COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 21
November 1, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lacey at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Pickard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 were no submissions of written public testimony received for Invitation to Audience through the online testimony tool.

The following person spoke on Invitation to Audience:

Jill Brown, Millersville
Kurt Svendsen, Severna Park
David Morsberger, Davidsonville
Kathy Shields, Annapolis
Louise Thomas, Davidsonville
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
David Dull, Severna Park

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, 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 Mr. Pruski, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2021 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 96-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Cedarhurst-on-the-Bay Shore Erosion Control District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement – FOR the purpose of obligating the County to levy the special tax known as the shore erosion control district assessment on the Cedarhurst-on-the-Bay Shore Erosion Control District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Severn Savings Bank to the Cedarhurst Citizens Association, Inc., in each of up to six (6) fiscal years during the term of the loan.
By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 97-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Benefits – Annual Leave – FOR the purpose of allowing annual leave accrued as of the end of pay period calendar year 2021 to be carried over and used during the first pay period of pay period calendar year 2022; increasing permitted carry over of accumulated annual leave accrued as of the end of pay period calendar year 2021; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to personnel.
By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 98-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Human Relations Commission – Student Member – FOR the purpose of making the student member of the Human Relations Commission a voting member; adding the Executive Director of Arundel Community Development Services as a voting member of the Commission; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies.
By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 99-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Exemptions – FOR the purpose of exempting improvements to an existing nonresidential structure outside the critical area or bog protection area from the site development plan process under certain conditions; repealing an exemption relating to certain grading permits; and generally relating to subdivision and development.
By Mr. Volke

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 58-21 – RESOLUTION supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2023 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction
By Ms. Lacey, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the motion to vote to suspend the rules to change the order and hear and vote on Resolution No. 48-21 first was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL OF RESOLUTION FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

The Chair called Resolution No. 48-21, Resolution approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2021 Local Solicitation and recognizing the County Executive's authority to act in connection with the grant; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Billie Penley, Health Department and Hamilton Tyler, Office of Law, stated this is the third Byrne resolution presented to this Council. The grant provides money for various programs and there is no County match to the funds. Mr. Baron described the positions which will be funded by the Resolutions.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 48-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Resolution No. 48-21.

The following individual spoke on Resolution No. 48-21:

Julie Johnson

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

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration was not going to purchase military equipment with the grant. Mr. Tyler stated he did not recall that this was ever done with this grant.

The Chair called Resolution No. 48-21, Resolution approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne

Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2021 Local Solicitation and recognizing the County Executive's authority to act in connection with the grant; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 48-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

BILL NO. 80-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called Bill No. 80-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management and Subdivision and Development – Violation, Enforcement, and Penalties – Civil Fines – Clearing Trees of Significant Size – FOR the purpose of making it a Class A civil offense to clear trees of significant size in violation of County erosion and sediment control law; amending the factors to be used when determining a fine for a Class A civil offense; amending the definition of "clearing"; adding a definition of "hazardous tree; and generally relating to floodplain management, erosion and sediment control, and stormwater management; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard, Sponsor, stated this bill was heard at the last meeting and was amended. Ms. Pickard stated she had worked on the bill with Ms. Rodvien and the Administration. She explained the purpose and intent of the bill and the fines that would be incurred.

Ms. Rodvien thanked the Administration and the Co-Sponsors of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Matt Johnston, Environment Policy Director, Mark Wedemeyer, Inspections and Permits and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney, stated they had discussed the bill at earlier meetings. He stated this bill will help to enforce the intent of the Forest Conservation law past previously.

Ms. Haire asked if general maintenance of a property owner's trees is included in this bill.

Ms. Kenney stated it is not.

Mr. Volke asked how this bill will help with enforcement and how many cases they have that this bill would help with.

Mr. Johnston stated this bill will give Inspections and Permits the authority to see if there are any large specimen trees that are cut down during clearing and if there are to impose fines. It also gives Inspections and Permits discretion in fining if there is an accidental clearing.

Mr. Johnston stated there are many instances of clearing without permits and there is a whole staff who go out to check on these instances every day. There has not been a law that enabled them to see how many specimen trees were included in unpermitted clearing.

Ms. Pickard described a situation in Annapolis where unpermitted clearing had occurred and the developer only got a $500 fine.

Ms. Haire asked how many fines has been issued in the last three years.

Mr. Wedemeyer stated he did not have that number available.

Mr. Volke asked if the fine was per tree cut.

Mr. Johnston stated it was a fine for the entire clearing activity up to $10,000.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 80-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of public testimony received for Bill No. 80-21, as amended, which were posted to the website and are part of the official record.

The following individual spoke on Bill No. 80-21, as amended:

Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

Ms. Haire asked if there was potential to have a homeowner caught up in this and would be facing a $10,000 fine.

Mr. Baron stated they would have to clear 5,000 square feet of trees and would have to already be doing a significant amount of clearing. He stated there is also discretion built into the bill.

The Chair called Bill No. 80-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Floodplain Management, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Management and Subdivision and Development – Violation, Enforcement, and Penalties – Civil Fines – Clearing Trees of Significant Size; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 80-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 83-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 83-21, An Emergency Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Uses and Structures – Temporary Uses – For the purpose of amending certain termination dates established by Bill No. 55-21 to extend the temporary use authorization for outdoor seating at restaurants; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy CAO for Land Use, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Planning and Zoning, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Legislative County Attorney, stated this bill amends the sunset date of Bill No. 55-21, which extended the authorization for outdoor seating at restaurants. The new sunset date will be January, 2023. He stated that this would give restaurants time to recover from the impact of the pandemic.

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration recognizes that many people are not yet comfortable dining inside of restaurants yet. He stated the Administration would request a brief recess if the bill is passed to electronically transmit the bill to the County Executive for his signature.

Mr. Volke asked if this bill has anything to do with a state of emergency in the County at this time.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated it does not.

Mr. Volke asked if the emergency nature of the bill is because the Council and Administration want the bill to take effect immediately after the County Executive signs it instead of the normal 45 day wait period. He asked for verification that it has no intent to reinstate the State of Emergency in the County.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated that was correct.

Mr. Pruski stated the bill is so that restaurants can keep their tents up or take them down, at their discretion.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 83-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 83-21.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 83-21:

David Morsberger, Davidsonville
David Dull, Severna Park
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

Mr. Baron stated the bill clarified what areas could be used for outdoor dining.

Mr. Volke asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor to the bill. He stated that a constituent had contacted him about handicapped accessible spaces and verified that this bill does not allow outdoor dining in handicapped accessible spaces.

Ms. Rodvien spoke about the determination of what an emergency is.

Ms. Fiedler stated this legislation is important to businesses in her district.

Ms. Haire asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Ms. Lacey stated she thought that the January 2023 date was further than she would have gone.

Ms. Pickard stated this bill was to try to save legislative time so it isn't required to come back every six months for another extension.

Ms. Rodvien stated there also seems to be thoughts to make some parts of this bill permanent which also could be considered with further legislation.

Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Haire asked to be added as Co-Sponsors of Bill No. 83-21.

The Chair called Bill No. 83-21, An Emergency Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Uses and Structures – Temporary Uses; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 83-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

<u>RECESS</u>

The Chair called for a motion for a five minute recess for the Administration to acquire the County Executive's signature on Bill No. 83-21.

Mr. Volke made a motion, Mr. Pruski seconded, to recess for five minutes for the County Executive to sign Bill 83-21. All Councilmembers voted aye.

The Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. with all Council present.

<u>BILL NO. 84-21</u>

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 84-21, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of Lease of County-owned property to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. – For the purpose of approving the lease of a portion of a County-owned property known as 1160 Reece Road, Severn, MD 21144, to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Chris Daniels, Central Services, Kathleen Koch, Executive Director, ACDS and Christine Neiderer, Office of Law, stated the Administration was excited to bring Bill No. 84-21 to the Council. He explained the building's purpose, administration and operation.

Ms. Koch stated she excited to have this bill before the Council.

Ms. Pickard thanked all of those individuals who had worked on this bill.

Ms. Lacey stated this will be in her district and discussed the obstacles that were overcome to bring this plan into place. She thanked her colleagues for their support

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 84-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 84-21.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 84-21:

Garry Mohler, Jessup
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

Ms. Haire asked if there was a competitive RFP to achieve the lease.

Ms. Koch stated there was not because the majority of the funding was available because of the Boys and Girls Club and the community they serve.

Ms. Haire asked why this was the case when it was not so with the Pascal lease a few months ago.

Mr. Baron stated it was not the same because the funding source was specific to the Boys and Girls Club and they were talking about an existing building and deciding what the building would be used for.

Ms. Koch explained the needs of the communities and the studies that were done. She stated there was a public process in 2005.

Ms. Lacey stated she was not aware of anyone competing to use the lot adjacent to the school during the prior 30 years to build a building from scratch. She does not see it being comparable to Pascal which was going to use an existing building.

There was continued discussion of the RFP process.

The Chair called Bill No. 84-21, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of Lease of County-owned property to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc.; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 84-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 85-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 85-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Public Schools – For the purpose of modifying the provisions for an exemption from requirements for adequate public facilities for schools; restoring provisions relating to the school utilization chart as they existed before the sunset of Bill No. 15-18; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy CAO for Land Use, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Planning and Zoning, Lynn Miller, Planning and Zoning, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Legislative County Attorney, stated the purpose of the bill and the need for the schools. He stated that the need for this bill is the result of years of previous Administrations and Councils that did not plan ahead. He explained the work group that had been convened and what their findings were. He stated the work was hard and complicated.

Ms. Fiedler asked if without this bill, would there be schools that would be closed that would be open.

Mr. Baron stated there would be on the next school chart.

Ms. Pickard stated the work being done is difficult and complicated and urged support of the amendments when they were presented.

Ms. Rodvien asked if there is a timeframe the work group is working under.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration is committed to completing the task correctly and didn’t want to give an arbitrary deadline. He stated it needs to be done correctly or they will be right back where they are now.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler stated the current timeline is late spring to early summer of 2022. He stated that every time they meet there are new issues to deal with. There are also a large number of people who are engaged with the process.

Ms. Haire asked if there is anything in the bill that is new since the passage of the GDP.

Mr. Baron stated if the proposed amendments are included it should match up with Bill No. 92-17 and Bill No. 15-18.

Ms. Pickard stated the workgroup consists of many stakeholders and is sharing information that has not been shared previously. She stated it tackles many issues that will need to be discussed by the community.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 85-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 85-21, as amended, which were posted to the website and are part of the official record.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 85-21:

David Dull, Severna Park
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 85-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public Facilities – Public Schools; 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 provides for an additional mitigation option when schools are over 95% state-rated capacity but less than 100%, and allows donations of land for new or expanded school facilities to mitigate capacity deficiencies based on the value of the land donated and the actual costs of construction of new or expanded school facilities.

Mr. Baron stated the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked if the purpose of the amendment was to go back to the portions of the Code prior to the GDP.

Mr. Baron stated that was correct.

Mr. Volke asked how they had missed so much of the content in the prior bills.

Mr. Baron said it was an error. He stated they should have gotten it correct the first time.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

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

This amendment adds as a condition for passing the test for adequacy of school facilities that the number of students projected to be generated by the development does not exceed 85% of the available capacity of each open school.

Mr. Baron stated the purpose of the amendment. They missed the mitigation portion when they drafted the bill.

Ms. Fiedler asked if since the passage of the former bills if any land has been donated to mitigate school capacity.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated there has not been.

Ms. Haire asked what the process was for how this would work and how much land would need to be donated.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler explained the process between a developer and the County to determine if the donation in question is appropriate.

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

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

<u>Amendment No. 3</u>

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

This amendment clarifies that the application referred to is the initial application for subdivision or a site development plan.

Ms. Pickard stated the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration has no issue with the amendment.

Ms. Haire asked when the timing starts now.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler stated there are many factors that determine when the clock starts.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated it was to clarify something that had been deleted but which needed to be partly included.

Ms. Haire asked to be sure we were not going to affect anyone who was in the process.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated that it was not.

On motion of Mr. Pruski, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 3 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 4

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

This amendment provides that the provisions of this Ordinance will terminate on May 1, 2023.

Ms. Pickard stated the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration is comfortable with the date.

Mr. Volke stated he was concerned about the deadline and thought it may be better just to let the work group do their job and see when they are finished.

Mr. Baron stated Mr. Kaii-Ziegler stated this is a generational culmination of policy decisions that have made this type of deep dive necessary. He stated they are comfortable with a date certain or with no date. He stated the work is done when it is completed.

Ms. Pickard stated she prefers the date certain.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 85-21, as amended, will be heard on November 15, 2021.

BILL NO. 86-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 86-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Tax Credits – Public Safety Officer Property Tax Credit – For the purpose of extending the duration of the Public Safety Officer property tax credit; extending the termination of the Public Safety Officer property tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Pruski, Sponsor, stated the purpose of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Hujia Hasim, Budget Office, Darcy Good, Finance and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, stated the Administration supports to bill.

Ms. Rodvien asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor of the bill.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 86-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of public testimony received for Bill No. 86-21, as amended, which were posted to the website and are part of the official record.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 86-21:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Frederick Fontz, Crofton
Joe Larson, Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters
O'Brien Atkinson, Fraternal Order of Police
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
David Dull, Severna Park

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

Mr. Pruski stated he supports this bill because of who it is benefiting and that these public servants have worked hard during the pandemic and deserve our support. It will also help in hiring and retention.

Mr. Volke stated it is expensive, but he is supporting the bill because he thinks it is a good bill and will help with recruitment and retention.

Ms. Rodvien stated she has spoken to members of the public safety officer groups and that we need to find ways to improve morale and this is a good way to work toward that goal.

Ms. Lacey stated she agrees with the speakers as well as the criticism of the bill. She thinks that retention and recruitment for these positions are important and hopes this will help with those things. She stated it make sense to maximize the investment the County makes in training.

The Chair called Bill No. 86-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Tax Credits – Public Safety Officer Property Tax Credit; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 86-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 87-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 87-21, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Amusements – Commercial Bingo and Alcoholic Beverages – For the purpose of repealing the prohibition against serving alcoholic beverages during commercial bingo games; and generally relating to licenses and registrations; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Lacey, Sponsor, stated the purpose of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney, stated the Administration supports the bill.

Mr. Volke, Co-Sponsor, asked for the Council's support.

Mr. Pruski, Co-Sponsor, asked for the Council's support.

Ms. Pickard asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a Co-Sponsor.

Ms. Rodvien asked how the law got on the books. Ms. Kenney stated she did not know how the law came into effect but would research it and let her know.

The Chair opened the public hearing on Bill No. 87-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of written testimony.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 87-21:

Jerrod Evans, Davidsonville
Randy Clemons, Pasadena
David Dull, Severna Park

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

The Chair called Bill No. 87-21, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Amusements – Commercial Bingo and Alcoholic Beverages; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 87-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 54-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 54-21, Resolution requesting the Charter Revision Commission to consider certain issues; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Rodvien stated the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Haire stated the resolution calls for consideration by the Charter Review Commission of certain items and wanted the public to be aware the Council is not saying anything positive or negative about any of the items. It simply is requesting their review and recommendation.

Ms. Fiedler stated she has gotten questions about the resolution and wanted the public to know that a supermajority of the Council will be required to approve any changes.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier verified this. She also clarified the timing difference is because of the late results receipt of the census data.

Ms. Rodvien detailed the list of items the Council wished to have the Commission consider.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 54-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of written testimony.

The following individuals spoke on Resolution No. 54-21:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Patric Enright, Gambrills

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

Ms. Lacey explained that all of the questions submitted by the Council were included in the resolution with no editing, which may explain some that seem repetitive.

Ms. Haire stated that putting the 1963 proposed Charter up on the website is a good idea.

Ms. Corby stated they are working on putting items on the website but the documents are aging and in some instances fragile. She stated they are working with the Office of Law to make sure all laws are followed.

The Chair called Resolution No. 54-21, Resolution requesting the Charter Revision Commission to consider certain issues; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 54-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that the following resolutions would be read individually but a joint discussion and hearing would be held.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-21, RESOLUTION NO. 56-21, AND RESOLUTION 57-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 55-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 2; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 56-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 4; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 57-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 7; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy DCAO for Land Use, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Planning and Zoning, Christina Pompa, Planning and Zoning, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Legislative County Attorney, explained the purpose of the resolutions. He stated they received over 130 applications for the 15 positions which are available. He stated there were difficult choices when there are so many qualified applicants. He explained that the SAC meetings will be open meetings and allow for public participation.

Mr. Baron explained the process which was developed to review the applications and the composition of each of the SAC groups. The Administration thanked the group at the Office of Planning and Zoning who reviewed the applications.

Mr. Baron gave an overview of each of the regions, their composition and how many applicants there were for each region.

Ms. Fiedler asked if the Administration has contacted the people who are in the resolution as well as the people who were not selected.

Mr. Baron stated everyone has been contacted.

The Chair opened a joint public hearing on Resolution No. 55-21, Resolution No. 56-21 and Resolution No. 57-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of written testimony.

The following persons testified on the resolutions:

Ellen Moss, Jessup
Garry Mauler, Jessup

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

Ms. Lacey asked how the conflict of interest questions were handled.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier stated they passed the question to the Ethics Committee. They agreed with his assessment that it is not improper to have someone one the committee who has a stake in a piece of property in the area. It may be proper for that person to recuse themselves if a particular piece of property they have an interest in is being discussed.

Mr. Baron stated their position that all voices should be heard on the committees.

Mr. Pruski stated he had not been selected many years ago for one of the committees, but he did testify. He asked if a meeting location had been selected yet.

Ms. Pompa stated their plan is to do some virtual and some in the region being discussed.

Ms. Haire asked how many proposed appointees were residents versus business owners. She outlined her count based on the resolutions. She also asked if all appointments are made by resolution.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration made sure that the composition of the committees would reflect appropriately the area being represented. He stated all appointments are done by Council resolution.

Ms. Fiedler asked about the committee's recommendations. She asked if there was more chances for public participation.

Mr. Baron stated there would.

Ms. Fiedler asked if there was a schedule set out for the committee.

Mr. Baron stated the work to be completed will dictate the schedule.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler stated the application review process took over three months. He stated they are six to nine months behind. They need to review the time commitments and the participants' availability. He estimated that the process would take 18-30 months to complete from when the group starts.

Mr. Volke asked if the Administration has reviewed the party affiliation of the participants on the committee.

Mr. Baron stated they did not.

Mr. Volke stated he had and it seemed that there were many who were registered democrats. He asked if that was happenstance.

Mr. Baron stated it was happenstance.

The Chair called Resolution No. 55-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 2; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 55-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 56-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 4; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 56-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 57-21 – Resolution approving the nominations for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 7; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 57-21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Pruski, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Susan Cline

By Susan F. Cline

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer