

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 3
February 2, 2026 – 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 100 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.

AACPS STATE AWARDS RECOGNITION

The Council presented citations to the Anne Arundel County Public School State Award recipients.

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:

Matt Minahan, on behalf of Growth Action Network
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Justin Gallucci, Millersville
Kate Fox, on behalf of GAN

John Obull, Arnold
Michael Brown, Glen Burnie
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Craig Myers, Severna Park
Max Gross, on behalf of AAC Association of Realtors

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 Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the minutes for January 20, 2026, Legislative Day No. 2 were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 11-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Recreation and Parks – Article 14 Code Revision – FOR the purpose of modifying and adding certain definitions relating to recreation and parks; modifying the procedure for adoption of rules and regulations by the Department of Recreation and Parks; broadening the application of provisions of Article 14 to all County recreation and park areas; modifying provisions relating to integrated pest management plans for outdoor recreation and park areas based on changes to federal law; adding a provision allowing the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to allow certain prohibited conduct in recreation and parks areas under certain conditions; modifying and adding provisions relating to certain conduct in recreation and park areas; and generally relating to recreation and parks.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2-26 – RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to provide transparency and allow for more public input by releasing a preliminary FY27 budget no later than April 1, 2026

Introduced by Mr. Volke and Ms. Fiedler

RESOLUTION NO. 3-26 – RESOLUTION urging members of the General Assembly to oppose House Bill 488 Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Leadbetter, and Ms. Fiedler

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

BILL NO. 98-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 98-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Traffic – Zoning – Signs – For the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to place certain permanent directional signs in a County right-of-way under certain circumstances; repealing certain signage provisions; revising the definition of “sign”; defining certain types of signs and sign-related terms; setting forth the purpose and intent for the regulation of signs; adding a grandfathering provision applicable to certain applications for signs; allowing signs in existence as of a certain date to remain in place under certain circumstances; establishing criteria for the replacement or alteration of certain signs in existence as of a certain date; establishing general provisions related to signs; requiring the Planning and Zoning Officer to prepare illustrations and graphic representations to assist in the application of the subtitle; exempting certain signs from certain permit and other requirements; requiring permits for certain signs; prohibiting the placement of certain types of signs; establishing the criteria for location of signs; setting forth methods for measurement of sign area and height; establishing standards for certain permanent signs; establishing regulations for and prohibitions of certain signs in County and private rights-of-way; establishing time, place, and manner criteria for temporary signs on private property; setting forth the allowable types, size, and location of certain freestanding and building signs by zoning district or use of a property; allowing a developer of certain developments to submit a signage program for approval to the Office of Planning and Zoning; removing the fees associated with an application for an offsite directional sign; and generally relating to public works and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 98-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 98-25, as amended.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 98-25, as amended:

Kate Fox, on behalf of GAN
Matt Minahan, on behalf of Gan

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

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold Bill No. 98-25, as amended, until the February 17, 2026 meeting 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

BILL NO. 101-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 101-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Provisions – Public Works – Landlord-Tenant Eviction – For the purpose of defining certain terms related to landlord-tenant eviction; providing for the purpose and applicability of the new title; establishing notice requirements for the eviction of tenants; providing for the storage and disposition of a tenant’s belongings upon eviction; establishing penalties for violating any provision of the new title; and generally relating to landlord-tenant evictions and public works; 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 Erin Karpewicz, CEO, ACDS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 101-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 101-25, 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.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Hummer, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold Bill No. 101-25, as amended, until the February 17, 2026 meeting 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

BILL NO. 1-26 AND BILL NO. 2-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-26, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 6 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 6 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 6, covering Crownsville and parts of Millersville, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 6; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 6 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance;

and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 6 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 2-26, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 6 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 6; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 6, covering Crownsville and parts of Millersville; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Department of Planning and Zoning, Patrick Hughes, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

Ms. Pompa thanked those who worked on the bill.

There were no council objections to holding a joint public hearing on Bill No. 1-26 and Bill No. 2-26.

The Chair called for the joint public hearing on Bill No. 1-26 and Bill No. 2-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were seven submissions for Bill No. 1-26, and seven submissions for Bill No. 2-26, 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. 1-26 and Bill No. 2-26:

Jasmine Wilding, on behalf of Generals Highway Council
Deborah Weller, on behalf of Old Millersville Neighborhood
Donald Weller, Millersville
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. 1-26, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 6 Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 2-26, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 6; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the motion to hold Bill No. 1-26 until the February 17, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to hold Bill No. 2-26 until the February 17, 2026 meeting 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

BILL NO. 3-26 AND BILL NO. 4-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 3-26, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 8 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 8, covering Davidsonville, Harwood, Lothian, Owensville, Owings, Waysons Corner, and parts of Friendship and Edgewater, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 8; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 8 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 4-26, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 8 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 8; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 8, covering Davidsonville, Harwood, Lothian, Owensville, Owings, Waysons Corner, and parts of Friendship and Edgewater; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Department of Planning and Zoning, Eric Ketterling, Senior Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

Ms. Pompa thanked those who worked on the bill.

There were no council objections to holding a joint public hearing on Bill No. 3-26 and Bill No. 4-26.

The Chair called for the joint public hearing on Bill No. 3-26 and Bill No. 4-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 3-26, and no submissions for Bill No. 4-26, 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. 3-26 and Bill No. 4-26:

Phil Hager, on behalf of Drs. Passaro and Wooddell
Dr. Joe Passaro, Davidsonville
Dr. James Wooddell, Davidsonville

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 3-26, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 8 Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 4-26, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 8; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to hold Bill No. 3-26 until the February 17, 2026 meeting 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

On motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold Bill No. 4-26 until the February 17, 2026 meeting 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

BILL NO. 92-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 92-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development – For the purpose of establishing development requirements for cottage home developments; providing for the site and density requirement for cottage home developments; providing for the infrastructure and amenity requirements for cottage home communities; defining “dwelling unit, cottage home”; providing for parking requirements for cottage home developments; permitting cottage home developments in certain residential districts; allowing cottage home developments in certain commercial districts; allowing cottage home developments in certain mixed use districts; and generally relating to subdivision and development and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 92-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions for Bill No. 92-25, 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. 92-25, as amended:

Justin Gallucci, Millersville
Tim Stern, on behalf of ACT
Trudy McFall, Annapolis
Maureen Carr York, Millersville

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 92-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Cottage Home Development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the exclusion of loft space in the measurement of floor area of a “dwelling unit, cottage home”.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Mr. Smith expressed his thanks for the amendment.

Ms. Pickard asked for clarification on the loft sizes.

Ms. Miller answered.

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

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

Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment decreases the minimum required site area in R1 and R2 to two acres.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

The Administration is comfortable with the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked about the number of homes in the area.

Ms. Miller answered.

Ms. Leadbetter shared her thoughts on the amendment.

Ms. Hummer responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 6 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 7

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment establishing income requirements for the purchase and rental of dwelling units in cottage home developments, provides for the administration thereof, and makes technical corrections.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 7 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. 8

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows cottage home developments as a permitted special use in a WI zoning district.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Smith answered.

Ms. Pickard asked about the conditions needed.

Ms. Miller responded.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 8 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. 9

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment sets the density for cottage home developments in C2 or C3 commercial districts as 20 dwelling units per acre.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

The Administration is comfortable with the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked about separating the homes and commercial property.

Mr. Smith answered.

Ms. Pickard responded.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the eligible household income limit from 80% to 100% of adjusted AMI and authorizes Anne Arundel County or its designee to set the prices of a cottage home dwelling unit based on a certain AMI standard.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

Mr. Volke asked why the Administration supports the amendment.

Mr. Hunt responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 10 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. 92-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on February 17, 2026.

BILL NO. 100-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 100-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Procurement – Project Labor Agreements – For the purpose of establishing requirements for the use of Project Labor Agreements on certain County-funded construction projects; promoting fair labor standards, local hiring, and workforce development opportunities for County residents; and generally relating to purchasing; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Susan Herrold, Central Service Officer, Catrice Parsons, Purchasing Agent, Central Services, Beth O’Connell, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pickard asked for clarification of the procurement policy.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 100-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were four submissions for Bill No. 100-25, 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. 100-25, as amended:

Andrew Griffin, on behalf of Utility Contractors Association
Michael Mason, Annapolis
Michael Sakata, Glen Burnie
Kevin O’Keefe, on behalf of IEC Chesapeake
Jeffrey Ferguson, Odenton
Matt Tefteau, on behalf of ABC-Metro Washington
Concepcion Morales, Glen Burnie
Frank Mahoney, on behalf of Eastern Atlantic States Region
Ray Baker, on behalf of Baltimore-DC Building Trade
Kevin Benitez, Halethorpe
Tom Gifford, Crofton
Jeff Hill, Severna Park

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 100-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Procurement – Project Labor Agreements; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Hummer expressed her concern of the bill.

Ms. Pickard asked the Administration what questions should be asked by the council.

Ms. Herrold responded.

There was further discussion of the bill.

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides for a policy regarding project labor agreements; adds definitions for “architecture-engineer services” and “pavement management projects”; provides for an exemption to project labor agreements for “architecture-engineer services”; removes the definition for “nonprofit organization”; requires project labor agreements for County construction projects unless the department determines that a project labor agreement will not

advance the County's interest or an inclusive market analysis demonstrates that a project labor agreement frustrate full and open competition; removes a redundant requirement for project labor agreements; exempts "pavement management projects"; and provides for a delayed effective date of July 1, 2027.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked for clarification of the amendment.

Mr. Hunt responded.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on a future amendment.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 2 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien

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

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires projects with an estimated cost of \$35,000,000 to have a project labor agreement.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Rodvien answered.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 3 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Pickard, Ms. Rodvien

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

Amendment No. 4 – Amendment No. 11

Ms. Rodvien withdrew Amendments No. 4 – 11.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill.

There was further discussion of the bill.

Bill No. 100-25, as amended, was defeated by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Smith, Ms. Rodvien

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-26

The Chair called for Resolution No. 1-26, A Resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations on the implementation of a Project Labor Agreements policy on certain County-funded construction projects; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard explained the resolution.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Susan Herrold, Central Services Officer, Catrice Parsons, Purchasing Agent, Central Services, Beth O’Connell, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

Mr. Volke clarified the wording of the resolution.

Ms. Pickard responded.

There was further discussion of the resolution.

The Chair stated the public hearing was kept open at the last meeting for Resolution No. 1-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 1-26.

The following persons spoke on Resolution No. 1-26:

Andrew Griffin, on behalf of Utility Contractors Association

Michael Mason, Annapolis

James Ash, Crownsville

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 1-26, A Resolution establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations on the implementation of a Project Labor Agreements policy on certain County-funded construction projects; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

RECESS

The Chair called for a recess at 10:13 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:29 P.M.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires the Ad Hoc Committee to provide recommendations on appropriate policies and completing a cost-benefit analysis.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 1 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

Resolution No. 1-26, as amended, was defeated by the following roll call:

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

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

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

BILL NO. 5-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 5-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Moderately Priced Dwelling Units – Density Bonus – Moratorium – For the purpose of establishing a temporary moratorium on the requirement for Moderately Priced Dwelling Units and density bonuses for any new development within a certain area; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Erin Karpewicz, CEO, ACDS, Brian Ulrich, Planning

Administrator, Office of Technology, David Braun, Engineer Administrator, Department of Public Works, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pickard expressed her concern for the bill.

There was further discussion of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 5-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were twenty-two submissions for Bill No. 5-26 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. 5-26:

Scott Macleod, Arnold
Tim Davies, on behalf of Twin Harbors Community
Teresa Redd, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Connections
John “Mike” Pitchford, Annapolis
Britt Griswold, on behalf of Broadneck Council of Commissions
Trudy McFall, on behalf of Anne Arundel Affordable Housing
Ralph Youngs, Annapolis
Kurt Svendsen, on behalf of Growth Action Network
Kari Alperovitz-Bichell, Annapolis
Ariana Kidder, Harwood
Will Johnson, Greenbelt
Justin Gallucci, Millersville
Max Gross, on behalf of AAC Association of Realtors
Kristina Korona, on behalf of TAAAC
Catherine Burk, Severna Park
Pat Lynch, Annapolis
Melissa Wilson, Broadneck Peninsula
Sam Minnitte, Arnold
Maureen Carr York, on behalf of Greater Severna Park Council
Lusa Bender, Severna Park
Jack Hogston, Arnold
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Jackie Neal, Arnold
Sue Recardy, on behalf of Arnold Preservation Council
Jeff Hill, Severna Park
Liam Mercer, Annapolis
David Matthews, Severna Park
Elisabeth Rosborg, Arnold
Richard Ensor, Arnold

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 5-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Moderately Priced Dwelling Units – Density Bonus – Moratorium; 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 changes the radius for the moratorium to 1 mile, clarifies the intersections that are included in that radius, and changes the required intersection grade to a C.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

The Administration opposes.

Mr. Smith spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien explained her position on the amendments.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that the moratorium applies to the application of the density bonus and requirement for moderately priced dwelling units.

The Administration opposes.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 2 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Bill No. 5-26 was defeated by the following roll call:

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

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

BILL NO. 6-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 6-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Industrial Districts – Indoor Rifle, Pistol, Skeet, and Archery Ranges – For the purpose of allowing an indoor rifle, pistol, skeet, or archery range as a special exception use in W1, W2, and W3 industrial districts; and generally relating to 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, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 6-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 6-26.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 6-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Industrial Districts – Indoor Rifle, Pistol, Skeet, and Archery Ranges; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 6-26 was passed by the following roll call:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

The Council agreed to start the February 17, 2026 meeting at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

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