

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 13
June 16, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:06 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Pickard, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 30 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Pete Smith	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Julie K. Hummer	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Diana Winter, Senior Legislative Analyst.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Invitation to Audience.

The following person spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie

There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the Invitation to Audience was closed.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, minutes, or amendment constitutes the reading of the whole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes for June 2, 2025, Legislative Day No. 12, June 9, 2025, Budget, June 10, 2025, and June 13, 2025, Budget were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 59-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Credited Service – Deferred Retirement Option Program (“DROP”) – Number of Participants – Term of Participation Period – Interest on DROP Account – Employee Contributions to Pension Fund – FOR the purpose of clarifying credited service; modifying the number of certain participants eligible to enter the DROP for the Fire Service Retirement Plan; modifying the DROP participation period for certain participants in the Detention Officers’ and Deputy Sheriffs’ Retirement Plan; modifying the annual interest rate for DROP accounts for certain participants in the Police Service Retirement Plan and the Fire Service Retirement Plan; modifying the employee contributions for certain participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan and in the Police Service Retirement Plan; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to pensions.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 60-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annapolis Roads Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement – FOR the purpose of obligating the County to levy the special tax known as the special community benefit assessment on the Annapolis Roads Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Shore United Bank to Annapolis Roads Property Owners Association, Inc. in each of 15 years during the term of the loan.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 61-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement – FOR the purpose of obligating the County to levy the special tax known as the special community benefit assessment on the Epping Forest Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (known as “M & T Bank”) to Epping Forest, Inc. in each of ten fiscal years during the term of the loan.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 62-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program – FOR the purpose of modifying the definitions of “attached dwelling”, “condominium”, “detached single-family dwelling”, “dwelling unit”, “multifamily residential property”, and “residential property, tier three”; defining “common elements”; modifying how stormwater remediation fees are calculated under certain circumstances; removing a deadline to file an administrative appeal in order to

receive stormwater remediation fee correction for the current billing cycle; adding a deadline for a written decision by the Director; modifying certain qualifications for exemptions from the stormwater remediation fee due to substantial financial hardship; making certain stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 63-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Special Exception Uses – Community Piers and Launching Ramps – FOR the purpose of removing requirements for accessibility; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25 – RESOLUTION approving the determination as surplus and the terms of a private disposition of certain County-owned property in Glen Burnie, Maryland, known as 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

BILL NO. 47-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 47-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Resilience Authority Director – Personnel – Classification and Pay Plans – Classified Service and Exempt Service – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure – For the purpose of making the Resilience Authority Director an employee of the Resilience Authority; modifying pay at hire for certain represented employees; modifying leave accrual for certain represented employees; removing the title of Resilience Authority Director from the exempt service; requiring certain employees to file financial disclosure statements; approving the Personnel Officer's Classification and Pay Plans; providing for pay increases for certain employees; providing for advancement to new rate of pay for certain employees; providing for lump sum payments for certain employees; confirming applicability of certain terms related to pay in memoranda of agreements; providing for certain salary adjustments for certain classified employees based on salary compression; providing for application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies, personnel, public ethics, and the Personnel Officer's Classification and Pay Plans; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 47-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 47-25, as amended.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 47-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Resilience Authority Director – Personnel – Classification and Pay Plans – Classified Service and Exempt Service – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 47-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

BILL NO. 48-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 48-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Tiny Home Community Development – For the purpose of establishing development requirements for tiny home communities; providing for the site, frontage and density requirement for tiny home communities; providing for the infrastructure and amenity requirements for tiny home communities; requiring certain reports on certain developments from the Office of Planning and Zoning; defining “tiny home development” and “tiny home dwelling unit”; providing for parking requirements for tiny home communities; permitting tiny home communities in certain residential zones; permitting tiny home communities in certain mixed-use zones; and generally relating to subdivision development and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained the background and purpose of the bill.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the motion to hold Bill No. 48-25 until July 7, 2025 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 48-25 will be heard at the next Council Meeting on July 7, 2025.

BILL NO. 50-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 50-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – BRAC Mixed Use Development – For the purpose of amending the conditional use requirements for BRAC mixed use development; adopting the “BRAC Mixed Use Development Area Expanded Boundary” map; and generally related to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows for the mix of uses required in a BRAC Mixed Use Development to be met in the development as a whole.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

Mr. Hunt and Ms. Miller spoke on the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer
Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 50-25 will be heard at the next Council Meeting on July 7, 2025.

BILL NO. 51-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 51-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Higher Education Fund – Anne Arundel Community College – Transfers of Funds – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; making this ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to transferring and appropriations of funds in the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Assistant Budget Officer, Melissa Beardmore, VP Learning Resources Management, AACCC, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 51-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 51-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 51-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Higher Education Fund – Anne Arundel Community College – Transfers of Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 51-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

BILL NO. 52-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 52-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to the School Current Expense Fund for the current fiscal year; making this ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to transferring and reducing appropriations of funds and supplementary appropriations of funds in the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Assistant Budget Officer, Matt Stanski, CFO, AACPS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 52-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 52-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 52-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 52-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

BILL NO. 53-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 53-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Fourth Quarter Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund and to certain special funds of the County government for the current fiscal year; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and making supplementary appropriations of funds to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Assistant Budget Officer, Christopher Klein, Superintendent, Detention, Thomas Young, Deputy Fire Chief, Darlene Flynn Senior Budget and Management Analyst, Fire Department, Col. James Williams, Chief Deputy, Sheriff Department, Pamela Brown, Executive Director, Partnership, Alex Baquie, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Highways, DPW, Cedric Grant, CFO, AACPL, Jessica Leys, Director, Recreation and Parks, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Mr. Volke asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Theroux answered.

Colonel Williams spoke on the bill.

There was further discussion of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 53-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 53-25.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 53-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Fourth Quarter Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 53-25 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

BILL NO. 54-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 54-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Nonpublic Schools – For the purpose of adding an applicability exemption to the development plan process for nonpublic schools as designated by Maryland State Department of Education; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Mark Wedemeyer, Director, Inspections and Permits, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt expressed his concerns of the bill.

Mr. Volke asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Hunt responded.

There was further discussion of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 54-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 54-25.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 54-25:

Jonathan Kagan, Chair of the Board at Severn School
Kate Fox, Chair of GAN
Phil Hager, Annapolis

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 54-25, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Nonpublic Schools; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

RECESS

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the Council took recess at 8:14PM.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 8:49PM with all present.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to hold Bill No. 54-25 until July 7, 2025 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 54-25 will be heard at the next Council Meeting on July 7, 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION TO OPEN AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to open the agenda to introduce Bill No. 64-25 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien,
Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

Ms. Fiedler explained her reason to introduce Bill No. 64-25.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL NO. 64-25

BILL NO. 64-25 - AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Community Meetings – Nonpublic Schools – FOR the purpose of adding an applicability exemption to the development plan process for nonpublic schools as designated by Maryland State Department of Education; requiring nonpublic schools as designated by Maryland

Department of Education to hold community meetings; and generally relating to subdivision and development.
Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer