

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 20

November 3, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:04 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Mr. Smith, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 40 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 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 sixteen 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:

Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Jigna Patel, Glen Burnie
Jane Beard, Churchton
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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 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 October 20, 2025, Legislative Day No. 19, and October 31, 2025, Closed Session, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 88-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Board of Education All Day Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten, Maintenance Backlog, Building Systems Renovations, Additions, and Sustainability Initiatives Capital Projects – Supplementary and Transfer of Appropriations – FOR the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making a transfer of appropriations from the Board of Education Additions capital project to the Board of Education All Day K and Pre K Capital project; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making supplementary appropriations of funds to the Board of Education Maintenance Backlog, Building Systems Renov, and Sustainability Initiatives capital projects; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriations of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

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

BILL NO. 89-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations – Video Lottery Impact Aid – South River Heights Special Community Benefit District – Capital Budget and Program – Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project – FOR the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund for the current fiscal year; making supplementary appropriations from contingent funds, and from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in a funds for the current fiscal year; amending the capital budget and program for the current fiscal year by making a supplementary appropriations to the Advance Land Acquisition capital project; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and making supplementary appropriations of funds in the current expense budget and amending the capital budget and capital program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 33-25 – RESOLUTION approving the determination as surplus and the terms of a private disposition of certain County-owned property on Dorsey Road in Glen Burnie, Maryland

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34-25 – RESOLUTION approving the use of funds from Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project for the purchase of real properties in Edgewater, Maryland, from Glebe Bay, LLP and Ardebella Fox, and in Harmans, Maryland, from Craig A. Mercier

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. 83-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 83-25, An Ordinance concerning: the authorization of the issuance, sale and delivery by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the “County”) from time to time of special taxing district refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,360,000 to be secured by special taxes to refund all or a portion of the County’s Special Obligation Bonds (Arundel Gateway Project), Series 2014 (Taxable); and the determination of certain terms and provisions in connection with the issuance, sale and payment of such bonds – For the purpose of authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery by the County from time to time pursuant to Sections 21-501 through 21-523, inclusive, of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement), Sections 4-8-101 through 4-8-106, inclusive, of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (together, the “Special Taxing District Act”) and Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) (the “Refunding Act”) and this Ordinance, of special taxing district refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,360,000 (the “Refunding Bonds”) to refund all or a portion of the County’s Special Obligation Bonds (Arundel Gateway Project), Series 2014 (Taxable) in order to achieve debt service savings for the County in each year on a direct comparison basis; making certain findings and determinations, among others, concerning the public benefit and purpose of the Refunding Bonds; providing that the Refunding Bonds shall be payable from special taxes levied and collected from certain real and personal property located in the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District (the “Arundel Gateway Special Tax”) and deposited in the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District Fund created pursuant to Bill No. 16-12, adopted by the County Council of the County (the “County Council”) on March 19, 2012, approved by the County Executive of the County (the “County Executive”) on March 26, 2012, and effective, by its terms, on May 10, 2012 (“Bill No. 16-12”); providing that the Refunding Bonds shall not constitute a general obligation debt of the County or a pledge of the County’s full faith and credit or taxing power other than the Arundel Gateway Special Tax pursuant to the Special Taxing District Act, Bill No. 16-12 and this Ordinance; providing that the Refunding Bonds may be sold at private

(negotiated) sale; providing for the creation of a debt service reserve fund for the Refunding Bonds, if deemed necessary at the recommendation of the financial advisor to the County or the underwriter for the Refunding Bonds, and the payment of costs and expenses related to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve certain details, forms, documents and procedures in connection with the Refunding Bonds issued hereunder and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and payment of the Refunding Bonds; authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions, execute certain documents and make certain commitments on behalf of the County in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds; and generally providing for and determining various matters in connection with the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of the Refunding Bonds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Billie Penley, Controller, Finance Department, David Gregory, McKennon, Shelton and Henn, Bond Counsel, Chris Sheehan, Managing Director-Public Finance, Mesirov Finance, 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. 83-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 83-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 83-25, An Ordinance concerning: the authorization of the issuance, sale and delivery by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the "County") from time to time of special taxing district refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,360,000 to be secured by special taxes to refund all or a portion of the County's Special Obligation Bonds (Arundel Gateway Project), Series 2014 (Taxable); and the determination of certain terms and provisions in connection with the issuance, sale and payment of such bonds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke shared his support of the bill.

Bill No. 83-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 86-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 86-25, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Employee Relations – Police Captains – For the purpose of including police captains in the definition of “uniformed public safety exclusive representative”; permitting police captains to join employee organizations; permitting the filing of a petitions for certification of an employee organization in November and December; and generally relating to personnel; 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 Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 86-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 86-25.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 86-25:

Mike Shier, FOP70
John Poole, FOP70
O’Brien Atkinson, FOP70

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 86-25, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Employee Relations – Police Captains; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 86-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

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.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 76-25, as amended, of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 76-25, as amended:

Maureen Carr York, Millersville
Doug Nichols, Greater Severna Park Council

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. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds a definition of “fronting”.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

The Administration is comfortable with the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 10 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 11

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment restores the provision making the expense of snow or ice by the Department of Public Works the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 11 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Amendment No. 12

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the provision for the Department of Public Works to arrange for the removal of snow from sidewalks when in violation of the provisions of the section.

The amendment was withdrawn.

RECESS

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the motion to recess was passed. The Council recessed at 7:41 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:46 P.M.

Amendment No. 13

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires the removal of snow and ice from a sidewalk within 24 hours for accumulations less than three inches or 48 hours for accumulations of three inches or greater.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a sponsor to the amendment.

The Administration does not object to the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked for clarification about measurements.

Mr. Volke answered.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 13 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Fiedler clarified the outcome of the amendments.

Mr. Hunt responded.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 76-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on November 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 79-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 79-25, as amended, 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 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. 79-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 79-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 79-25, as amended, 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.

Mr. Volke explained his reason for his vote.

Bill No. 79-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 84-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 84-25, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems – For the purpose of amending the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2022 to alter certain text and maps; and generally relating to the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Desirae Williams, Senior Planner, Office of Planning and Zoning, Chris Murphy, Utility Engineer, Department of Public Works, Chris Biggerstaff, Senior Engineer, Department of Public Works, 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. 84-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 84-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 84-25, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 84-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 85-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 85-25, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – County Government's Transition to Zero Emissions Leaf Blowers – Leading by Example – For the purpose of adding definitions of “gas powered leaf blower” and “zero emissions leaf blower”; requiring all County owned gas powered leaf blowers to be replaced with zero emissions leaf blowers; providing for a transition period; and generally relating to purchasing; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Susan Herrold, Director of Central Services, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

Mr. Smith clarified the bill.

Ms. Herrold responded.

Mr. Volke asked about the cost for the replacements.

Mr. Herrold answered.

There was further discussion on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 85-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 85-25.

The following persons spoke on Bill No 85-25:

John Taylor, Millersville
Maureen Carr York, Millersville

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

Mr. Volke asked if the school system adheres to this bill.

Mr. Reuf answered.

The Chair called for Bill No. 85-25, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – County Government's Transition to Zero Emissions Leaf Blowers – Leading by Example; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 85-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 31-25, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Kyle Ruef, Executive Director of Facilities, AACPS, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 31-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 31-25.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 31-25, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 31-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 32-25, A Resolution urging the establishment of an Adequate Public Facilities Study Group to address the need for an electrical grid impact review for new development; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Smith explained the resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Volke asked for clarification on the fiscal note.

Mr. Hunt answered.

Ms. Fiedler asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Smith responded.

There was further discussion on the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 32-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 32-25.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 32-25, A Resolution urging the establishment of an Adequate Public Facilities Study Group to address the need for an electrical grid impact review for new development; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 32-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter,
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 Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, 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 stated the public hearing was concluded at the last meeting.

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.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds an application for a concept plan to those applications grandfathered and extends the grandfathering provisions for certain applications to March 1, 2026.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Ms. Pickard asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Evelyn responded.

Mr. Volke asked about grandfathering.

Mr. Evelyn answered.

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

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 81-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on November 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer