

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 6
March 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:05 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Hummer, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 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:

Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Kate Fox, on behalf of GAN
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Stephen Clark, Pasadena
Jeff Kubik, Pasadena
Jennifer Jackson, Pasadena
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

There was no one else present who wished to speak, and the Invitation to Audience was closed.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, 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. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes for March 2, 2026, Legislative Day No. 5, and the minutes for the closed session on March 2, 2026, were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 20-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Homes at Shelly, Glen Burnie, Maryland – FOR the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect.

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

BILL NO. 21-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Odenton Junction Four, Odenton, Maryland – FOR the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain property located in Odenton, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Odenton, Maryland; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect.

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

BILL NO. 22-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Odenton Junction Nine, Odenton, Maryland – FOR the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain property located in Odenton, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Odenton, Maryland; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect.

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

BILL NO. 23-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Ethics – Definitions – Campaign Contributions – Subdivision and Development – Mandatory Disclosures – FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain campaign contributions; providing remedies for a violation of the prohibition against certain campaign contributions; requiring certain disclosures from

applicants for certain development approvals; and generally relating to public ethics and subdivision and development.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

BILL NO. 24-26 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Baltimore City Sewer Service Area – Moratorium – FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary moratorium on capacity allocation approvals for any new development in the Baltimore City Sewer Service Area; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure.

Introduced by Mr. Volke

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

BILL NO. 12-26

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

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

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

Ms. Pickard welcomed Mr. Hagan.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 12-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 12-26.

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

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

Bill No. 12-26 was passed by the following roll call:

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

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 by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

Ms. Fiedler spoke on 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.

There was no one 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.

Bill No. 98-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 1-26 (As Amended) AND BILL NO. 2-26 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-26, as amended, 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, as amended, 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 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, as amended, and Bill No. 2-26, as amended.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were nineteen submissions for Bill No. 1-26, as amended, and thirty-four submissions for Bill No. 2-26, 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. 1-26, as amended, and Bill No. 2-26, as amended:

Deborah Unitus Bereznak, on behalf of Indian Landing Community
John Bereznak, Millersville
Deborah Weller, Millersville
Maribeth Love, Millersville
Elizabeth Sroka, Millersville

Andy Plattner, Millersville
Don Weller, Millersville
Trish Lilek, Millersville
Melissa Moore, Crownsville
David Demers, Millersville
Brian Run, Millersville
Joel Smith, President of Renaissance Festival

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-26, as amended, 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, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 6; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 5

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

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the amendment.

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

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith

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

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 9

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, Gambills, from C2-Commercial Office to RLD-Residential Low Density.

Ms. Rodvien explained the amendment.

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

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith

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

Bill No. 1-26, Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Parcels 83 and 96 on Tax Map 44, located at no # and no # Crownsville Road, Annapolis, from Rural to Low Density Residential.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Planning and Zoning opposes.

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien shared her position on the amendment.

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

Aye – None

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

Abstain – Mr. Volke

Bill No. 2-26, Amendment No. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcels 83 and 96 on Tax Map 44, located at no # and no # Crownsville Road, Annapolis, from RA-Rural Agricultural to R1-Residential.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the amendment.

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

Aye – None

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

Abstain – Mr. Volke

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-26, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 6 Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 1-26, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

Bill No. 2-26, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 3-26 (As Amended) AND BILL NO. 4-26 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 3-26, as amended, 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, as amended, 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 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, as amended, and Bill No. 4-26, as amended.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there was no submissions for Bill No. 3-26, as amended, and seventeen submissions for Bill No. 4-26, 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. 3-26, as amended, and Bill No. 4-26, as amended:

Bruce Stein, on behalf of Davidsonville Area Civic Association
Kate Fox, on behalf of Davidsonville Area Civic Association
Kurt Schwab, 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, as amended, 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, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 8; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Bill No. 4-26, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 68 on Tax Map 54, located at 865 Governor Bridge Rd. Davidsonville, from RA-Rural Agricultural to RLD-Residential Low Density.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter shared her position on the amendment.

Mr. Ketterling spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked about subdividing.

Mr. Ketterling answered.

There was further discussion of the amendment.

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

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

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

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to hold Bill No. 3-26, as amended, until the April 6, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Smith, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke
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 April 6, 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, Donna McGuire, Bureau Commander, Fire Department, Andrew McCarra, Assistant Director Plan Review and Inspections, Inspections and Permits, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 9-26, 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.

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. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that the battery energy storage systems are front of the meter, allows front of the meter battery energy storage systems as a special exception use in R5, R10, R15, and R22 zoning districts, provides for the special exception use requirements, and removes battery energy storage systems as a conditional use in mixed use zoning districts.

After discussion, Ms. Hummer withdrew the amendment.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold Bill No. 9-26, as amended, until the April 6, 2026 meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 9-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on April 6, 2026.

BILL NO. 10-26 (As Amended)

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

The following person spoke on Bill No. 10-26, as amended:

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. 10-26, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Police Accountability Board – Training; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 10-26, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 11-26 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 11-26, as amended, 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 stated the public hearing on Bill No. 11-26, as amended, was closed at the last meeting.

The Chair called for Bill No. 11-26, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Recreation and Parks – Article 14 Code Revision; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds a provision for review of discretionary decisions made by the Director of Recreation and Parks related to prohibited conduct.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke thanked those who worked on the bill.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 11-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on April 6, 2026.

BILL NO. 13-26

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, Administration, was accompanied by Donna McGuire, Bureau Commander, Fire Department, Andrew McCarra, Assistant Director Plan Review and Inspections, Inspections and Permits, 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. 13-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 13-26.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-26, An Ordinance concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes Supplement – Fire Prevention Code Amendments; 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 definitions of “existing building, condition, or facility” and “new building, condition, or facility” as they relate to applicability of the title.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

Mr. McCarra spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 13-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on April 6, 2026.

BILL NO. 14-26

The Chair called for 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; 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 and 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. 14-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 14-26 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.

The Chair called for Bill No. 14-26, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Acquisition of real property by gift; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien thanked the family for the gift.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment corrects the property's zip code.

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment corrects the name of the current trustee under the Revocable Trust Agreement.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

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

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

Bill No. 14-26, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 15-26

The Chair called for 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; 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, Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

The Administration is comfortable with the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 15-26.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 15-26.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 15-26, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Outdoor Lighting; 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 requires light fixtures to be arranged to direct light away from adjoining lots that are used for residential purposes.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

Administration supports.

Ms. Klasmeier spoke on the technicality of the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 15-26, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on April 6, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-26

The Chair called for Resolution No. 5-26, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Rodvien explained the resolution.

Mr. Volke explained his position on the resolution.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 5-26.

The following person spoke on Resolution No. 5-26:

Marjorie Winslow, Crownsville

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 5-26, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fiedler asked for clarification as to why the bill did not make it through the General Assembly.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

Mr. Volke spoke on the resolution.

Resolution No. 5-26 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

Abstain – Ms. Fiedler

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer