

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 4
February 17, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 6:10 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 40 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Pete Smith	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Julie K. Hummer	Fourth District
Lisa Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Amanda Fiedler, Fifth District, arrived at 6:40 P.M. Nathan Volke, Third District, arrived at 6:57 P.M.

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

Ms. Rodvien spoke on campaign issues.

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 four 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:

Shannon Hoey, Severn
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Paul Higgins, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Professional

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 February 2, 2026, Legislative Day No. 3, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 12-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Board of Education Security Related Upgrades and Upgrade Various Schools capital projects – Supplementary Appropriations – FOR the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making a supplementary appropriation of funds to the Board of Education Security Related Upgrades and Upgrade Various Schools 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. 13-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement – Fire Prevention Code Amendments – FOR the purpose of adopting and amending certain construction and property maintenance codes related to fire prevention; making certain technical changes to construction and property maintenance codes related to fire prevention; and generally relating to construction and property maintenance codes.

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

BILL NO. 14-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Purchasing – Acquisition of real property by gift – FOR the purpose of approving acceptance of a gift of real property totaling 241.771 acres of land, more or less, in Pasadena, Maryland, from Edward A. Looper, III, Trustee of the Edward A. Looper, III Revocable Trust dated May 6, 2024.

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

BILL NO. 15-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Outdoor Lighting – FOR the purpose of requiring outdoor lighting in nonresidential zoning districts to be directed toward the property and away from adjoining residential lots; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 4-26 – RESOLUTION confirming the appointments of Anne Arundel County residents to serve on the Spending Affordability Committee
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. 7-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 7-26, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations – For the purpose of making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund and to certain special funds of the County government for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and making supplementary appropriations of funds to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, was accompanied by Tonii Gedin, Health Officer, Health Department, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 7-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 7-26.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 7-26, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 7-26 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

Absent – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

BILL NO. 8-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-26, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; making supplementary appropriations from

unanticipated revenues to the Local Education Fund for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to transferring and reducing appropriations of funds and supplementary appropriations of funds in the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, was accompanied by Matt Stanski, Director of Finance, AACPS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

Ms. Hummer asked about reduction or stoppage of federal funds.

Mr. Stanski answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 8-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 8-26.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-26, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 8-26 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

Absent – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

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~~” certain terms; 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; allowing cottage home developments as a special use in certain industrial 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.

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Honora Sutor, Chief Affordable Housing Officer, ACDS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 92-25, 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. 92-25, as amended:

Carol Brooks, on behalf of National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Anne Arundel Chapter
Rachel Strum, Gambrills

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.

Bill No. 92-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – Ms. Leadbetter

Absent – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

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.

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, was accompanied Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Jessica Bellah, OPZ Consultant, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

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 person spoke on Bill No. 98-25, as amended:

Kinley Bray, on behalf of NAIOP Maryland

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 98-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Traffic – Zoning – Signs; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires external illumination of signs to be shielded, directed downward, utilizing warm colored light, and on timers.

Ms. Rodvien withdrew the amendment.

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment exempts signs in the interior of business complexes, industrial parks, and other campuses where such signage is not visible from the public right of way.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

Ms. Miller shared the Administration's position on the amendment.

Ms. Bellah spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked for an example.

Ms. Bellah responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment decreases the minimum acreage of a development to five acres to submit a signage program to the Office of Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Fiedler withdrew the amendment.

Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment encourages external illumination of signs to be shielded, directed downward, utilizing warm colored light, and on timers.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 98-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 2, 2026.

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.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, was accompanied by Honora Sutor, Chief Affordable Housing Officer, ACDS, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 101-25, as amended.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 101-25, as amended:

Paul Higgins, Pasadena

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 101-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Provisions – Public Works – Landlord-Tenant Eviction; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment makes technical corrections and changes the effective date to July 1, 2026.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 3 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 101-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 2, 2026.

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.

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, 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.

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 twelve submissions for Bill No. 1-26, and seventeen 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:

Maribeth Love, Millersville
Tris Lilek, Millersville
Jasmine Wilding, on behalf of Generals Highway Council
Elizabeth Sroka, Millersville
Donald Weller, Millersville
Nita Settina, Annapolis

Deborah Weller, on behalf of Old Millersville Neighborhood
Phil Hager, Annapolis
Holly Tompkins, on behalf of HA Tompkins Land Consulting

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.

Ms. Schultze verified that notices were posted for this bill. No signs were necessary for the set of amendments being offered this evening.

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Parcel 357 on Tax Map 30, located 679 MD Rt 3 North Lane, Gambills, from Commercial to Rural.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 357 on Tax Map 30, located at 679 MD Route 3 North Lane, Gambrills, from C2-Commercial Office to RLD-Residential Low Density.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 183 on Tax Map 38, located at 1222 Generals Highway, Crownsville, from C1-Local Commercial to C4-Highway Commercial.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

The Administration does not object.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the effects of Article 18.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcels 184, 246, and 293 on Tax Map 38, located at 1240 Generals Highway, no # Generals Highway, and no # Generals Highway, Crownsville, respectively, from C1-Local Commercial to C4-Highway Commercial.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked about the property.

Ms. Pompa answered.

The Administration does not oppose.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Parcel 51 on Tax Map 38, located 1241 Generals Highway, Crownsville, from Rural to Commercial.

After discussion, Ms. Rodvien withdrew the amendment.

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 51 on Tax Map 38, located at 1241 Generals Highway, Crownsville, from RLD-Residential Low Density to C3-General Commercial.

Ms. Rodvien withdrew the amendment.

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 381 on Tax Map 31, located at 1341 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville, from C1-Local Commercial to C3-General Commercial.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

The Administration does not object.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Volke spoke on the noise issue.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

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

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 1-26, as amended, and Bill No. 2-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 2, 2026.

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.

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, 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. Evelyn explained the background and purpose of 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 were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 3-26 and Bill No. 4-26.

There was no one 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 March 2, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to hold Bill No. 4-26 until the March 2, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 9-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Conditional Uses – Battery Energy Storage Systems – For the purpose of defining “battery energy storage system”; allowing “battery energy storage system” as a conditional use in certain residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed use districts; adding the conditional use requirements for a “battery energy storage system” facility; providing for the expedited review of certain projects; 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.

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Lawrence Schultz, Assistant Fire Chief, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 9-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were seven submissions for Bill No. 9-26 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. 9-26:

Kyra Wheatley, on behalf of Hyatt and Weber

Evan Plait, on behalf of Mid Atlantic Reliable Energy
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. 9-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Conditional Uses – Battery Energy Storage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the bill.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes residential districts from the zoning districts where battery energy storage systems may be located.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked for clarification of the amendment.

Mr. Volke answered.

Ms. Miller expressed the Administration's concerns.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 9-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 2, 2026.

BILL NO. 10-26

The Chair called for Bill No. 10-26, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Police Accountability Board – Training – For the purpose of modifying a training requirement for voting members of the Police Accountability Board; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Administration, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 10-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 10-26.

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 Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold Bill No. 10-26 until the March 2, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-26

The Chair called for Resolution No. 2-26, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke explained the resolution.

Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as a sponsor.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Trumbauer spoke on the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 2-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 2-26.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 2-26, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 2-26 was defeated by the following roll call:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-26

The Chair called for Resolution No. 3-26, A Resolution urging members of the General Assembly to oppose House Bill 488 Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke withdrew the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer