

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Virtual Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 1

January 3, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 6:00 P.M. and she opened with the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah 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.

The Chair gave instructions and reminders for the meeting.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

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

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

RECESS

On motion by Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the motion to recess for technical issues until 6:15 P.M. was approved.

The motion to recess until 7:15 P.M. and then make a decision to continue the meeting was motioned by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Lacey. This motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Fiedler asked if the power outages would affect the Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier responded.

Mr. Volke asked about the motion to recess.

Ms. Schuett clarified.

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to recess until 7:15 P.M. to resolve the broadcasting issues was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 7:15 P.M. with all members present.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her concern about the power outages.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Administrative Officer stated there was one hundred thirty three submissions of written public testimony received for Invitation to Audience through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Invitation to Audience:

Kristen Caminiti, Gambrills
Melissa Idleman, Pasadena
Michael Brown, Glen Burnie
Laura Calise, Arnold

Mr. Volke shared his concern regarding the process of handling inappropriate testimony.

Dana Schulze, Millersville
Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Pasadena
Sean Tavalozzi, Churchton
Chris Ronk, Severna Park

Mr. Volke interrupted with a question about the way in which Invitation to Audience was being conducted.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

Ms. Haire asked about the agenda.

Ms. Rodvien explained the decision to have the public wait until the specific bills are before the Council.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her concern on how the Invitation to Audience was being handled.

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Haire, the motion to adjourn the meeting until another date was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill Love, Severna Park
Kristie Basista, Brooklyn
Williams, Severna Park
Rebecca Clemson-Petrik, Pasadena
David Morseberger, Davidsonville
Seth Lipko, Glen Burnie
Tamara Beger, Odenton
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Tina Bleford, Linthicum
Kecia Pettey, Annapolis

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

ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

On motion by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to consolidate the discussion and public hearing of Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21 was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, 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 20, 2021 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO.1-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations – FOR the purpose of making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund and to certain special funds of the County government for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to making supplementary appropriations of funds to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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

BILL NO. 2-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Cox Creek Dredging 2 and Franklin Manor Dredging capital projects – Fund Transfer – FOR the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by transferring an appropriation of funds from the Franklin Manor Dredging capital project to the Cox Creek Dredging 2 capital project; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriation of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 3-22 - AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Exempt Service – Public Ethics – Financial Disclosure – Resilience Authority Director – Positions in the Classified Service FOR the purpose of adding the position of Resilience Authority Director to the exempt service; providing for the pay, pension, and financial disclosure requirements applicable to the Resilience Authority Director; adding a certain number of classified positions in the Office of the Sheriff approved as part of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance; adding an exempt position under the Chief Administrative Officer approved as part of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance; and generally relating to personnel and public ethics.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 4-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Capital Budget and Capital Program – FOR the purpose of modifying the map requirements for capital projects in the capital budget and capital program; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 5-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Amusements – Licensing of Coin-Operated Amusement Devices – FOR the purpose of amending the definition of “coin-operated amusement device”; amending the regulations governing the licensing of coin-operated amusement devices; amending the classes of specific licenses; repealing a location prohibition; allowing prizes and awards of a certain wholesale value; prohibiting the transfer of a certain license; allowing suspension or revocation of a license under certain circumstances; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.
Introduced by Mr. Pruski

BILL NO. 6-22 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: COVID-19 and the Use of Face Coverings – FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Executive to require face coverings in certain areas in response to a dramatic increase in the spread of COVID-19 in the County; limiting the duration of any requirements for face coverings; allowing certain extensions of time; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

BILL NO. 7-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Extension of Proclamation of Civil Emergency – FOR the purpose of extending the Proclamation of Civil Emergency by the County Executive through January 31, 2022; and making this Ordinance an emergency measure.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-22 – RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Charter of Anne Arundel County to require the establishment of a system of public campaign financing for candidates for County Executive and County Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-22 – RESOLUTION approving a nomination for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 7

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22 – RESOLUTION approving the nomination for reappointment of a member to the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission

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

The Chair stated Resolution No. 2-22 and Resolution No. 3-22 would be heard and voted on at the end of the meeting.

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

BILL NO. 99-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 99-21, as amended, 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 stated there would be amendments.

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.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 99-21, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 99-21, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 99-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Exemptions; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 3

This amendment removes the term “nonresidential” from the proposed exemption for improvements to existing structures located outside the critical area or bog protection area.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 4

This amendment provides that certain grading permits for single residential lot development are not subject to the provisions of Article 17, Title 4.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 5

This amendment clarifies that the Office of Planning and Zoning will issue an administrative decision after considering any comments from reviewing agencies.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 5 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 99-21, as amended, will be heard on January 18, 2022.

BILL NO. 102-21

The Chair called for Bill No. 102-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – 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, stated there would be an amendment

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 explained the support of the bill.

Ms. Rodvien stated the public hearing was concluded at the last meeting.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment requires certain structures to be located at least 50 feet from the boundary line of the development site.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 102-21, as amended, will be heard on January 18, 2022.

BILL NO. 103-21 (As Amended)

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 103-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Commercial Districts – Town Center Districts – Gunsmiths and Ammunition Sales Facilities – For the purpose of allowing gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities as a permitted use in C3 zoning districts except in town center 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 concerns around data showing additional access to guns causing violence.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received for Bill No. 103-21, as amended, through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

This amendment removes changes made by amendment to prohibit “gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities” in town center districts; allows gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities as a conditional use in C3 commercial districts; and adds the conditional use requirement that gunsmiths and ammunition sales facilities be affiliated with a rifle, pistol, skeet, or archery range.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Ms. Pickard thanked the Sponsor.

The Administration supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 103-21, as amended, will be heard on January 18, 2022.

BILL NO. 104-21

The Chair called for 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, stated there was an amendment.

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.

Ms. Rodvien stated the public hearing was concluded at the last meeting.

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

Amendment No. 1

This amendment removes “school bus facilities” as a conditional use in C1 and C2 commercial districts; and removes “school bus facilities” as a permitted use in W1 industrial districts.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated the amendment does not address all the Administrative concerns of the bill.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 104-21, as amended, will be heard on January 18, 2022.

BILL NO. 105-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 105-21, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Employee Relations – Rights of Classified Employees – Limitation on Number of Appropriate Representation Units – For the purpose of modifying the maximum number of appropriate representation units for collective negotiations; providing for the application of the 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, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 105-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 105-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 105-21, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Employee Relations – Rights of Classified Employees – Limitation on Number of Appropriate Representation Units; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 105-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay - None

BILL NO. 106-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 106-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Critical Area Overlay – Resource Conservation Area – Farm Alcohol Production Facility – For the purpose of allowing farm alcohol production facilities as a use in the critical area Resource Conservation Area (“RCA”); making this Ordinance subject to approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission; 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, Matthew Johnston, Environmental Policy Director, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Director, Planning and Zoning, Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, Kelly Krintz, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 106-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 106-21.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 106-21:

Joe Devlin, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 106-21, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Critical Area Overlay – Resource Conservation Area – Farm Alcohol Production Facility; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 106-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay - None

BILL NO. 107-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 107-21, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – OPS Compl Solar Panels-Sewer and OPS Compl Solar Panels Water capital projects – Reduced and Supplementary Appropriations – For the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by reducing an appropriation to the OPS Compl Solar Panels-Sewer and the OPS Compl Solar Panels Water capital projects; making a supplementary appropriation of funds to the OPS Compl Solar Panels-Sewer and the OPS Compl Solar Panels Water capital projects; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriations of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Naomi McAllistar, Budget Office, Chris Murphy, Department of Public Works, Beth O’Connell, Department of Public Works, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 107-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 107-21.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 107-21, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – OPS Compl Solar Panels-Sewer and OPS Compl Solar Panels Water capital projects – Reduced and Supplementary Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 107-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 108-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 108-21, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Distribution of Literature to Purchasers of Guns or Ammunition – For the purpose of requiring the Health Department to prepare and distribute certain literature to establishments that sell guns or ammunition; adding certain display and distribution requirements for sellers; authorizing enforcement by the Health Department; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for an abnormal effective date; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Rodvien, Sponsor, explained the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Dr. Niles Kalyanaraman, Health Officer, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

Dr. Kalyanaraman shared information on suicide attempts.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 108-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there were five submissions of written public testimony received for Bill No. 108-21 through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 108-21:

Tom Quick, Elkridge
Kecia Pettey, Annapolis
Madison Medley, Laurel

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

The Chair called Bill No. 108-21, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Distribution of Literature to Purchasers of Guns or Ammunition; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked for the cost of printing the brochures.

Dr. Kalyanaraman stated it would be about \$6,000.

Ms. Lacey noted the government does require literature be presented to purchasers for different items, such as birth control. She also stated that the bill does not require a shop to distribute brochures to purchasers, only offer them.

Ms. Pickard spoke on the level of alcohol and cigarette warnings and stated this bill would put further information on suicide in the purchaser's hand.

Mr. Volke asked why there would be fines for not handing out the information.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the ways to hand out the information.

Ms. Rodvien stated that as long as the effort was made to give the brochure to the purchaser, the seller would not be fined.

Bill No. 108-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Rodvien

Nay - None

BILL NO. 109-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 109-21, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Security Measures for the Sale of Firearms – For the purpose of defining certain terms; prohibiting a gun dealer or a person promoting or sponsoring a gun show from conducting business without Police Department approval of security measures; specifying the required security measures; requiring gun dealers who transport firearms to have a certain inventory list in their possession; setting forth enforcement measures; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Pruski, Sponsor, explained the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Captain Ken Arbaugh, Police Department, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 109-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there was three submissions of written public testimony received for Bill No. 109-21 through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 109-21, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Security Measures for the Sale of Firearms; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked if there would be funding help for shop owners.

Mr. Pruski stated there were no grants.

Mr. Volke expressed his concern on how this would regulate areas of transportation and asked how this would be interpreted by the law, especially if the area was not a usual high traffic area.

Ms. Klasmeier explained the definition of public assembly.

Ms. Fielder asked what the cost of an officer on an hourly rate was, should one be needed.

Mr. Pruski stated the rate was negotiated.

Captain Arbaugh agreed.

Mr. Volke asked if it would be considered a secondary position if an officer was assigned to the business.

Mr. Pruski explained what he was referring to by secondary.

Ms. Fiedler asked what would happen if a business was notified they were in violation but there was a security worker staffing issue.

Mr. Pruski responded.

Mr. Baron stated they would make every effort to work with businesses who were trying to meet the requirements.

Mr. Volke asked how the bill did not violate the public safety article at the State level and how the County is able to regulate certain sales.

Ms. Klasmeier answered.

Mr. Volke asked if this would be adding items to the State Code.

Ms. Klasmeier clarified the definition.

Ms. Schuett stated State Law does not define what public assembly means and the definition comes from County Law.

There was further discussion on the definition of public assembly.

Bill No. 109-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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

BILL NO. 110-21

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 110-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Critical Area Overlay – Marina Development in Buffer Modification Areas – For the purpose of exempting from certain reconfiguration requirements marinas that relocate legal lot coverage in a buffer modification area to an area outside the buffer modification area without creating additional lot coverage; exempting from certain reconfiguration requirements certified Clean Marinas that construct improvements over existing legal lot coverage outside the buffer modification area; making technical changes; making this Ordinance subject to approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Haire, Sponsor, explained the bill.

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

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 110-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received for Bill No. 110-21 through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 110-21:

Timothy Martin, Annapolis

Brian Connor, Edgewater

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

The Chair called Bill No. 110-21, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Critical Area Overlay – Marina Development in Buffer Modification Areas; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Schuett asked for clarification on the existing law.

Ms. Krintz answered.

Ms. Rodvien asked for the intent of the sponsor regarding the buffer.

Ms. Haire responded.

Bill No. 110-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 111-21 AND BILL NO. 112-21

The Chair called for the joint public hearing on Bill No. 111-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Budget – Grants Special Revenue Fund – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – For the purpose of requiring that certain appropriations to the Grants Special Revenue Fund funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds be approved by resolution of the County Council; requiring reports to the County Council concerning the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Ordinance; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and Bill No. 112-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Budget – Grants Special Revenue Fund – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – For the purpose of requiring that certain appropriations to the Grants Special Revenue Fund funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds be approved by resolution of the County Council; requiring that a hearing to act on the resolution be requested by at least three Councilmembers; requiring reports to the County Council concerning the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Ordinance; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and the Administrative Officer read the titles.

Mr. Pruski, Co-Sponsor, explained Bill No. 111-21.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained Bill No. 112-21.

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

Mr. Baron stated the choice was a Council decision.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received for Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21 through the online testimony tool, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 111-21 and Bill No. 112-21:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

The Chair called Bill No. 111-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Budget – Grants Special Revenue Fund – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and Bill No. 112-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Budget – Grants Special Revenue Fund – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

Mr. Pruski responded to Mr. Svendsen's comments.

Ms. Fiedler clarified that if both bills passed, the voting number would be three.

Ms. Klasmeier confirmed.

Ms. Rodvien asked if the County was going against the Code regarding the use of funds.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

Ms. Klasmeier expanded on the 2022 Budget.

Ms. Fiedler explained the reason behind streamlining the efficiencies for completing grant funding.

Ms. Haire shared her view of the need for public hearings for grants.

Mr. Volke expressed his desire for the Council to be open with the public and his views on partisan voting.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on partisan voting within the Council.

Ms. Pickard expressed her views on the partisan voting.

Ms. Lacey spoke on the voting for budget, and her opinion on voting.

Ms. Fiedler asked for support on both bills.

Ms. Pickard shared her thoughts on partisan voting.

Bill No. 111-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay - None

Bill No. 112-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 2-22, Resolution approving a nomination 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, was accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the resolution.

The Chair called Resolution No. 2-22, Resolution approving a nomination for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 7; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 2-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 3-22, Resolution approving the nomination for reappointment 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.

Mr. Baron explained the resolution.

The Chair called Resolution No. 3-22, Resolution approving the nomination for reappointment of a member to the Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 3-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay - None

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the motion to conduct the January 18th meeting virtually was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Abstain – Ms. Lacey

Ms. Rodvien stated there would be a virtual, emergency meeting on Friday, January 7, 2002 at 8:00 A.M. for Bill No. 6-22 and Bill No. 7-22.

Ms. Fielder stated she may not be available January 7th.

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold a joint public hearing for Bill No. 6-22 and Bill No. 7-22 on January 7th was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer