



Howard County Council

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Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

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Minutes (approved)

Legislative Public Hearing

Monday, March 21, 2016
Banneker Room
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City MD
7:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator, Jennifer Sager, Administration, Jeff Meyers, Legislative Assistant, Craig Glendenning, County Auditor, Edward Shulder, Deputy County Auditor, Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Tech Support

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- I. Legislative Public Hearing called to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member Jon Weinstein
 - III. Legislation

Calvin Ball, Chairperson moved to approve the reading of the bills by short title, seconded by Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson.

The motion carried as follows

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

The motion to approve the reading of the bills by short title was approved.

The Administrator read the following legislation for the hearing:

A. Appointments

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

- a. Michael Blum - 5941 Millrace Court, Columbia – called to speak

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

B. General

1. 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.

- a. Scott Ewart - 7241 Procopico Circle, Columbia - called to speak

2. 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.

- a. Alicia Buxton - 2728 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine - called to speak

- b. Judy Fisher George - 9106 Highland - called to speak

- c. Heidi Gaasch - 2808 Bell Hollow Court, Glenwood - called to speak

3. 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.

- a. Robert Gillette - 16311 Cattail River Drive, Woodbine - called to speak

- b. Howard Mooney - 12679 Golden Oak Drive, EC - called to speak

- c. Richard Ruehl - President of HC Professional Fire Fighters Association - called to speak

- d. Mark Baxter - HCPD - called to speak

4. 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.

- a. Peter Green - 9117 Northfield Green, Ellicott City - called to speak

- b. Jean Sedlacko - St. John's Community Association - called to speak

- c. Brent Loveless - 9570 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel - called to speak

- d. Judy Fisher George - called to speak

- e. Diane Butler - 4056 Saint Johns Lane, Ellicott City - called to speak
 - f. Stuart Kohn - 8709 Yellow Bird Court, Laurel - called to speak
5. 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.
- a. Alan Schneider - 12595 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville - called to speak
6. Council Resolution 37-2016 – Introduced by: Jon Weinstein; A RESOLUTION amending schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.
- a. Cole Schnorf - HC Chamber of Commerce - called to speak
7. 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.
- a. Lindsay DeMarzo - HC Office of Community Sustainability - called to speak
8. 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.
- a. Vernon Thompson - Executive VP of HCEDA - called to speak
9. 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.
- a. Vernon Thompson - Executive VP of HCEDA - called to speak
10. Council Bill 17-2016 and Council Bill 18-2016 were read together
- 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.
- a. Wanda Hutchinson - HC Human Resources Administrator - called to speak
11. 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.
- a. Jim Irvin - Director of Public Works, called to speak
12. Council Resolution 35-2016 – A RESOLUTION approving a Bicycle Master Plan and a Complete Streets policy for Howard County.
- a. Chris Eatough - Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator, HC Office of Transportation - called to speak
 - b. Michelle Trotter - League of Women Voters - called to speak
 - c. Greg Olaniran - 7209 Preservation Court, Fulton - called to speak
 - d. Nikki Highsmith Vernick - The Horizon Foundation - called to speak
 - e. Bill Kelly - 10027 Fox Den Court, Ellicott City - testified on in favor of
 - f. Chris Tsien - Bicycling Advocates of HC - called to speak
 - g. Jon Posner - Race Pace Bicycles - called to speak
 - h. Jane Dembner - Columbia Association - called to speak
 - i. Jack Guarneri - 10224 Little Brick House Court, Ellicott City - called to speak
 - j. Alan Davis - Princeton Sports - called to speak
 - k. Kevin Cropper - 6433 Allview Drive, Columbia - called to speak
 - l. Ian Kennedy - 6174 Clear Smoke Court, Columbia - called to speak
 - m. Steven Snelgrove - President, HC General Hospital - called to speak
 - n. Ronald Stup - Greater Highland Crossroads Association - called to speak
 - o. Herman DeLang - Pleasant Grove HOA - called to speak
 - p. Ted Markle - 6281 Amherst Avenue, Columbia - called to speak
 - q. Joseph Rutter - 3435 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine - called to speak
 - r. Ryan Gardner - 10338 Sixpence Circle, Columbia - called to speak
 - s. Kim Rutter - 3435 Jennings Chapel Road, Columbia - called to speak
 - t. John Slater - Bridge Columbia - called to speak
 - u. Sally Ryder - 6735 Allview Drive, Columbia - called to speak.
 - v. Larry Schoen - 10478 Waterfowl Terrace, Columbia - called to speak
 - w. Michael Compson - 6629 Carlinda Avenue, Columbia - called to speak
 - x. Brent Loveless - 9570 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel - called to speak
 - y. Judy Fisher George - called to speak
 - z. Susan Garber - called to speak
 - aa. Steven Bochniewicz - called to speak
 - bb. Phil Nichols - on behalf of the administration

13. 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.

- a. Jim Irvin - Director of Public Works – called to speak
- b. Shun Lu - 12852 Macbeth Farm Lane, Clarksville - called to speak
- c. Jane Gray - Citizens Working to Fix Howard County - called to speak
- d. Barbara Sullner Web - 17200 Melbourne Drive, Laurel - called to speak
- e. Alan Schneider - Greater Highlands Crossroads Association - called to speak
- f. Chris Bloor - 8041Murphy Road, Fulton - called to speak

14. 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.

- a. Don Campbell - Water and Sewer Planning Division DPW – called to speak
- b. Brent Loveless - 9570 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel - called to speak
- c. Judy Fisher George - called to speak

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

IV. Tabled

- A. 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)
- B. 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)
- C. 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)

- D. 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)
- E. 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)

V. Adjourned at 11:29 p.m.