

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Final FY 2027 Budget Deliberations
June 11, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.
County Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 10:07 A.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Leadbetter, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 25 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 Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Frank Turner, Deputy County Auditor.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

ONLINE TESTIMONY

The Administrative Officer stated there were one hundred thirty-seven submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Budget Bills, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

BILL NO. 32-26

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

The Chair explained the number of amendments.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, spoke on the supplemental amendments.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council voted to take Amendment Nos. 25 through 46 as a block, by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment Nos. 25 through 46

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 25 through 46.

Ms. Rodvien clarified Amendment No. 37.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council voted to adopt Amendment Nos. 25 through 46 by the following roll call vote:

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

(Amendment Nos. 25 through 46 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 32-26 until the end of the meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 33-26

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

Bill No. 33-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 34-26

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

Bill No. 34-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 35-26

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

Bill No. 35-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 36-26

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

Bill No. 36-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 37-26

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

Bill No. 37-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 38-26

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

Bill No. 38-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 39-26

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

Bill No. 39-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 40-26

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

Bill No. 40-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 41-26

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

Mr. Volke spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 41-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 42-26

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

Bill No. 42-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 43-26

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

Bill No. 43-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 44-26

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

Bill No. 44-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 45-26

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

Mr. Volke spoke on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler shared her concern of the bill.

Bill No. 45-26 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESS

The Council recessed at 10:31 A.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:48 A.M. with all members present.

BILL NO. 32-26

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

Amendment No. 47

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 47.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 47 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(Amendment No. 47 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

The Chair called Bill No. 32-26, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith, Ms. Rodvien, and Ms. Hummer thanked all who worked on the Budget.

Bill No. 32-26, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Ms. Hummer thanked those who came to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer