

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
FY 2027 Budget Public Hearing
May 13, 2026 – 2:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 2:08 P.M. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 30 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Pete Smith	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Julie Hummer	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW

The following offices presented:

Circuit Court
Social Services
Orphans Court
Liquor Board
Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS)
Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation (AAWDC)
Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC)
Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families

RECESS

The Chair called a recess at 3:55 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Smith arrived at 7:35 P.M.

The County Council meeting reconvened at 7:05 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 80 persons in the audience.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, or minutes constitutes the reading of the whole.

READING OF BUDGET LEGISLATION

Bill No. 32-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, June 30, 2030, June 30, 2031, and June 30, 2032; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

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

Bill No. 33-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvement districts required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 34-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 35-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Mills Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 36-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Dorchester Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Dorchester Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 37-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 38-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park-North Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park-North Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 39-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Two Rivers Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Two Rivers Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 40-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

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

Bill No. 41-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Fire Flow Test Charge – FOR the purpose of modifying the fire flow test charge; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

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

Bill No. 42-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Infrastructure Maintenance Fee – Utility Investment Fee – FOR the purpose of adding utility investment fees to fund water and wastewater capital improvements; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

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

Bill No. 43-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

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

Bill No. 44-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Metered Water and Wastewater Charges – FOR the purpose of modifying metered water and wastewater charges; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

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

Bill No. 45-26 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Property Tax and Semiannual Payment Service Charge – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing a property tax for the use of Anne Arundel County for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027;

fixing the rate of the County property tax for the taxable year; and establishing the service charge to be paid by a property owner electing to pay real property taxes and all other taxes and charges billed on the real property tax bill under a semiannual payment schedule.

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

BUDGET REMARKS

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, gave an overview of the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2027. (A copy of Mr. Trumbauer's statement is available in the County Council office.)

Skip Auld, Anne Arundel County Public Library, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2027.

Matt Stanski, Chief Financial Officer, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, spoke on the County Executive's Budget for Fiscal year 2027.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following persons spoke on the Fiscal Year 2027 County Executive's Budget:

Lindsay Alemi, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Jeremiah Batucan, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Christopher Cano, on behalf of SEIU Local 500 – ACC Adjunct Union
Brian Dague, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Krisit Giuliano, Annapolis
August Wichmann, Crownsville
Kristina Korona, on behalf of the Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County
Linda Adamson, on behalf of St. Luke's Food Pantry
Dona Weingarten, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Lauren Bloom, on behalf of St. Luke's Food Pantry
Jonathan Goldsmith, on behalf of Jewish Federation of Annapolis
Sara Gillen, on behalf of the Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County
Linda Mazer, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Animal Welfare Council
Joe Toolan, Annapolis
Richard Otten, Baltimore
Benjamin Tuck, Crofton
Elizabeth Ruddy, Crofton
Mike Shier, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Fraternal Order of Police
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Dr. Margaret Turner, Davidsonville
Deanna Edmunds, Halethorpe
Liz Glass, Annapolis
Carolyn Matthews, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank

There was no one else registered or present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By: Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For: Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer