

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 2
January 16, 2024 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patoka at 6:01 P.M. The Chairman asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 60 persons in attendance. The following Councilmembers were present:

PAT YOUNG	FIRST DISTRICT
IZZY PATOKA	SECOND DISTRICT
WADE KACH	THIRD DISTRICT
JULIAN E. JONES	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
MICHAEL ERTEL	SIXTH DISTRICT
TODD CRANDELL	SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of January 2, 2024 was waived and accepted unanimously.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

At this time there were no Bills for enrollment.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 2-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting live or recorded music as a principal or accessory use to a property located in the Manufacturing, Heavy (M.H.) Zone and applying current live musical entertainment use permit regulations to such a use in the M.H. Zone; and generally relating to live musical entertainment in the M.H. Zone.

Bill 3-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting Mixed-Use Development within certain zones, subject to certain conditions and limitations; defining Greyfield, Mixed-Use Development, Transit Corridor, and Nodes; establishing parking requirements for Mixed-Use Developments; establishing inclusionary housing set-asides; and generally relating to Mixed-Use Development.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Appointment – Fair Election Fund Commission – Bernice Tucker

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Patoka requesting the appointment of Ms. Bernice Tucker to the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission for a four-year term to expire on April 30, 2027. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Patoka, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

2. Appointment – Fair Election Fund Commission – Jamie E. McGuirk

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Kach requesting the appointment of Ms. Jamie E. McGuirk to the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission for a four-year term to expire on April 30, 2027. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

3. Appointment – Fair Election Fund Commission – Stephanie E. Baynes

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Marks requesting the appointment of Ms. Stephanie C. Baynes the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission for a four-year term to expire on April 30, 2027. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

13. Appointment – Fair Election Fund Commission – Katrina O'Brien

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Young requesting the appointment of Ms. Katrina O'Brien the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission for a four-year term to expire on April 30, 2027. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

8. Appointment – Animal Hearing Board – Neil A. Pigott

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Neil A. Pigott to the Baltimore County Animal Hearing Board for the remainder of a two-year term which will expire June 30, 2025. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

9. Appointment – Animal Hearing Board – Amanda Serafini

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Amanda Serafini to the Baltimore County Animal Hearing Board for the remainder of a two-year term which will expire June 30, 2025. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

11. Appointment – Acting Director – Office of Human Resources – Renee Coleman

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Renee Coleman to serve as Acting Director of the Department of Human Resources. Councilman Jones commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

12. Appointment – Acting Director – Department of Economic & Workforce Development – Sameer Sidh

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Sameer Sidh to serve as Acting Director of the Department of Economic and Workforce Development. Councilmembers Jones and Patoka commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 100-23, Local Supplement to Homeowners’ Tax Credit, was called. Kimmy Routson testified. Councilman Jones commented. Councilman Ertel moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 4, in line 3, strike “OR”, and substitute “AND”. In line 6, strike “PARAGRAPH (1)”, and substitute “PARAGRAPH (C)(1)(II)”. In line 8, strike “EXCEEDS \$75,000”, and substitute “EXCEEDS \$60,000 BUT DOES NOT EXCEED \$75,000”.

Councilman Kach seconded the motion and these amendments passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Kach, Bill 100-23, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Bill 101-23, CEB – NPS Bi-Lingual Park Ranger Grant, was called. Bob Smith testified. There being no discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Bill 102-23, Zoning Regulations – Off-Street Parking Requirements, was called. Councilman Patoka commented. There being no further discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Bill 103-23, Temporary Storage Units in Residential Zones, was called. Councilman Marks commented. There being no further discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – Kach

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

The Chairman stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony on each item was taken at the Council’s work session on January 9, 2024. The witnesses who testified at the work session were available to restate their testimony if needed. If a Councilmember had any questions regarding a particular Fiscal Matter, that item would be discussed as a separate matter. Chairman Patoka then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letters for Fiscal Matters 1 through 9.

1. Contracts – (2) – On-call urban reforestation services – DEPS

Two contracts with Wright Environmental & Land Services, LLC and Y&L Landscaping, Inc. d/b/a Y&L Landscaping and Tree Service, to provide urban reforestation services, on an on-call, as-needed basis.

2. Contract – Patapsco Mechanical, LLC – Cleaning, maintenance & repair of large boilers – PM

A contract with Patapsco Mechanical, LLC, to provide cleaning, maintenance and repair services for large boilers in various locations throughout Baltimore County.

3. Amendment to Contract – CEG Solutions, LLC – Energy saving services – EO

An amendment to the contract with CEG Solutions, LLC, to increase the total compensation cap. The contractor will continue to install certain energy, water and operating cost saving equipment, and provide other energy saving services.

4. Contract – M-One Trucking, LLC – Snow removal and deicing services – DPWT

A contract with M-One Trucking, LLC, to provide snow removal and deicing services on an on-call, as-needed basis.

5. Contract – J. Behn & Sons, LLC – Snow removal and deicing services – DPWT

A contract with J. Behn & Sons, LLC, to provide snow removal and deicing services on an on-call, as-needed basis.

6. Contract of Sale – Stephen & Alicia Reuter - Acquisition of drainage/utility easement area – 9021 Fieldchat Road, 21236-REC

A contract with Stephen and Alicia Reuter, to acquire a drainage and utility easement area, located at 9021 Fieldchat Road, Nottingham, Maryland 21236.

7. Contract of Sale – Keith & Kathleen Hood - Acquisition of drainage/utility easement area – 4234 E. Joppa Road, 21236-REC

A contract with Keith and Kathleen Hood, to acquire a drainage and utility easement area, located at 4234 E. Joppa Road, Nottingham, Maryland 21236.

8. Contract – Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings – General laboratory services – HHS

A contract with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, to provide general laboratory services for patients attending Baltimore County Health Department clinics.

9. Contracts – (7) – Prevention, early detection & diagnosis/treatment of cancer - HHS

Seven contracts to provide prevention, early detection and diagnosis/treatment of cancer for low-income Baltimore County residents.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Fiscal Matters 1 through 9 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

4. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of Chairman, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during December, 2023.

5. Res. 1-24 – Accept donation of parcel of land for recreational purposes – Bloomsbury Avenue

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to authorize Baltimore County, Maryland to accept a donation of a parcel of land, containing 0.7035 acre, more or less, located near 106 Bloomsbury Avenue, from the Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland. The County intends to utilize the donated parcel for recreational purposes. Bob Smith testified. Councilman Kach moved to amend this Resolution with the following amendment:

On page 1, in the third line of the third WHEREAS clause, after folio insert “001”.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Resolution 1-24, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

6. Res. 2-24 – Approval of loan – Prescott Square Apartments, LLC – Pikesville Area

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland (the “County Council”) approving a loan to Prescott Square Apartments, LLC (the “Future Owner”) to assist in the financing of the acquisition of certain real property in Pikesville, Baltimore County, Maryland. Terry Hickey testified. Councilman Patoka commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. **Res. 3-24 – Payment in lieu of taxes – written agreement – Prescott Square Apartments, LLC**

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to authorize the County Executive or other authorized administrative official to enter into a written agreement on behalf of the County with Prescott Square Apartments, LLC (the “Future Owner”) for the payment of stipulated amounts in lieu of regular Baltimore County real property taxes in order to facilitate the development of a rental housing project to benefit eligible persons in Baltimore County. Terry Hickey testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.


14. **Res. 4-24 – Adoption of Master Plan 2030**

This Resolution was for introduction only.

15. **Res. 5-24 – Extension of sanitary sewer system of Baltimore County in the Middle River Area**

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.


Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary