

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 16

July 19, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lacey at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance given by Mr. Volke. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 35 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah F. Lacey	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Andrew C. Pruski	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Jessica Haire	Seventh District

The County Auditor's Office was represented by the County Auditor, Michelle Bohlayer. Linda Schuett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received for Invitation to Audience through the online testimony tool.

The following person spoke on Invitation to Audience:

Steven Waddy, Annapolis

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Mr. Pruski, seconded by Ms. Pickard, 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. Volke, the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2021 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 68-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: concerning: Public Safety – Animal Care and Control – Authority to Impound – Tethering of Dogs – FOR the purpose of amending the circumstances under which an animal may be impounded; amending the circumstances under which a dog may be tethered outdoors; and generally relating to animal care and control.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(By request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 69-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Capital Budget and Program –Supplementary Appropriations and Fund Transfer - FOR the purpose of making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions, or other agencies in the general fund of the County for the current fiscal year; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making a supplementary appropriation of funds from unanticipated general fund revenues to the Beverly Triton Nature Park capital project; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by transferring certain appropriations of funds between the Beverly Triton Nature Park, Eisenhower Golf Course, and Jug Bay Environmental Ed Ctr capital projects; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to making supplementary appropriations to the Current Expense Band the Capital Budget and transferring funds between projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(By request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 70-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Snug Harbor Waterways Improvement District – Modification – FOR the purpose modifying the limits of the Snug Harbor Waterways Improvement District.

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(By request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 71-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Swimming Pools – Pool Operator and Lifeguard Licenses – FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement for a lifeguard license; increasing the fee for a pool operator license; increasing the term of a pool operator license; making technical changes; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.

By Ms. Fiedler

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 37-21 – RESOLUTION approving the nomination of a member to the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission

By Ms. Lacey, Chair

(By request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 38-21 – RESOLUTION expressing the County Council’s sympathies and condolences to the family of Candace C.W. Antwine and to her colleagues on the Board of Education

By The Entire Council

RESOLUTION NO. 39-21 – RESOLUTION expressing condolences and sympathies on the death of Richard B. “Dick” Ladd
By the Entire Council

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 38-21, Resolution expressing the County Council’s sympathies and condolences to the family of Candace C.W. Antwine and to her colleagues on the Board of Education; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Lacey, Co-Sponsor, read the resolution.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, shared the County Executive’s sentiments.

Ms. Rodvien expressed her condolences to Ms. Antwine’s family.

Resolution No. 38-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 39-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 39-21, Resolution expressing condolences and sympathies on the death of Richard B. “Dick” Ladd; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fiedler, Co-Sponsor, read the resolution.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, read the County Executive’s condolences.

Linda Schuett, Legislative Counsel, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Volke shared stories about Mr. Ladd.

Resolution No. 39-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

BILL NO. 57-21(As Amended)

The Chair called Bill No. 57-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: The issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes – For the purpose of authorizing the issuance by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the “County”) of bond anticipation notes in an amount to be outstanding at any time not in excess of

Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000) and bonds in an amount not exceeding ~~One Billion Thirty Million Four Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eight Dollars (\$1,030,407,908)~~ One Billion Twenty Five Million Five Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$1,025, 553,382 in order to finance in whole or in part the construction of capital projects set forth in the capital budget of the County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or in such capital budgets for prior fiscal years, or usable portions thereof; authorizing the issuance by the County of refunding bonds to refund some or all of the outstanding bond issues of the County listed on Exhibit II attached hereto and incorporated herein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds to be refunded, subject to the requirement that debt service savings shall be achieved in connection with any such refunding; authorizing the County to borrow money and incur indebtedness otherwise authorized to be borrowed and incurred hereunder in the form of bonds or bond anticipation notes by obtaining a loan or loans from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 9-1601 through 9-1622, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement) for the public purpose of financing a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping certain wastewater facilities and water supply systems; providing for the execution and delivery by the County of a loan agreement and bond to evidence any such loan; etc.; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Carolyn McVay, Office of Finance, Karin McQuade, Controller, Office of Finance, David Gregory, Bond Counsel, William Henn, Bond Counsel, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron reminded the Council that the numbers were amended at the last meeting to reflect the final numbers approved by the FY21 Budget.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 57-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 57-21, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 57-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: The issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 2

The Chair called for Amendment No. 2, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This technical amendment corrects a calculation error on page 1 of Exhibit I-A.

Mr. Baron stated the numbers in the bill are correct.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey
Nay – None

Bill No. 57-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey
Nay – None

BILL NO. 59-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called Bill No 59-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Traffic – Vehicles on Public Sidewalks – For the purpose of defining “bicycle”; allowing the riding of bicycles, play vehicles, or unicycles on public sidewalks and sidewalk areas; adding exceptions and conditions to riding on sidewalks; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Alex Baquie, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Highways, Major Michelle Simpson, Police Department, Nicole Liening, Central Services/Risk Management, Tanya Asman, Office of Transportation, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron stated bicycles cannot be operated safely along roads in all areas of the County.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 59-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of public testimony received for Bill No. 59-21, as amended, which was posted to the website and is part of the official record.

The following individual spoke on Bill No. 59-21, as amended:

Jon Korin, Severna Park

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

The Chair called Bill No. 59-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Traffic – Vehicles on Public Sidewalks; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Rodvien each acknowledged the benefits of the bill.

Mr. Volke asked for confirmation that dirt bikes would not be allowed on sidewalks.

Mr. Baron confirmed this.

Bill No. 59-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

BILL NO. 63-21

The Chair called bill No. 63-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Critical Area Overlay – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Critical Area Layer” as the critical area overlay for Anne Arundel County; grandfathering certain applications for development, variances, and special exceptions; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning, Land Use, Matt Johnston, Environmental Policy Director, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning, Kelly Krinetz, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the reason for the bill.

Ms. Haire questioned the grandfathering clause in the bill.

Ms. Krinetz explained the the reason for it.

Mr. Baron stated property owners were notified in 2019 about the changes being made.

Ms. Fiedler asked if technology changed the boundary line.

Ms. Krinetz explained how technology gave an accurate boundary.

Mr. Volke asked about a specific spot in his district.

Ms. Krinetz explained the changes in that area.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 63-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of public testimony received for Bill No. 63-21, which was posted to the website and are part of the official record.

The following individuals spoke on Bill No. 63-21:

Theophilus Britt Griswold, Annapolis

William Marshall, Annapolis

Paul Burdett, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 63-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Critical Area Overlay; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Haire asked questions about the new map and land use.

Mr. Baron and Ms. Krinetz explained the meaning behind the new map..

Ms. Fiedler asked about the .

Mr. Johnston answered.

Ms. Rodvien clarified that the Council had the final decision on any proposed changes of the underlying zoning.

Bill No. 63-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

BILL NO. 64-21

The Chair called Bill No. 64-21, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis – For the purpose of replacing a certain payment in lieu of taxes agreement for exemptions from County real property taxes for properties owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis; and providing for the time and terms under which the payment in lieu of taxes and tax exemptions will take effect; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Karin McQuade, Controller, Office of Finance, and Kelly Kenney, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron stated the bill approves a new pilot agreement and is needed to cover new housing projects. He explained the new agreement.

Ms. Haire asked for clarification on the RAD program.

Ms. Kenney explained the RAD program.

There was clarification on the financial changes the program offers.

Ms. Rodvien asked for the Council to support the bill and expressed the need for affordable housing.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 64-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 64-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 64-21, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Haire clarified the pilot agreement was limited to a few projects.

Ms. Kenney agreed.

Ms. Haire asked if any new projects would be included in the agreement.

Ms. Kenney stated this applied to any currently owned property and any future property.

Ms. Rodvien gave her opinion on the acquirement of new property.

Bill No. 64-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire

BILL NO. 65-21

The Chair called Bill No. 65-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development and Zoning – Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area – For the purpose of clarifying that the test for adequate road facilities for redevelopment, the adequate public facilities mitigation provisions, and the development requirements and zoning provisions for redevelopment in the Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area only apply if the developer redevelops under certain provisions of Article 18; providing that the submission of a revised concept plan for redevelopment in the Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area may be optional; and generally relating to subdivision and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard, Sponsor, explained the bill and the fixes it makes to a previous bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning, Land Use, Matt Johnston, Environmental Policy Director, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning, Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Volke questioned what the bill is changing.

Ms. Miller clarified the revised concept plan and explained that the use of the overlay was optional, not mandatory.

Ms. Pickard explained the reason for the Glen Burnie Overlay.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 65-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 65-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 65-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development and Zoning – Glen Burnie Sustainable Community Overlay Area; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 65-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

BILL NO. 66-21

The Chair called Bill No. 66-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Parking, Nonresidential Outdoor Lighting, and Signage – Prohibited Signs and Temporary Signs – For the purpose of amending the definition of “sign”; allowing wind signs and signs painted on the roof of a structure; repealing the limitation on temporary real estate and construction signs; allowing temporary signs for particular uses to exceed the normal size; limiting the number of temporary signs allowed on a private property; allowing temporary signs to be displayed for a certain period of time; making technical changes; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Haire, Sponsor, stated that the bill deals primarily with wind signs. She gave an example and explained the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning, Land Use, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron provided background on the bill..

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 66-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 66-21, which were posted to the website and are part of the official record.

The following individual spoke on Bill No. 66-21:

Sarah Price, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 66-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Parking, Nonresidential Outdoor Lighting, and Signage – Prohibited Signs and Temporary Signs; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Chair called for Amendment No. 1, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This technical amendment rearranges the words used in the definition of “temporary sign”.

Ms. Haire, Sponsor, confirmed the purpose of the amendment.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey
Nay – None

Amendment No. 2

The Chair called for Amendment No. 2, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment allows animated signs in the County.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, confirmed the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Pickard asked for an example of an animated sign.

Mr. Volke and Ms. Schuett responded.

Mr. Baron expressed concern regarding the definition.

Ms. Haire stated there was still a lot of work to do on sign law.

Ms. Fiedler asked if school signs qualified as animated signs.

Ms. Miller defined animated sign.

Ms. Kenney talked about electronic message boards.

Mr. Volke agreed there needed to be more work on the definition of animated sign.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Haire, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 3

The Chair called for Amendment No. 3, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment removes the limit on the number of temporary signs allowed on a private property.

Mr. Volke, Co-Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Ms. Lacey stated the language was too broad in the bill.

The Administration opposed. Mr. Baron stated there was a concern about the overabundance of signs.

Ms. Haire explained different limits on signs and her position on the amount of signs throughout the year.

Ms. Fiedler spoke about a conversation with the Office of Planning and Zoning on similar legislation.

Ms. Miller stated there had been calls regarding excess signs on properties, causing frustration with addressing the problem.

Ms. Pickard asked if there was state law regarding election signage.

Ms. Kenney stated these signs were included in the County Code.

Ms. Pickard asked if flutter flags were considered temporary signs.

Ms. Kenney stated there would be a limit placed on the time the flag could be displayed, not on what the flags say.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 3 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 4

The Chair called for Amendment No. 4, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment removes the time limit on how long a temporary sign may be displayed.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated there needs to be a reasonable limit on the time frame.

Ms. Haire shared her view on the amendment.

Ms. Lacey stated the bill did not state what type of property the sign would be on, either commercial or private.

Ms. Haire asked if there was distinctions of signs from zone to zone.

Ms. Miller stated the Code distinguishes between residential and commercial properties.

Ms. Haire asked if Planning and Zoning would have an issue with changing the requirements for temporary signs.

Ms. Miller did not oppose.

Ms. Haire asked about HOA rules.

Ms. Miller answered.

Ms. Rodvien asked if the decision could be made by the quality of the sign not the zone it was in.

Ms. Kenney stated the content of the sign could not be regulated.

Ms. Rodvien asked if commercial versus free speech would be regulation by content.

Ms. Kenney stated some regulations could be placed.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 5

The Chair called for Amendment No. 5, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment removes the general time limit on how long a temporary sign may be displayed and instead adds a limit on when a business sign may be displayed.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron expressed concern on how it would be enforced and explained to the businesses.

Mr. Volke clarified the amendment.

Ms. Haire asked what the business hours would be.

Ms. Fiedler answered.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 5 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler

Nay – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lacey

Amendment No. 6

The Chair called for Amendment No. 6, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment continues the prohibition on signs painted on the roof of a structure.

Ms. Lacey, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration supports the amendment.

Ms. Haire stated this amendment does not impact the bill.

Mr. Volke asked about the concern with the roof signs.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration had not done any research on this subject so could not support or oppose the roof signs.

Ms. Rodvien expressed her view of roof signs.

Ms. Pickard stated the sign code needed an upgrade.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Lacey, Amendment No. 6 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien

The Chair stated Bill No. 66-21, as amended, would be heard on September 7, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 34-21, Resolution approving the declaration of certain unimproved County-owned property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Nancy Noonan, Deputy Central Services Officer, Clifton Martin, Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County, and Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Pickard commended the County for putting the property to good use.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 34-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Resolution No. 34-21.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 34-21, Resolution approving the declaration of certain unimproved County-owned property located in Glen Burnie, Maryland as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 34-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey
Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 35-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 35-21, Resolution approving estimates of the annual costs of providing health insurance benefits and the employer subsidies used to determine the rates for certain participants under the County Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Program; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Karin McQuade, Controller, Office of Finance, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 35-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Resolution No. 35-21.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 35-21, Resolution approving estimates of the annual costs of providing health insurance benefits and the employer subsidies used to determine the rates for certain participants under the County Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Program; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Chair called for Amendment No. 1, and the Administrative Officer read the description:

This amendment adds a statement as to Medicare Advantage Rates for calendar year 2022.

Mr. Baron explained the amendment.

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

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

Resolution No. 35-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard
Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 36-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 36-21, Resolution in support of the County Executive of Anne Arundel County promptly entering into an agreement with Robert A. Pascal Youth and Family Services, Inc. to lease and make fully available County owned property located at 41 Community Place in Crownsville, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, held comments until after public hearing.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman, Health Officer, Nancy Noonan, Deputy Director, Central Services, Adrienne Mickler, Mental Health, Catherine Gray, Mental Health, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron held comments until after public hearing.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 36-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Resolution No. 36-21.

The following individuals spoke on Resolution No. 36-21:

Bruce Bereano, Annapolis
Katherine Bonincontri, Crofton
Patrick Mattix, Orville
Melissa August, Annapolis
Brianna Deshaies, Annapolis
Anthony Anderson, Faulkner
Patrick Kennedy, Deale
Daryl Diggs, Baltimore
Tyler Stewart, Owings Mills

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

Ms. Haire and Mr. Volke questioned Ms. Bonincontri and Mr. Bereano.

The Chair called Resolution No. 36-21, Resolution in support of the County Executive of Anne Arundel County promptly entering into an agreement with Robert A. Pascal Youth and Family Services, Inc. to lease and make fully available County owned property located at 41 Community Place in Crownsville, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler explained why she held her comments until after the public hearing.

Mr. Baron shared the same concern as Ms. Fielder. He explained the Administration's responsibility to the tax payers and residents of the County and the reasons why it opposed the resolution. He shared that the County was doing a study to ensure the assets were being used correctly.

Mr. Volke asked when the study started and what the planning looked like.

Mr. Baron stated the property was being used for furniture storage.

Ms. Noonan explained the process of finding the use of buildings.

Ms. Haire asked about the process for deciding the use of the building next to this property, and if there was a written evaluation for it.

Ms. Noonan answered.

Ms. Fiedler asked for clarification on how the property was acquired.

Ms. Mickler explained how the previous administration took charge of the property.

Mr. Kalyanaraman explained how many beds were available in the County, and how many were occupied at the moment.

Ms. Pickard explained her reasons why she was not comfortable with the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien asked about the legal perspective for the use of the building.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier explained the Code process for leasing County properties.

Mr. Pruski shared his thoughts on the resolution and asked what the timeline of moving the furniture out of the building was.

There was continued discussion regarding the best use of the building.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the vote for Resolution No. 36-21 was held until September 7, 2021 by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Ms. Pickard

The Chair stated Resolution No. 36-21 would be heard on September 7, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 37-21, Resolution approving the nomination of a member to the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs was accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien vouched for the nominee.

Resolution No. 37-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Haire, Ms. Pickard

Ms. Lacey

Nay – None

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer