

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 16
September 2, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:03 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Fiedler, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 75 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 Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Brenda Cachuela, Acting County Auditor.

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 fifty-eight submissions for Invitation to Audience of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Jigna Patel, Glen Burnie
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Hugh Seabrook, Annapolis
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Lisa Arrasmith, Hanover
Mike Shay, Shady Side

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

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

The Chair stated that Bill No. 66-25 would be heard last.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, 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 Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the minutes for July 21, 2025, Legislative Day No. 14 and July 21, 2025, Closed Session, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 76-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Sidewalks – Removal of Snow and Ice – FOR the purpose of modifying the requirements for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks; making failure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks as required a civil offense and not a criminal offense; providing for exemptions from requirement to remove snow and ice; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses, and fines, and public safety.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 77-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Pay Plan – Positions in the Classified Service – Police Department – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure – FOR the purpose of approving an addition to the Personnel Officer’s pay plan for the classified service for the current fiscal year; requiring a certain job classification in the Police Department to file a financial disclosure statement with the Ethics Commission; decreasing certain positions in the classified service and increasing certain positions in the classified service within the Police Department; and generally relating to personnel, public ethics, and the Personnel Officer’s Classification and Pay Plans.
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25 – RESOLUTION confirming the adoption of the Anne Arundel County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2025 Update
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25 – RESOLUTION approving the appointment of a Severn River Commission member
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25 – RESOLUTION nominating a member to serve on the Anne Arundel County Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission
Introduced by Ms. Hummer

The Chair stated that Resolution No. 23-25 and Resolution No. 24-25 will be voted on toward the end of the meeting.

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

BILL NO. 61-25

The Chair called for 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the bill.

The Chair explained the reason for no public hearing

Bill No. 61-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 62-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 62-25, as amended, 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; allowing for certain reductions of the stormwater remediation fee for certain properties with stormwater management practices approved after a certain date;

making certain stylistic changes; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Erik Michelsen, Senior Environmental Policy Officer/Deputy Director Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration, Sally Szydowski, Stormwater Fee Program Manager, 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. 62-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 62-25, as amended.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 62-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Watershed Protection and Restoration Program; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 62-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 65-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 65-25, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax – For the purpose of modifying the definition of “Total real property tax” with respect to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, Brian Schenck, Tax Billing Manager, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Mr. Trumbauer spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 65-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were thirty-one submissions for Bill No. 65-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 65-25:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Camille Weefur, Glen Burnie
Peter Mayer, Arnold
Angela Carpita, Annapolis
Timothy Stevens, Severna Park
Dr. Linda Hanifin Bonner, ACT
Janice John, Annapolis

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 65-25, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program – Total Real Property Tax; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title. Amendment No. 1 was not offered.

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment modifies the calculation of the local supplement to the Homeowners Property Tax Credit Program by fully adjusting for inflation the income tiers specified in Section 4-2-204(c) in the County Code subject to the maximum of \$60,000 set forth in State Code 9-104(j)(1).

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked about the impact of the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

Mr. Smith thanked those who worked on the amendment.

Ms. Pickard asked to bring the bill, if amended, back at the work session on September 9, 2025.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 2 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 65-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on September 15, 2025.

BILL NO. 69-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 69-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Conditional Use – Workforce Housing – For the purpose of allowing for workforce housing in R22 as a conditional use; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Pickard 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.

The Administration supports.

Ms. Pickard explained the timeline of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 69-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 69-25.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 69-25:

Dr. Linda Hanifin Bonner, ACT

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 69-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Conditional Use – Workforce Housing; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 69-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 73-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 73-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations – For the purpose of amending the permitted, conditional, and special exceptions uses in MA-2 to allow for marine construction as a special exception use; providing for requirements for special exception uses for pile driving and marine construction operations; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke 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.

Mr. Hunt expressed the Administration’s position on the bill.

Ms. Miller spoke on the bill.

Mr. Volke spoke on the rezoning history of the property.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 73-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were five submissions for Bill No. 73-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 73-25:

Lisa Keeter, Pasadena
Joshua Hewitt, Pasadena
Joshua Jacobs, Pasadena
Chuck Thompson, Pasadena
Jeanne Geisler, Pasadena
Joseph Gunther, Pasadena
Mitchell Gunther, Pasadena
Lenny Anderson, Severna Park
Stephen Victor, Pasadena
Steven Bayze, Annapolis

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 73-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Special Exception Use – Pile Driving and Marine Construction Operations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the public testimony.

Mr. Smith spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 73-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 23-25, A Resolution approving the appointment of a Severn River Commission member; and the Administrative Officer read the full resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, explained the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the resolution.

Resolution No. 23-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 24-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 24-25, A Resolution nominating a member to serve on the Anne Arundel County Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission; and the Administrative Officer read the full resolution.

Ms. Hummer explained the resolution.

Resolution No. 24-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

BILL NO. 66-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 66-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Eating Disorder Treatment Facility – For the purpose of amending the definitions of “Eating disorder treatment

facility” and “Eating disorder treatment unit”; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a sponsor.

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

The Administration supports.

Mr. Volke asked about the background of the bill.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as a sponsor.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 66-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 66-25.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 66-25:

Kinley Bray, Annapolis

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 66-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Eating Disorder Treatment Facility; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 66-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer