

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 9
May 6, 2024 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Marks at 6:03 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 Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of April 15, 2024 was waived and accepted unanimously.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairman stated that the following Bills were passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. He certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bills 9-24, 12-24 and 14-24.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 36-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2023-2024 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the General Fund monies derived from unexpended and unencumbered General Fund balance.

Bill 37-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of creating a Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission to make recommendations for the use of funds received from the State Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; establishing the purpose and duties of the Commission; providing for the composition of the Commission; requiring certain reports; defining certain terms; establishing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of receiving funds from the State Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; providing that the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund shall be a special, non-lapsing fund; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies, and finance.

Bill 38-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting a Councilmember to withdraw a CZMP issue under certain circumstances; and generally relating to CZMP.

Bill 39-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the definitions of “Housing for the Elderly” and “Senior Housing Facility;” establishing an Elderly and Senior Housing Overlay District; providing a statement of legislative intent for the new overlay district; providing for the assignment, uses and housing types, and special regulations for the Overlay District; and generally relating to Overlay Districts.

Bill 40-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of clarifying the circumstance under which a former Councilmember who is receiving a service retirement allowance is entitled to a recalculation of their service retirement benefit; and generally relating to the Employees Retirement System.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

2. Appointment – Acting Director – Department of Public Works & Transportation – Lauren Buckler

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Lauren Buckler to serve as Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation. Councilmembers Patoka and Marks commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, this appointment was unanimously approved.

13. Appointment – Acting Director – Department of Health & Human Services – Della Leister

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive requesting the appointment of Della Leister to serve as Acting Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. Councilman Jones commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Kach, this appointment was unanimously approved.

14. Appointment – Director – Department of Economic & Workforce Development – Jonathan Sachs

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

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 15-24, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Bill 16-24, CEB – State SRO Adequate Coverage Grant, was called. Major Glen Wiedeck testified. Councilman Kach questioned Major Wiedeck. Councilmembers Patoka and Crandell commented. Councilman Kach then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the third line of the purpose paragraph, strike “through the Maryland Center for School Safety” and substitute “from the Maryland Center for School Safety through Baltimore County Public Schools”. In the first line of the WHEREAS clause, after funds, insert “through Baltimore County Public Schools,”.

On page 2, line 7, strike “\$1,221,429” and substitute “\$1,219,820”.

Councilman Young 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 Young, seconded by Councilman Ertel, Bill 16-24, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 17-24, 2024 Basic Services Maps, was called. Lauren Buckler testified. Councilman Young commented. Councilman Jones then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

- 1. On page 2, in line 12, after “1. 2024 Basic Services Sewerage Map” insert “WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: A. THE AREA SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A” SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS A DEFICIENT AREA.”

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

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

Councilman Young then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

- 1. On page 2, in line 14, after “3. 2024 Basic Services Transportation Map”, insert “WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:
A. THE COMMUTER SHED THAT INCLUDES THE INTERSECTION OF FREDERICK ROAD AND SOUTH ROLLING ROAD SHALL BE REDRAWN TO EXCLUDE THE AREA OF LAND ENCOMPASSED WITHIN THE ELLICOTT MILL NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THE OELLA HISTORIC DISTRICT AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A”.”

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

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

Councilman Kach then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, in line 14, after “3. 2024 Basic Services Transportation Map”, insert “WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

“A. THE COMMUTER SHED LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF YORK ROAD AND RIDGLEY ROAD SHALL BE DRAWN TO INCLUDE THE HATCHED AREA SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A”, AND SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS – LEVEL OF SERVICE F.”

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

Councilman Ertel then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, in line 14, after “3. 2024 Basic Services Transportation Map” insert “WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

A. THE COMMUTER SHED THAT INCLUDES THE INTERSECTION OF CHARLES STREET AND BELLONA AVENUE/KENILWORTH DRIVE SHALL BE REDRAWN TO EXCLUDE THE AREA OF LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF WEST JOPPA ROAD, GREENWOOD ROAD, AND CHESTNUT ROAD, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A” AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS FOLLOWS:

LOT ONE AND LOT TWO AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, ‘AMENDED SUBDIVISION PLAT OF BLAKEHURST LIFE CARE COMMUNITY’ DATED MARCH 18, 1992 AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK SM NO. 64, FOLIO 34.”

Councilman Kach 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 Kach, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Bill 17-24, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 18-24, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

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 April 30, 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 4.

1. Contract – Forensic Technology, Inc.–Maintenance/repairs–Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) equipment-PD

A contract with Ultra Electronics Forensic Technology, Inc., to provide the maintenance and repairs for the Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) equipment used in the Forensics Services Section to identify cartridge castings.

2. Contract of Sale – Vincent and Shelley Hackler – Conservation Easement – 1755 Oakland Road, 21053-DP

A contract of sale with Vincent and Shelley Hackler, to acquire a conservation easement located at 1755 Oakland Road, Freeland, Maryland 21053, under the Baltimore County Agricultural Preservation Program.

3. Agreement – CourtSmart – Digital recording equipment & services - CC

An agreement with CourtSmart, to provide digital recording equipment and services for court proceedings. The recordings equipment is currently installed in 20 courtrooms, 7 hearing rooms, Settlement Court, and 5 rooms in the new jury assembly/selection area, and the software is stored on a state managed network, provide by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

4. Contract – CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP – Professional auditing services - OBF

A contract with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, to provide annual professional auditing services that audits our Annual Comprehensive Financial Statements (ACFR) for tboth the County and Employees Retirement System, and the annual Single Audit. The Contractor shall provide all time, labor and incidentals necessary, to perform external auditing services and assistance with compiling annual financial statements.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Young, Fiscal Matters 1 through 4 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during March, 2024.

3. Res. 18-24 – Authorize Conservation Easement – The Land Preservation Trust, Inc. – Susan & Joseph Hui

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

4. Res. 19-24 – Authorize Conservation Easement–The Land Preservation Trust, Inc.– Vernon & Evelyn Bull

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

5. Res. 20-24 – Approval of loan – New Weinberg House, LP – Weinberg House, Pikesville

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 New Weinberg House, LP (the “Future Owner”) to assist in the financing of the renovation of certain real property in Pikesville, Baltimore County, Maryland. Marcia Williams testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman March, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 21-24 – Payment in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) – New Weinberg House, LP – Weinberg House, Pikesville

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 New Weinberg House, LP (the “Future Owner”) for the payment of stipulated amounts in lieu of regular real property taxes in order to facilitate the development of a rental housing project to benefit eligible persons in Baltimore County. Marcia Williams testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. Res. 22-24 – Adopt the Reisterstown Main Street Design Recommendations

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to adopt the Reisterstown Main Street Design Recommendations. Councilmembers Jones, Patoka and Kach commented. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

8. Res. 23-24 – Amend the Perry Hall Community Plan

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

9. Res. 24-24 – Adopt Construction and Materials Standards and Specifications Manuals

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to adopt certain construction and materials standards and specifications manuals. Laura Buckler testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

10. Res. 25-24 – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Harbhajan Singh

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Harbhajan Singh, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

11. Res. 26-24 – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Helen Malone

This Resolution was deferred prior to the meeting.


12. Res. 27-24 – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Randall Fahs

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Randall Fahs, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

15. Res. 28-24 – 2023 Triennial Review – Baltimore County Water Supply & Sewerage Plan

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Young, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 P.M.



Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary