

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 5
March 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. Volke, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Boy Scout Troop 339 from Severna Park. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 50 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.

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:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Matt Minahan, on behalf of Growth Action Network

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 17, 2026, Legislative Day No. 4, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 16-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate School Facilities – School Utilization Chart – FOR the purpose of approving the “School Utilization Chart 2026” prepared by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

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

BILL NO. 17-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Development Plan – Region 5 Plan – FOR the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 5, covering Odenton, Piney Orchard, Gambrills, Woodwardville, Crofton, and Two Rivers, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 5; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 5 Plan”.

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

BILL NO. 18-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 5 – FOR the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 5; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 5, covering Odenton, Piney Orchard, Gambrills, Woodwardville, Crofton, and Two Rivers; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning.

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

BILL NO. 19-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Credits – Credit for Day Care or Child Care Property Improvements – FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing a tax credit for improvements to property used as day cares or child cares; determining the calculation of the tax credit; establishing the filing deadline for the tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5-26 – RESOLUTION urging members of the General Assembly to support House Bill 331 and Senate Bill 342 in furtherance of increasing the recycling and reuse of beverage containers, and reducing litter and pollution
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to suspend Rule 5-106 and vote on Resolution No. 5-26 at the end of meeting was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 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:

Matt Minahan, on behalf of Growth Action Network

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. 7

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

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

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 7 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

Amendment No. 8

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment exempts signs from certain religious organizations, associations or societies from certain regulations in the Ordinance.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Mr. Hunt expressed the Administration's concern of the amendment.

Ms. Kenney spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Kenney responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 98-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 16, 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; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to landlord-tenant evictions and public works; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Hummer thanked all who helped with the bill and explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, Administration, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt thanked the Council for the bill.

Mr. Volke stated he is a landlord.

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:

Janice John, Annapolis

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.

Mr. Volke thanked Ms. John for her testimony.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on her being a landlord.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 101-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

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

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 was no 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:

Ryan Smith, Crownsville
Phil Hager, on behalf of Hager Land Use

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 RECONSIDER

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to reconsider the vote of Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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.

Mr. Volke explained the reason for the reconsideration of the amendment.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Smith clarified the location of the property.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the property.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

Amendment No. 1 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the motion to reconsider the vote of Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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.

Mr. Volke explained the reason for the reconsideration of the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the amendment.

Amendment No. 1 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to reconsider the vote of Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 5 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

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 reason for the reconsideration of the amendment.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked about justification.

Mr. Hughes responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

Amendment No. 5 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Ms. Schultze verified that notices and signs were posted for these amendments.

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 42 on Tax Map 44, located at 1182 Honeysuckle Lane, Annapolis, from RA-Rural Agricultural to RLD-Residential Low Density.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Hughes explained the Office of Planning and Zoning's position on the amendment.

Ms. Pickard asked for clarification of the amendment.

Ms. Pompa responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 6 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

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the portions of the properties known as Parcels 229 and 153 on Tax Map 44, located at 1773 Generals Highway and no # Generals

Highway, Crownsville, from Residential Low Density to Commercial for PLU-R6-CRV-0600A and from Commercial to Residential Low Density for PLU-R6-CRV-0600B.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 3 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

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 7

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the portions of the properties known as Parcels 229 and 153 on Tax Map 44, located at 1773 Generals Highway and no # Generals Highway, Crownsville, from R1-Residential to C-1-Local Commercial for CZ-R6-CRV-0600A and from C1-Local Commercial to R1-Residential for CZ-R6-CRV-0600B.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

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

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 4

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 at 1241 Generals Highway, Crownsville, from Rural to Commercial.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

Ms. Pompa clarified the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 4 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

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 8

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 explained the amendment.

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

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 16, 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.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, 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. Hunt 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 was no submissions for Bill No. 3-26, and two 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:

Jake Lonergan, Annapolis
Bruce Stein, on behalf of Davidsonville Area Civic Association
Kate Fox, on behalf of Davidsonville Area Civic Association

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.

Ms. Schultze verified that notices and signs were posted for these amendments.

Bill No. 4-26, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 89 on Tax Map 55, located at 536 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, from SB – Small Business to C3 – General Commercial.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the amendment.

Ms. Hummer asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Ketterling answered.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning does not object.

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

Bill No. 3-26, 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 299 on Tax Map 55, located at No # Central Avenue (SW Intersection of Rt 2 and Rt 214), Edgewater, from Rural to Small Business.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the amendment.

Mr. Ketterling spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 1 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

Bill No. 4-26, Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 299 on Tax Map 55, located at No # Central Avenue (SW Intersection of Rt 2 and Rt 214), Edgewater, from RA-Rural Agricultural to SB-Small Business.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 2 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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 3-26, as amended, and Bill No. 4-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 16, 2026.

BILL NO. 9-26 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-26, as amended, 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.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Lawrence Schultz, Assistant Fire Chief, Donna McGuire, Bureau Commander, Fire Department, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 9-26.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 9-26, as amended:

Adam Divinsky, on behalf of Land of Liberty Coalition of Maryland

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-26, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Conditional Uses – Battery Energy Storage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the requirement that facilities are located within one mile of an existing substation facility.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 2 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

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that a “battery energy storage system” does not include public utilities.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 3 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

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows battery energy storage systems as a special exception use in C3, C4, W1, SB, and OS districts, and all residential, maritime, mixed use, and Odenton Town Center districts, as a permitted use in W2 and W3 districts, provides for the special exception use requirements, and removes obsolete language.

Ms. Hummer withdrew the amendment.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 9-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 16, 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.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, Administration, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair stated the public hearing on Bill No. 10-26 was closed at the last meeting.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that annual ride-alongs must be completed with entities within Anne Arundel County.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 1 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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 9-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 16, 2026.

BILL NO. 11-26

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, Administration, was accompanied by Erica Matthews, Deputy Director, Rec & Parks, Chris Carroll, Parks Administrator, Rec & Parks, 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. 11-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions for Bill 11-26 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. 11-26:

Jon Korin, on behalf of Bike AAA

Mike Jacobs, on behalf of Lakeshore Athletic Association

Sean Justice, on behalf of Lakeshore Athletic Association

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 11-26, An Ordinance concerning: Recreation and Parks – Article 14 Code Revision; 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 removes the prohibition on certain activities with helium or mylar balloons.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Mr. Carroll spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Hummer asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Carroll responded.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires the Director to grant permission to certain conduct if the conduct does not interfere with the safe enjoyment of the parks and provides for an appeal process.

After discussion, Mr. Volke withdrew the amendment.

There was further discussion of the bill.

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment permits alcoholic beverages if the group has permission from the Director or if the group has exclusive use of the park.

Mr. Volke did not offer the amendment.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold Bill No. 11-26, as amended, until the March 16, 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. 4-26

The Chair called for Resolution No. 4-26, A Resolution confirming the appointments of Anne Arundel County residents to serve on the Spending Affordability Committee; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

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

Mr. Hunt explained the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 4-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 4-26.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 4-26, A Resolution confirming the appointments of Anne Arundel County residents to serve on the Spending Affordability Committee; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 4-26 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

MOTION TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold a closed session to discuss a personnel matter 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 Ms. Pickard, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer