

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Minutes of  
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 19  
October 20, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:04 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 70 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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.

Pete Smith, First District, arrived at 7:20 P.M.

### **UN-SUNG HEROES' PRESENTATION**

The Council recognized the Un-Sung Heroes of the Department of Public Works and presented citations to them.

### **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 twenty-three 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:

Marcia Althoff, Pasadena  
Greg Althoff, Pasadena  
David Kennedy, Annapolis  
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie

Paul Higgins, Pasadena  
Kendra Smith, Churchton  
Laura Collins, Churchton  
Gene Brennan, Attorney for Woodholme Community  
David Dickerson, Davidsonville  
Lisa Arrasmith, Hanover  
Matt Minahan, Edgewater  
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

### **PRELIMINARY MOTION**

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes for October 6, 2025, Legislative Day No. 18, were approved.

Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as sponsors to Bill No. 82-25.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**BILL NO. 87-25** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Planning and Development – Odenton Town Center Master Plan – Amendments – FOR the purpose of amending the Odenton Town Center Master Plan, adopted February 5, 2024, to alter certain text and maps; and generally relating to the Odenton Town Center Master Plan.

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-25** – RESOLUTION supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2027 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-25** – RESOLUTION urging the establishment of an Adequate Public Facilities Study Group to address the need for an electrical grid impact review for new development

Introduced by Mr. Smith

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

### **BILL NO. 77-25 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 77-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Pay Plan – Classification Plan – Department of Inspections and Permits – Department of Aging and Disabilities – 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; approving amendments to the Personnel Officer’s classification 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, the Department of Inspections and Permits, and the Department of Aging and Disabilities; and generally relating to 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 Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 77-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 77-25, as amended.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 77-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Pay Plan – Classification Plan – Department of Inspections and Permits – Department of Aging and Disabilities – Positions in the Classified Service – Police Department – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 77-25, 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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-25**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 30-25, A Resolution proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to permit all authorized employee representatives to enter into binding arbitration to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard explained the resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Smith asked to be added as a sponsor.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the resolution

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 30-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Resolution No. 30-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Resolution No. 30-25:

Scott Chismar, Crofton  
Kevin Nethers, Baltimore  
Christian Gobel, Baltimore  
Mike Akers, Pasadena  
Zach Reed, Greenland Beach  
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 30-25, A Resolution proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to permit all authorized employee representatives to enter into binding arbitration to resolve labor disputes relating to the terms and conditions of employment; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard thanked those who support the resolution.

Mr. Smith spoke on past union discussions.

Mr. Volke responded to the public hearing.

Ms. Rodvien expressed her support of the resolution.

Ms. Fiedler shared her thanks for those who are employed in the Department of Public Works.

Resolution No. 30-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

### **BILL NO. 67-25 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 67-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning – FOR the purpose of defining “pruning” and “woody vegetation”; modifying the definitions of “clearing” and “standard grading plan”; requiring certain approved permits or plans to clear or grade property on certain steep slopes in the critical area; adding a habitat enhancement plan to those plans required for approval to clear or grade in certain circumstances; ~~requiring certain approved permits or plans to prune on property outside of the critical area, outside of a forest conservation easement, or not on steep slopes inside the critical area in certain circumstances;~~ requiring certain approved permits or plans to prune on property inside the critical area buffer, inside a forest conservation easement, or on steep slopes in the critical area in certain circumstances; providing for the use of and establishing the requirements for a standard grading plan in lieu of a grading permit that proposes pruning or clearing under certain circumstances; ~~adding certain fees;~~ providing for the use, criteria, and requirements of a habitat enhancement plan and a vegetation management plan; making the effective date of this Ordinance contingent on the approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission; and generally relating to floodplain management, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater management; 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, Raghavenderrao Badami, Assistant Director Inspections and Permits, Nathan Markline, Code Enforcement Administrator, 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. 67-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 67-25, as amended, of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 67-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management – Clearing and Pruning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler asked for clarification on the pruning thresholds.

Mr. Markline answered.

Mr. Volke shared an example of tree removal.

Mr. Markline responded.

There was further discussion on the bill.

Bill No. 67-25, 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. 68-25 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 68-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Zoning – Animal Rescue – the purpose of requiring an animal rescue license and establishing the application and issuance criteria for a license; defining “animal rescue”; adding an animal rescue as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in certain districts; adding an animal rescue as a home occupation in certain circumstances; and generally relating to public safety and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Claudia Roll, Director of Animal Services, 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. 68-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 68-25, as amended.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 68-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Zoning – Animal Rescue; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 68-25, 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. 71-25 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 71-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Campaign Financing – Disbursement of Public Contribution – Funding for Public Campaign Financing Fund – FOR the purpose of determining the deadline to file a notice of intent to participate in the public campaign financing fund; aligning the ratio of amount and number of contributions among County Executive and Council candidates; determining the threshold for the Controller to certify sufficient fund balance; providing for a second review of fund balance by the Controller during the election cycle; requiring the County Executive to appropriate sufficient funds pursuant to the Charter; modifying the required timeframe for disbursement of public contributions to the publicly funded campaign account of the participating candidate; providing for limitations on public contributions for uncontested elections; providing for minimum appropriations beginning in Fiscal Year 2028; – providing for staffing for the Commission; requiring the designation of a public liaison for the public campaign financing system; requiring an audit of the public campaign financing system after a general election; and generally relating to public campaign financing; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 71-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were four submissions for Bill No. 71-25, as amended, of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 71-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Campaign Financing – Disbursement of Public Contribution – Funding for Public Campaign Financing Fund; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke explained his reasoning behind his support of the bill.

Mr. Smith thanked the Administration for clarifying the bill.

Ms. Leadbetter and Ms. Fiedler thanked those who worked on the bill.

Bill No. 71-25, 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. 78-25**

The Chair called for Bill No. 78-25, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Odenton MARC TOD Development Phases 1 & 2A, MD 170 Widening, MD 214 & Loch Haven Road, and Campus Improvements Capital Projects – Supplementary and Transfer of Appropriations – FOR the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by transferring an appropriation of funding source in the Odenton MARC TOD Development Phases 1 & 2A and the MD 170 Widening capital projects; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making supplementary appropriations of funds to the MD 214 & Loch Haven Road and the Campus Improvements capital projects; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriation of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Melissa Beardmore, VP for Learning Resources Management, AACC, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Beardmore answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 78-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 78-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 78-25, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Odenton MARC TOD Development Phases 1 & 2A, MD 170 Widening, MD 214 & Loch Haven Road, and Campus Improvements Capital Projects – Supplementary and Transfer of Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 78-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-25**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 27-25, A Resolution concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding for the Dragun Science Building; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Melissa Beardmore, VP for Learning Resources Management, AACC, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 27-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 27-25.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 27-25, A Resolution concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding for the Dragun Science Building; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 27-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-25**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 28-25, A Resolution concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding for the Florestano Building; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Melissa Beardmore, VP for Learning Resources Management, AACC, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 28-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 28-25.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 28-25, A Resolution concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding for the Florestano Building; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 28-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

### **BILL NO. 76-25 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 76-25, as amended, 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Karen Henry, Director Department of Public Works, Alex Baquie, Deputy Director Bureau of Highways, Holly Velez, Chief of Licensing, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Ms. Fiedler asked clarifying questions.

Ms. Velez and Mr. Baquie responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 76-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were nine submissions for Bill No. 76-25, as amended, 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. 76-25, as amended:

Paul Higgins, Pasadena  
Matthew Pipkin, Annapolis  
Van Mason, Severn  
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold  
David Morsberger, Davidsonville

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 76-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Sidewalks – Removal of Snow and Ice; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

#### **Amendment No. 4**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment gives the Department of Inspections and Permits the discretion to waive the any fine based on the ability to pay, age, or disability.*

The amendment was withdrawn.

#### **Amendment No. 5**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment applies snow and ice removal requirements to all government owned property.*

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked about the use of the word government.

Ms. Klasmeier answered.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the amendment.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 5 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

### **Amendment No. 6**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment removes the provision that passes on the expense of snow and ice removal to the property owner.*

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

Mr. Baquie responded.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the amendment.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 6 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

Nay – Mr. Smith, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer

### **Amendment No. 7**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment modifies the penalty for violation of the Code section.*

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked about the fines.

Mr. Hunt answered.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 7 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

### **Amendment No. 8**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment requires streets, sidewalks and pathways owned by government entities to be cleared of snow and ice before enforcement begins.*

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter clarified the amendment.

Mr. Volke responded.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 8 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

Nay – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer

### **Amendment No. 9**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment gives the Department of Inspections and Permits the discretion to waive any fine.*

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

The Administration is comfortable with the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 9 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. 76-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on November 3, 2025.

### **BILL NO. 82-25**

The Chair called for Bill No. 82-25, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – 9 1 1 Specialist Property Tax Credit – FOR the purpose of increasing the duration of the 9-1-1 specialist property tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation and budget; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Mr. Smith spoke on the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Brian Schenck, Financial Services Manager, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 82-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 82-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 82-25, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – 9 1 1 Specialist Property Tax Credit; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 82-25 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. 79-25**

The Chair called for Bill No. 79-25, An Ordinance concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Civil Fines – International Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplement – Air Conditioning in Multiple Dwellings – FOR the purpose of modifying the method of imposition of certain civil fines for violations of the Property Maintenance Code for multiple dwellings; requiring multiple dwelling owners that provide air conditioning systems to tenants to keep the same in good working order and capable of meeting certain temperature levels; requiring owners of multiple dwellings to provide certain alternative cooling relief to tenants when air conditioning systems are in disrepair; allowing the County to bill property owners for providing alternative cooling systems to tenants if the owner fails to; and generally relating to the construction and property maintenance codes; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Don Curtian, Director of Environmental Health, 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. 79-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 79-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 79-25:

Paul Higgins, Pasadena

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 79-25, An Ordinance concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Civil Fines – International Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplement – Air Conditioning in Multiple Dwellings; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

### **Amendment No. 1**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment requires the Department to determine whether the owner of a multiple dwelling is making best efforts to provide alternative cooling relief before ordering the owner to provide alternative cooling relief.*

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

Ms. Rodvien asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Leadbetter responded.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, 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. 79-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on November 3, 2025.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 29-25**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 29-25, A Resolution requesting the Department of Inspections and Permits to develop a Forest Conservation Manual to serve as a guidebook for

property owners and homeowners associations who maintain forest conservation easements on their properties; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained the resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Raghavenderrao Badami, Assistant Director Inspections and Permits, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Badami explained the guidebook.

Ms. Fiedler responded.

Mr. Volke clarified the dollar amount to be used to create the guidebook.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 29-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Resolution No. 29-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Resolution No. 29-25:

Steve Miller, Annapolis  
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 29-25, A Resolution requesting the Department of Inspections and Permits to develop a Forest Conservation Manual to serve as a guidebook for property owners and homeowners associations who maintain forest conservation easements on their properties; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 29-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

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

### **BILL NO. 81-25**

The Chair called for Bill No. 81-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Adequate Transportation Facilities – Mitigation – Fees and Securities – Development Impact Fee Credits – FOR the purpose of revising the transportation adequate public facilities standards and processes to include additional modes of transportation for bicycles, pedestrians and transit; providing for mitigation for additional modes of transportation; revising the standards for granting impact fee credits for transportation improvements over and beyond mitigation requirements; amending certain titles of sections and subtitles; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Sarah Fowler, Planning Administrator, Transportation Developer, David Braun, Engineer Administrator, Brian Ulrich, Planning Administrator, and Greg Swain, County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 81-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 81-25 of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 81-25:

Lucy Davis, Severna Park  
Jon Korin, Severna Park  
Campbell Goodburn, Annapolis  
Madison Watson, Crofton  
Matt Minahan, Edgewater  
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

Ms. Fiedler recognized the students who came to speak on the bill.

The Chair called for Bill No. 81-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Adequate Transportation Facilities – Mitigation – Fees and Securities – Development Impact Fee Credits; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

**MOTION TO HOLD**

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to hold Bill No. 81-25 until November 3, 2025 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer

Nay – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Anna Macaulay*

By Anna Macaulay

*/s/ Kaley Schultze*

For Kaley Schultze  
Administrative Officer