the existing restriction applicable to children under 18 years of age; to delete an existing exception relating to surviving household members 50 years or older; and generally relating to age-restricted adult housing

Council Bill No. 12-2009 (ZRA-109) – Introduced by The Chair at the request of SK King George, LLC - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to establish a new provision whereby approved Conditional Uses would be completely exempt from the potential to become void and would not have to obtain extensions for projects for which plans are being processed with Howard County; and generally relating to Conditional Uses

Council Bill No. 14-2009 – Adding certain definitions; describing the accrued benefit of certain reemployed employees in job classes represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (“AFSCME”) Local 3085; requiring certain contributions from AFSCME Local 3085 employees after a certain date; setting forth the retirement income for certain AFSCME Local 3085 employees; reordering certain provisions; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to the County’s retirement plans for employees of AFSCME Local 3085

Council Bill No. 15-2009 – Pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Energy Systems Group where Energy Systems Group will develop and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency guaranteed savings program at certain County facilities that shall include the construction and installation of certain equipment, and certain management tasks and the program will result in certain cost savings which may be used to finance the construction and installation of certain equipment

Council Bill No. 16-2009 – Pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Grant Capital Management, Inc., where Grant Capital Management will finance the acquisition of certain equipment required under an energy performance contract.

Council Bill No. 17-2009 (ZRA-112) – Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow fences of a certain height along certain lot lines that adjoin public street rights-of-way; to set forth certain setbacks for certain fences and walls that are a certain height; to prohibit certain arrangements for certain fences and walls; and generally related to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Council Bill No. 18-2009 – To legalize the 2008 Edition of the Howard County Code, as approved by Margaret Ann Nolan, County Solicitor, and published by Municipal Code Corporation; to provide for the Code’s periodic supplement; and to declare that the Code shall be the evidence of the public local laws of Howard County.

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 Legislation

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

* * * * *

Friday, April 10, 2009 – Good Friday – County Offices Closed

* * * * *

County Council

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD

7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – Capital Budget

Police

Fire

Recreation and Parks

Community Renewal (housing)

Agricultural Preservation

Public Works

General County

Sewer

Water

Storm Drainage

Transportation

Bridges

Road Resurfacing

Road Construction

Sidewalk/curb

Intersection Improvements

* * * * *

Zoning Board (IF NEEDED)

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Ellicott 2 Room

8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD

7:00 p.m.

Continuation of Public Hearing

Zoning Board Case No. ZB1074M Cloverland Farms Dairy T/A Royal Farms, (Meachum)
AZM: To change the zoning of the property from B-1 to
B-2 for gas pumps. Northeast quadrant of Waterloo Road
and Lark Brown Road (8268 Lark Brown Road)

Visit the Council's website (www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_HomePage.htm)
to view legislation, send written testimony, and sign-up electronically to testify at public
hearings.

Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council
Office, 410-313-2001, at least eight working days in advance.

T:\Shared\LEGIS\Legis2009\Agendas09\ag040609.doc