

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 22
December 1, 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 Ms. Hummer, 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 Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Louis Duncan, Executive Manager.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

Citations were presented to Linda Harris and Pamela Scarbro for their years of service to the County.

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 4-104

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to suspend rule 4-104 to introduce and vote on Resolution No. 35-25 out of order was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 35-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 35-25, A Resolution electing a Chair and Vice Chair of the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read the resolution.

Resolution No. 35-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

Ms. Rodvien presented a plaque to Ms. Hummer in honor of her year as Chair.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two 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:

Cindy Helgeson, Annapolis
Beverly Rucker, Arnold
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Elizabeth Rosborg, Arnold
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Matt Minahan, Edgewater, on behalf of GAN
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. 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 November 17, 2025, Legislative Day No. 21, and minutes for November 17, 2025, closed session, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 94-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Right of Entry – Infrastructure Maintenance Fee – FOR the purpose of allowing employees of the Department of Public Works and contractors on behalf of the Department entry onto private land in certain situations and to replace water service lines as required by State or federal law; prohibiting persons from hindering, obstructing or refusing right-of-entry to said employees and contractors; changing the name of the “environmental protection fee” to the “infrastructure maintenance fee”; adding compliance with State or federal laws as an authorized use of the infrastructure maintenance fee; and generally relating to public works. Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 95-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Little Patuxent Family, Gambrills, Maryland – FOR the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain property located in Gambrills, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Gambrills, Maryland; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect. Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 96-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Tax Credits – Public Safety Officer Property Tax Credit – FOR the purpose of expanding the duration of the property tax credit to Public Safety Officers; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget. Introduced by Mr. Smith and Ms. Leadbetter

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 36-25 – RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to create an office, known as the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, and an officer, known as the Multi-Cultural Affairs Officer, as part of the Executive Branch Introduced by Mr. Smith

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 defining “fronting”; 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. Pickard asked about staffing issues.

Ms. Velez responded.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were two 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:

Sarah Price, Annapolis
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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.

Mr. Volke thanked the departments for being available for questions.

Ms. Fiedler asked about the amended waiver requirement.

Ms. Velez answered.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the public hearing.

Bill No. 76-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 81-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 81-25, as amended, 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 revised and updated 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 Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 81-25, 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. 81-25, as amended:

Lucy Davis, Severna Park, AAC Youth Advisory Committee
Madison Watson, AAC Youth Advisory Committee
Rora Heslep, Severn
Jon Korin, Severna Park, on behalf of Bike AAA
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Max Gross, Annapolis, on behalf of AAC Associate of Realtors
Matt Minahan, Edgewater, on behalf of GAN

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 81-25, as amended, 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. 9

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment restores certain provisions relating to bicycle, pedestrian and transit requirements in development applications.

Mr. Evelyn explained the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien thanked all who testified.

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Ulrich responded.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on different means of transportation.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 9 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Hummer

Nay – Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith

Amendment No. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows existing frontage improvements to be preserved during redevelopment or a change of use and further defines “frontage roads”.

Mr. Evelyn explained the amendment.

Ms. Pickard shared her support of the amendment.

Mr. Volke clarified the amendment.

Mr. Evelyn responded.

Ms. Fiedler asked about the work group’s findings.

Mr. Swain answered.

Ms. Pickard shared her thoughts on the amendment.

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

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

Nay – Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 11

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides that the Planning and Zoning Officer may grant a credit against traffic mitigation requirements if bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements are likely to reduce traffic trips.

Mr. Evelyn explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Fowler responded.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 12

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment increases the amount of the bicycle, pedestrian and transit service infrastructure fee-in-lieu to an amount adjusted for inflation from 2018.

Mr. Evelyn explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke clarified the amendment.

Mr. Evelyn responded.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 12 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, 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 December 15, 2025.

Ms. Pickard thanked those who came to speak and she spoke on increasing bus use.

BILL NO. 88-25

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Kyle Ruef, Executive Director of Facilities, Chris Trumbauer, Budget 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. 88-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 88-25.

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

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

Bill No. 88-25 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. 34-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 34-25, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Kyle Ruef, Executive Director of Facilities, AACPS, Erik Michelsen, Department of Public Works, Chris Daniels, Real Estate Manager, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the resolution.

Mr. Volke asked about holding the resolution.

Mr. Hunt answered.

Mr. Volke asked about buying the property.

Mr. Daniels responded.

There was further discussion on the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 34-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were three submissions for Resolution No. 34-25 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 Resolution No. 34-25, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to hold Resolution No. 34-25 until December 15, 2025 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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

BILL NO. 89-25

The Chair called for 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; 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.

Mr. Volke clarified the bill.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 89-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 89-25.

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

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

Mr. Trumbauer requested that any questions about the bill be sent quickly to the Administration.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by, Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to hold Bill No. 89-25 until December 15, 2025 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer