

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
FY 2027 Budget Public Hearing
May 19, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Severn Run High School

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:08 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Hummer, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Severn Run High School in Gambrills, Maryland. There were approximately 80 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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

Peter Smith, First District, arrived at 7:11 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Leah Paley, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

Tricia Huffman, on behalf of SCYA

Laura Beach, on behalf of SCYA

Kevin Jackson, on behalf of SCYA, President

Cindy O'Neil, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Shelley Parratt, on behalf of Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Jess Schrumm, Annapolis

Rebecca Martini, Harwood
Aaron Moul, on behalf of TAAAC
Michelle Steinbacher, Catonsville
Drew Griffin, Galesville
Nikolai Matoka, Shady Side
Jorge Cordoba, on behalf of TAAAC
Nancie David, Crofton
Candy Howerton, Odenton
Elyce Willburn, Friendship
Marsie Howard, Lothian
Julia Howes, Churchton
Will Johnson, Greenbelt
Marisa Britton, Deale
Jodi Meisenberg, on behalf of Temple Beth Shalom
Gary Kellner, Annapolis
Laura Wiloughby, Odenton
Tracey Ahern, on behalf of Association of Educational Leaders
Sheila Coffman, Annapolis
Stacey Smith, on behalf of Association of Educational Leaders
Kevin Kayton Jr, Shady Side
Delegate Seth Howard, West River
Amy Young-Bucker, Columbia
Lauren Kitchin, Crofton
Edward Adedamola, Hanover
Brittany Mitchell, Glen Burnie
Jess Morris, Catonsville
Melissa Kratsas, Pasadena
Janet Sparks, Brooklyn Park
Shannon Slaughter, Halethorpe
Jennifer Sell, Severna Park
Meletta Peterson, Brooklyn Park
Lynn Brenner, Arnold
Eric Joiner, Baltimore
Ashley Kane, West River
Jennifer Mizrahi, Annapolis
Sara Gillen, on behalf of Mollie Gerig
Mac Cymek, Glen Burnie
Steven White, on behalf of NAACP
Katherine Hall, Annapolis
Dawn Pulliam, Vice President, Board of Education
Allison Bullik, South River
Cor Garrison, Lothian
Jennifer Enzer
Dr. Matthew Farm, Prince George County, African American Leaders
Ben Guido, Columbia

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 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By: Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For: Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer