

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 24

December 20, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Fiedler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 25 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 Michelle Bohlayer. Linda Schuett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

SALARY STANDARD COMMISSION

Ms. Rodvien introduced O'Brien Atkinson, Chair, who was accompanied by four other commission members.

Mr. Atkinson presented the Commission's final report for future elected Council members. The Commission voted to increase the Council's salary by 2.5% over the next four years, while increasing the automobile allowance and offering healthcare programs with a 50% premium provided by the County.

Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Fiedler thanked the Commission.

Mr. Volke asked if the Commission looked at the original salary payments and what the vote was.

Mr. Atkinson affirmed and stated the vote was 6-1.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

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

The following person spoke on Invitation to Audience:

Steven Waddy, Severn
Amy Leahy, Severna Park
Julie Johnson, 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. Lacey, 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. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Lacey, the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2021 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 113-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate Public School Facilities – School Utilization Chart – FOR the purpose of approving the 2023 School Utilization Chart prepared by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 114-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Charges and Assessments – Late Penalties – FOR the purpose of allowing the waiver of penalties on overdue water and wastewater service charges due to County error or billing or payment delays due to certain events or issues affecting multiple property owners; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 115-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real and Personal Property Taxes – Late Interest and Penalties – FOR the purpose of allowing the waiver of interest and penalties on overdue property taxes due to County error or billing or payment delays due to certain events or issues affecting multiple property owners; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 116-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Nonconforming Uses – Termination – FOR the purpose of allowing a nonconforming use or structure to be repaired under certain circumstances; amending the method of calculating termination of a nonconforming use; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 117-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Commercial Revitalization Area Program – FOR the purpose of extending the expiration date of the Commercial Revitalization Area Program, formerly titled the Community Revitalization Program, established by Bill No. 97-01 and amended by Bill Nos. 94-06, 4-12, and 6-17.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)
and Ms. Pickard

BILL NO. 118-21 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Sherwood Forest Special Community Benefit District – FOR the purpose of modifying the purposes of the Sherwood Forest Special Community Benefit District.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 64-21 – A RESOLUTION ENTITLED: Charter Amendment – Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission – RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to require the Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission

Introduced by Mr. Pruski

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Lacey, the motion to suspend the rules to hear and vote on Resolution No. 63-21 first was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO 63-21

The Chair called Resolution No. 63-21, Resolution amending certain reporting deadlines required of the Charter Revision Commission; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke explained the resolution.

Andrea Mansfield, Chair, Charter Revision Commission, gave an overview of what the Commission has worked on and plans for the future.

Mr. Pruski asked how long Ms. Klasmeier has been at the County.

Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, answered 21 years.

Mr. Pruski asked if every prior Council was able to get maps together in a timely manner.

Ms. Klasmeier explained the timing of receiving information.

Ms. Pickard clarified that the Commission was not asking for an extension.

Ms. Mansfield confirmed.

Ms. Fiedler asked if there could be more public hearings.

Ms. Klasmeier stated there was no limit.

Ms. Fiedler recognized there were several comments at the last Commission meeting regarding the resolution.

Ms. Haire stated that in the last meeting's minutes there were four members who asked for an extension.

Ms. Mansfield stated she was not at that meeting and there was not a motion or vote to move forward with an extension.

Ms. Haire asked how much time and effort it would take to create the maps.

Steve Kaii-Ziegler, Planning and Zoning Officer, explained that Planning and Zoning has almost completed creating maps for the Commission.

Ms. Fielder read an email conversation with Ms. Klasmeier regarding the timing of the Council's approval of a map. She expressed her concern about how quickly the process is happening.

Ms. Rodvien asked for an overview of advertisement.

Laura Corby, Administrative Officer, explained the notification process.

Linda Schuett, Legislative Counsel, asked about the consequences if the Council did not approve a map by the end of December.

Ms. Klasmeier stated there would not be any consequences.

Mr. Volke asked if there was a vote to move forward with the maps by December 31st.

Ms. Mansfield stated there was not a vote on timing and explained what was voted on at the last meeting.

Mr. Volke asked why the Commission wanted to keep the quick timeline.

Ms. Mansfield explained the Commission wanted to meet the intentions of the Council and make the changes needed for fair voting.

Ms. Pickard shared her desire to have the Commission do their work without interference.

Ms. Lacey asked if the Board of Elections could meet the deadlines for the primary.

Ms. Klasmeier stated the primary was not discussed.

Ms. Lacey speculated the BOE could meet the primary deadline without the redistricting affecting it. She stated anyone running for election would pay attention to the redistricting discussions and plan accordingly, then expressed her preference to allow the Commission to work uninterrupted.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received on Resolution No. 63-21, through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

Steven Waddy, Severn
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 63-21, Resolution amending certain reporting deadlines required of the Charter Revision Commission; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Haire expressed her support of the resolution.

Mr. Volke asked what the rate of growth was since the 2018 election.

Mr. Kaii-Zeigler stated the growth rate was less than 1%.

Ms. Fiedler stated the resolution does not prohibit the Commission from reaching the December deadline, but gives flexibility to the timeframe.

Resolution No. 63-21 was defeated by the following roll call vote.

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

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

BILL NO 96-21(As Amended)

The Chair called Bill No. 96-21 (As Amended) - 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 Shore United Bank, currently doing business as Severn Savings Bank to the Cedarhurst Citizens Association, Inc., in each of up to six (6) fiscal years during the term of the loan; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron gave a review of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 96-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 96-21, as amended.

The following individual spoke on Bill No. 96-21, as amended:

Skip Meano, Shady Side

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

The Chair called Bill No. 96-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Cedarhurst-on-the-Bay Shore Erosion Control District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Corby explained that the order of the votes was incorrect and would be corrected now.

Bill No. 96-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 97-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called Bill No. 97-21 (As Amended) – An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Benefits – Annual Leave – Personal Leave Days – For the purpose of allowing annual leave and personal leave days 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

Mr. Volke asked how the bill will take affect if it is not active until after the new year.

Ms. Klasmeier stated there is a retro activity provision.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 97-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 97-21, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 97-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Benefits – Annual Leave – Personal Leave Days; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 97-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 98-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 98-21, As amended - 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, Inc. or their designee, as a voting member of the Commission; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Asha Smith, Human Relations, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

Ms. Haire clarified that the Human Relations Commission could levy fines up to \$10,000.

Mr. Baron confirmed.

Ms. Smith stated it was for fair housing complaints.

Ms. Haire expressed her concern for a young person to be allowed to levy a fine.

Mr. Baron shared confidence that the student member placed on the Commission would be capable of handling the job.

Mr. Volke asked how many voting ties the Human Relations Commission has experienced.

Ms. Smith stated there has not been many.

Ms. Pickard reminded the Council that there has been a student member on the Commission for at least 50 years with full voting rights.

Mr. Pruski stated the public supported a student member.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 98-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received on Bill No. 98-21, as amended, through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following individuals spoke on Bill No. 98-21, as amended:

Connor Curran, Chair, Youth Advisory Council, Pasadena
Tara Kim, Pasadena

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

The Chair called Bill No. 98-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Human Relations Commission – Student Member; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Haire thanked the public speakers for testifying.

Ms. Rodvien shared her view on the work of the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Volke shared his support of the bill.

Bill No. 98-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 99-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on 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; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Planning and Zoning, Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Mark Wedemeyer, Director, Inspections and Permits, and Kelly Kenney, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron expressed the Administration's support and explained why certain amendments would be held.

Mr. Volke clarified the amendments to be introduced.

Amendment No. 1

This technical amendment removes redundant language.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

This amendment clarifies that the 50 daily vehicles trips in the completion year of the improvement must be new trips.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 99-21, as amended, will be heard on January 3, 2022.

BILL NO. 100-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 100-21, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – Reemployment – Reduction of Benefits – For the purpose of limiting the exemption from pension benefit reduction to the first 1,500 hours worked for certain reemployment situations; and generally relating to pensions; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, Kelly Lovett, Personnel, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

Ms. Budowski explained the background to the bill.

Mr. Volke asked about a letter sent from the Pension Oversight Commission.

Ms. Budowski expressed Personnel's view of the letter.

Ms. Lacey asked why this bill was not brought up after the Charter Amendment was passed.

Ms. Budowski stated there are no rehires that cross the 1,500 hour mark and this bill clarifies any future conflicts.

Ms. Haire asked about the cost impact.

Ms. Bohlayer answered that the impact would come from any future issues.

Mr. Volke asked if the reduction of pension benefits insures the pension system is solvent.

Ms. Budowski explained the process of paying rehires.

Ms. Schuett shared history on the pension benefits. She asked if the County has discussed keeping experienced retirees without taking away pensions.

Ms. Budowski explained when retirees would get reductions.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 100-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 100-21.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 100-21:

Mike Shire, Pension Oversight Commission, answered Council questions about the distributed letter.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 100-21, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – Reemployment – Reduction of Benefits; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Haire clarified the timeframe of the reduction of benefits.

Mr. Volke asked if there were any issues with hiring due to the pension reduction component.

Ms. Budowski shared there has not been any issues and that it is a benefit to bring back employees with extensive knowledge.

Ms. Haire asked if there were retirees that hit the 1,500 hour mark before the end of the year.

Ms. Budowski answered that there was one employee.

Ms. Schuett clarified other county provisions and how retirees could go to another job to avoid losing pension.

Ms. Budowski agreed.

Mr. Volke asked about future savings.

Ms. Bohlayer stated there would not be an impact if the bill passes.

Ms. Lacey reminded the Council where the pension rules came from and expressed the need to review the rules in the future.

Ms. Schuett clarified she did not need to be recuse herself.

Bill No. 100-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – Ms. Pickard, Mr. Pruski

BILL NO. 101-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 101-21, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of private disposition of County-owned property located in Millersville, Maryland – For the purpose of approving the terms and conditions under which the County may convey certain

County-owned property to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (“BOE”); and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer, AACPS, and Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 101-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 101-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 101-21, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of private disposition of County-owned property located in Millersville, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Lacey asked if the park would remain open for the public while construction was underway.

Mr. Szachnowicz stated the groundbreaking would happen in the spring and a portion of the property would remain untouched.

Ms. Pickard shared her excitement of the project.

Bill No. 101-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 102-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 102-21, An Ordinance concerning: Requirements for Conditional Uses – Adult Independent Dwelling Units – Setbacks – For the purpose of clarifying that structures in an adult independent dwelling facility be located a certain distance from all lot lines; requiring that parking areas for adult independent dwelling units be located a certain distance from residential lot lines; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the bill.

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

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 102-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 102-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 102-21, An Ordinance concerning: Requirements for Conditional Uses – Adult Independent Dwelling Units – Setbacks; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Haire, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 102-21 until January 3, 2022 was approved by the following vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 102-21 would be heard on January 3, 2022.

BILL NO. 103-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 103-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Commercial Districts – Gunsmiths and Ammunition Sales Facilities – For the purpose of allowing gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities as a permitted use in C3 zoning districts; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fiedler, Co-Sponsor, explained the bill.

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

Mr. Baron expressed the desire to see the impact of the bill countywide.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 103-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 103-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 103-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Commercial Districts – Gunsmiths and Ammunition Sales Facilities; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment prohibits “gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities” in town center districts.

Ms. Fielder, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 103-21, as amended, will be heard on January 3, 2022.

BILL NO. 104-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 104-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – School Bus Facilities – For the purpose of adding a definition of “school bus facility”; allowing school bus facilities as a permitted use in certain commercial and industrial zoning districts; allowing school bus facilities as a conditional use in certain commercial and small business zoning districts; adding the conditional use requirements for school bus facilities; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Fielder, Sponsor, explained the bill.

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

Mr. Baron expressed the Administration’s concern.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 104-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 104-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 104-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – School Bus Facilities; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

On motion by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 104-21 until January 3, 2022 was approved by the following vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 104-21, will be heard on January 3, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 62-21, Resolution proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to add a requirement that the County Council confirm the County Executive's appointment of a Planning and Zoning Officer; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the resolution.

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

Mr. Baron stated the Administration supports transparency and asked why this position was singled out.

Mr. Volke stated he would add all positions if possible and this position receives a lot of attention.

Ms. Pickard shared her thoughts on adding other positions and stated the Charter Revision Commission should take up the appointment power of the Council.

Ms. Fiedler shared that some citizens would like the Planning and Zoning Officer position to be an elected position.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 62-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Resolution No. 62-21.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 62-21, Resolution proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to add a requirement that the County Council confirm the County Executive's appointment of a Planning and Zoning Officer; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Rodvien expressed her support of the current process.

Resolution No. 62-21 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Rodvien expressed her desire to continue having virtual work sessions.

Ms. Pickard and Ms. Lacey agreed.

Mr. Pruski stated Corporal Wilde was retiring.

Ms. Pickard asked to discuss the start time of the January 3rd meeting.

Ms. Corby stated the notice should be updated for advertisement.

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by, Ms. Pickard, the decision to start the January 3, 2022 meeting at 6:00 P.M. was passed by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer