



Howard County Council

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District 1
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District 3
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District 4
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District 5

Agenda

April 2, 2016 – April 15, 2016

Legislative Session

Monday, April 4, 2016

Banneker Room

George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD

7:00 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day # 4

Approve Journal -
March 7, 2016

Approve Minutes –
Monthly Meeting – March 14, 2016
Quarterly Meeting with the Board of Education – March 16, 2016
Legislative Public Hearing – March 21, 2016
Legislative Work Session – March 28, 2016

Introduction of Legislation

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

Appointments

Council Resolution 39-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reginald Thomas Avery to the Commission on Aging.

Council Resolution 40-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan Gresham to the Recreation and Parks Board.

Council Resolution 41-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stanley Levi to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

Council Resolution 42-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Pollitt-Hill to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

Council Resolution 43-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Elaine Brown to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Council Resolution 44-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Caroline Harper to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Council Resolution 45-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shuron Morton to the Board of Social Services.

Council Resolution 46-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Rogan to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

Council Resolution 47-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Robert Rossomondo to the Board of Social Services.

Council Resolution 48-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gary Stewart to the Board of Health.

Council Resolution 49-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Stone to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

General

Council Bill 22-2016 (ZRA 161) – Introduced by: Mark Kay Sigaty, Councilperson at the Request of Timothy Martins; AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' Kennels and Pet Grooming Establishments conditional use to permit the use on 40,000 square-foot residential lots under specified conditions; and generally relating to Kennels and Pet Grooming Establishments.

Council Resolution 50-2016 – Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty; A RESOLUTION calling on the Environmental Sustainability Board to make a specified study and recommendations related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

SAO3-FY2016 – AN ACT transferring \$2,000,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses for snow removal.

Council Resolution 51-2016 – A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016- 2020 for housing including the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule.

Council Resolution 52-2016 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301 and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from certain setbacks for the construction of parking spaces, parking access, and sidewalks at the Howard County Library System Elkridge Branch and 50+ Center to be located along Washington Boulevard, U.S. Route 1.

Final Consideration

Appointments

Council Resolution 29-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michael Blum, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Council Resolution 30-2016 – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sylvia Ramsey to the Recreation & Parks Board.

General

Council Bill 13-2016 – Introduced by: Calvin Ball; AN ACT allowing the County Executive to extend the time to remove snow from sidewalks during a specified state of emergency; and generally relating to sidewalks in Howard County.

Council Resolution 31-2016 – Introduced by: Calvin Ball; A RESOLUTION requesting that the Environmental Sustainability Board review the various reports commissioned by Howard County Public School System pertaining to mold at Howard County Public Schools and provide a report to the County Council and County Executive making recommendations on addressing environmental concerns, specifically on mold at Howard County Public Schools.

Council Bill 14-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein; AN ACT amending the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan provisions for Howard County; amending the amount of time military service may be credited; and generally relating to military service credit for the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

Council Bill 15-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein; AN ACT amending the Subdivision and Development of Land Regulations pertaining to residential infill developments with respect to compatibility, unit types, landscaping, interconnectivity and privacy; and generally relating to residential infill developments.

Council Bill 16-2016 – AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Grant Agreement between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Howard County, Maryland that imposes, in certain circumstances, an indemnification obligation on the County in future fiscal years.

Council Resolution 32-2016 – A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$55,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to Columbia Vantage House Corporation to be used to (1) refund outstanding Howard County, Maryland Retirement Community Revenue Bonds (Vantage House Facility) Series 2007A and B and (2) finance (a) renovations of and capital improvements for a multi-building continuing care retirement community located in Columbia, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for such purposes; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and specifying and describing various matters in connection therewith.

Council Resolution 33-2016 – A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the projects are consistent with the County’s plan for economic development.

Council Bill 17-2016 – AN ACT amending the required rates of pay when an employee’s position is reclassified; and generally relating to the application of the Howard County Pay Plan.

Council Bill 18-2016 – AN ACT amending certain minimum educational and experience requirements for certain positions in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

Council Resolution 34-2016 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey approximately 2.99 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as Tax Map 34, Parcel 200, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcel E to the Highland Reserve Homeowners’ Association, Inc.; and waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.

Council Resolution 35-2016 – A RESOLUTION approving a Bicycle Master Plan and a Complete Streets policy for Howard County.

Council Bill 19-2016 – AN ACT to incorporate into the Metropolitan District a parcel of real property containing approximately 91.2575 acres owned by Maple Lawn Farms, Inc., located at 11621 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland also known as Parcel 113 on Tax Map 46 for Howard County.

Council Resolution 36-2016 – A RESOLUTION approving the 2015 Amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, consisting of text, tables, and maps incorporating various revisions based on and including:

1. A determination of future water and sewer system flow projections and infrastructure needs;
2. Changes to the Planned Service Area that have been implemented as amendments to both the General Plan 2000 and through the adoption of PlanHoward 2030;
3. The progress of projects for future water supply and sewerage treatment needs in the county and outside of the county, including improvements to the Baltimore City water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment, which are coordinated with Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
4. The review of water and sewer service priorities for properties in the Planned Service Area; and
5. Changes in the anticipated alignment, location, and sizing of future facilities.

Council Bill 20-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein; AN ACT authorizing additional credits against Watershed Protection and Restoration Fees under specified circumstances; requiring additional information in the annual report; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Council Resolution 37-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein; A RESOLUTION amending schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

Council Resolution 38-2016 – Introduced by: The Chairperson; A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

Tabled

Council Resolution 68-2015 – A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that certain real property known as the “Flier Building” owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; 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 sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use. (tabled 7-6-2015)

Council Bill 2-2016 (ZRA 156) – Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of ATAPCO Howard Square I Business Trust; AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations’ CAC (Corridor Activity Center) Zoning District to allow for the reduction of the commercial space requirement in residential developments, if determined appropriate by the Department of Planning and Zoning; and generally relating to CAC developments. (tabled 2-1-2016)

Council Bill 8-2016 – AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2015 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code; clarifying the duties of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; amending certain definitions in the Fire Code; requiring certain registration of fire suppression systems; enhancing requirements for certain bulk tire storage; requiring certain inspections of mobile food vending platforms; requiring certain permits for certain actions taken with certain hazardous materials; providing for certain abatement when approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction; updating fire lanes designation; and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County. (tabled 3-7-2016)

Council Bill 12-2016 – AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; transferring certain functions currently performed by the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Citizen Services; creating a new Office of Housing and Community Partnerships within the Department of Citizen Services; correcting the positions that are appointed by certain appointing authorities; amending the duties and responsibilities of certain offices; renaming the Department of Citizen Services to be the Department of Community Resources and Services; renaming the Office on Aging to be the Office on Aging and Independence; renaming the Office of Consumer Affairs to be the Office of Consumer Protection; renaming the Office of Children’s Services to be the Office of Children and Families; renaming the Commission on Aging to the Commission on Aging and Independence; renaming the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs to be the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection; providing that certain employees of the Howard County Housing Commission are members of the County Retirement Plan and eligible for Other Post-Employment Benefits; providing for certain legal representation of the Howard County Housing Commission; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government. (tabled 3-7-2016)

Council Resolution 27-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Jennifer Terrasa; A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 611 “Lapsed Appropriations” of the Howard County Charter and add Section 907 “Citizen Funded Campaigns” to the Howard County Charter; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution. (tabled 3-7-2016)

Public Hearing – Capital Budget
Thursday, April 7, 2016
Banneker Room
George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
7:00p.m

Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016
C Vernon Gray Room
George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
8:30a.m

Work Session – Capital Budget (all departments except Education)
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
C Vernon Gray Room
George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD
8:30a.m

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