

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2024, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 3
February 5, 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 Crandell, seconded by Councilman Young, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of January 16, 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 100-23, 101-23, 102-23 and 103-23.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

3. Appointment – Fair Election Fund Commission – Clarence Staigerwald, Jr.

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Crandell requesting the appointment of Mr. Clarence Staigerwald, Jr., to the Baltimore County Fair Election Fund Commission for a four-year term to expire on April 30, 2027. Councilman Crandell commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Appointment was unanimously approved.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 4-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of clarifying the definition of portable signs and clarifying that certain portable signs are not permitted in the public right-of-way; and generally relating to signs.

Bill 5-24 entitled An Act for the purpose of providing a maximum number of residential units available by right in the MD 43 Overlay District; and generally relating to the MD 43 Overlay District.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 1-24, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the Business, Major (B.M.) and Manufacturing, Light (M.L.) Zones – Residential Uses in Hunt Valley, was called. Councilman Kach motioned to extend the Bill to be discussed at the Work Session on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 and Final Reading and Vote to occur at the Legislative Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and Bill 1-24 was extended by the following roll call vote:

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

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 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 – Airbus Helicopters – Pilot training services - PD

A contract with Airbus Helicopters, to provide pilot training services for new pilots, and retraining services for current pilots; for certification and re-certification purposes to remain in compliance with FAA regulations and requirements.

2. Amendment to Contract – Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. – Testing/maintenance/repairs – Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – FD

An amendment to the contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., to provide for the annual testing, preventive maintenance and repairs of the department’s Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

3. Contract – Key Point Health Services – Residential Rehabilitation Program bed expansion – HHS

A contract with Key Point Health Services, Inc., to provide the Residential Rehabilitation Program bed expansion.

4. Contracts – (2) – On-call structural engineering design services - PM

Two contracts with Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC and Brudis & Associates, Inc., to provide structural engineering design services, on an on-call, as-needed basis.

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

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 4-24 – Adoption of Master Plan 2030

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to adopt Master Plan 2030 as the Master Plan for Baltimore County. Chairman Patoka commented. There being no further discussion, as lead sponsor on behalf of all Councilmembers, Resolution 4-24 was deferred by the Chair.

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

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution for the purpose of approving the extension of the sanitary sewer system of Baltimore County in the Middle River Area, Fifteenth Election District and Fifth Council District of Baltimore County. Chairman Patoka commented. There being no further discussion, as lead sponsor (by request of County Executive), Resolution 5-24 was deferred by the Chair.

3. Res. 6-24 – Amending the Rules of Procedure for the Baltimore County Council

This Resolution was for introduction only.

The Secretary brought to the Council’s attention that at the previous Work Session on January 30, 2024 while reviewing Resolution 4-24, the Councilmembers discussed postponing consideration of the Administration’s Mixed Use Bill 3-24 until after the Council had adopted the draft Master Plan 2030. With the earlier deferral this evening of Resolution 4-24 to adopt the draft Master Plan 2030 until the February 13, 2024 Work Session and the February 20, 2024 Legislative Session, the Secretary then inquired as to whether the Council wished to consider a motion to suspend the rules to bring Bill 3-24 forward in order to consider a motion to extend

Bill 3-24 until after the draft Master Plan 2030 adoption.


Bill 3-24. Councilman Jones motioned to suspend the rules to bring Bill 3-24 forward for consideration. Councilman Young seconded the motion and Bill 3-24 was brought forward by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Ertel motioned to extend the Bill to be discussed at the Work Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 and Final Reading and Vote to occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, March 4, 2024. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and Bill 3-24 was extended by the following roll call vote:

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

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.


Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary