

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Virtual Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 12

and

FY 2022 Budget Public Hearing

May 20, 2021 – 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sarah Lacey at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Volke gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah Lacey

Allison Pickard

Nathan Volke

Amanda Fiedler

Jessica Haire

First District

Second District

Third District

Fifth District

Seventh District

Lisa Rodvien, Sixth District, and Andrew Pruski, Fourth District, were absent. The Auditor's Office was represented by the County Auditor Michelle Bohlayer.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Laura Corby, Administrative Officer, read aloud a statement from the County Attorney regarding the Open Meetings Act.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Laura Corby, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of written public testimony received for Invitation to Audience.

There was no one registered to speak and the hearing was concluded.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 55-21 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Uses and Structures – Temporary Uses FOR the purpose of extending the temporary use authorization for outdoor seating at restaurants granted by certain Executive Orders; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 56-21 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Food Service Facilities – Outdoor Seating FOR the purpose of allowing outdoor seating for a food service facility as a temporary use under certain circumstances; providing conditions for the temporary use; providing for applicability of this Ordinance; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure.

By Mr. Volke

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 29-21 – RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to reopen Anne Arundel County buildings

By Ms. Haire

The Chair stated the Council would reconvene at 6:00 P.M. at North County High School for the Public Hearing of the Budget.

RECESS

On motion by Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted to take a recess at 9:06 A.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 6:00 P.M. at North County High School, with all Council present.

SUBMISSIONS OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of written public testimony received regarding the budget.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET BILLS

BILL NO. 32-21 – 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, 2022, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 33-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 34-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 35-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Pickard, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 36-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 37-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Farmington Village Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Farmington Village Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 38-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 39-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 40-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Pickard, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 41-21 – 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 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 42-21 – 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; 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.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 43-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – Solid Waste Landfill and Facility Delivery Fees – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing the method by which the solid waste service charge is set; modifying certain charges for delivery of solid waste to a landfill or waste disposal facility; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the solid waste service charge.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 44-21 – 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; 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.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

CITATION PRESENTATION

Ms. Lacey presented the Teacher of the Year citation to Ms. Jing Dai.

BUDGET REMARKS

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer for Anne Arundel County, gave an overview of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. (A copy of Mr. Trumbauer's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Melissa Ellis, President, Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, requested funding go towards the social/emotional development for the students. (A copy of Ms. Ellis's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Dr. George Arlotto, Superintendent of Schools, spoke on the need for funding to complete many school projects. (A copy of Dr. Arlotto's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Russell Leone, President, AACo TAAAC, requested the Council support the County Executive's Education Budget. (A copy of Mr. Leone's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Edith Picken, President, Association of Educational Leaders, requested the Council to fully fund the Education Budget. (A copy of Ms. Picken's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Skip Auld, CEO, Anne Arundel County Public Libraries, gave an update on the library's progress through the coronavirus. (A copy of Mr. Auld's statement is attached to these minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING

The following persons spoke on the Fiscal Year 2022 County Executive's budget:

Suzzie Schuyler, Linthicum
Richard Otten, Edgewater
Sebastian Serrano, Glen Burnie
Sandra German, Glen Burnie
Amy Leahy, Severna Park
Steven Waddy, Annapolis
John Long, Pasadena
Lisa Arrasmith, Hanover
Robert Rose, Severn
Joseph Larsen, Hanover
Paul Arcand, Pasadena
Susan Deaver, Pasadena
Faith Loudon, Pasadena

Corinne Emerson was registered to speak but was not present.

No one else came forward to speak and the hearing was concluded.

ADJORNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By: Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For: Laura Corby
Administrative Officer