

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 8
April 4, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Ms. Rodvien, who opened with the Invocation, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 100 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.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were three submissions of public testimony received for Invitation to Audience portion of the meeting.

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

ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Ms. Lacey recognized two law enforcement officers in her district for their heroic acts.

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 Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2022 were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

BILL NO. 33-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Residential Districts – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Townhouses – For the purpose of allowing townhouses as a conditional use in R22 residential zoning districts; amending the conditional use requirements for townhouses; and generally relating to zoning.
Introduced by Mr. Pruski

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 7-22 – RESOLUTION recognizing National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER

Ms. Rodvien, Chair, requested that Resolution 7-22 to be voted on first.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to vote on Resolution 7-22 first was adopted.

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

Nay – None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 7-22, a Resolution recognizing National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien, as a sponsor, explained the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Fiedler shared her support for the resolution and asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Ms. Rodvien introduced Ginger Vance and her therapy pet Otis. Ms. Vance thanked the County Council for their support of Resolution No. 7-22.

Resolution 7-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 8-22 (As Amended) (Amendment Proposed)

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-22, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Matthew Johnston Environmental Policy Director, Steven Kaii-Ziegler, Christina Pompa, and Michael Stringer, Office of Planning and Zoning, Erica Jackson Matthews, Recreation and Parks, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 8-22, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 8-22.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 8-22:

Steven Waddy, Severn
Van Mason, Severn
Dawn Stolztfus, Annapolis
Melanie Hartwig-Davis, Edgewater
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 8-22, as amended, to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 9

This amendment prohibits certain agencies from referring to the 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan in comments on development applications; and prohibits certain agencies from referencing or considering the 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan when reviewing applications or deny applications based in whole or in part of the 2022 Green Infrastructure Master Plan.

Mr. Volke, as sponsor, explained the amendment.

Ms. Haire asked a question.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration does not support the amendment.
There was continued discussion between Ms. Pompa and Ms. Haire.

Ms. Jackson Matthews added further explanation.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 9 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke

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

Bill No. 8-22, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 16-22 (As Amended) (Amendments Proposed)

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-22, as amended, an Ordinance concerning: Police Accountability Board.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Chief Amal Awad, and David Morris, Police Department, Pete Hill, and Asha Smith, Office of Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion, Lori Blair Klasmeier, and Ethan Hunt, Office of Law, Rhonda McCoy, Kerry Berger, City of Annapolis.

Mr. Baron explained the amended bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 16-22, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were 4 submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 16-22, as amended.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 16-22:

Joshua Hatch, Annapolis

Lynda Davis, Linthicum

Jennifer Sell, Severna Park

Rev. Marguerite Morris, Odenton

Wanda Brown, Annapolis

Armani Jackson, Glen Burnie

Apostle Antonio Palmer, Odenton

Dr. Linda Girdner, Gambrills

Lynn Fitzpatrick, Galesville

Emma Buchman, Severna Park

Lorena Diaz, Pasadena

Steven Waddy, Severn

William Rowel, Senior Advisor to Mayor Buckley, Annapolis

Rob Savidge Alderman, Annapolis City Council
LeAnna Harrison, CASA, Baltimore
Amy Cruice, ACLU of Maryland, Annapolis
Martha Akers, Annapolis
J. Sandy Bartlett, State Delegate, District 32
Jen Roman, Odenton
Mary Grace Gallagher, Annapolis
Chrissy Holt, Annapolis
Elizabeth Corso, Annapolis
Phil Ateto, Annapolis
Arthur Holt, Annapolis

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 16-22, as amended, to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 45

This amendment corrects “trial boards” to be “hearing boards”; and adds the specific powers and duties of the administrative charging committee as provided for in State law.

Ms. Lacey, as sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron responded.

Mr. Pruski explained concerns.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier responded.

Ms. Pickard continued to discuss the implications of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 45 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 46

This amendment prohibits a resolution to confirm the appointment of members to the Police Accountability Board from being voted on immediately; and requires a public hearing before a final vote by the Council.

Ms. Pickard, as sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron responded.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 46 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 47

This amendment requires a drug test and a reference check in order to serve as a voting member on the Police Accountability Board.

Ms. Fiedler, as sponsor, explained Amendment No. 47.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration opposed the amendment.

Mr. Pruski asked for a clarification.

Mr. Volke asked another question.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 47 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 48

This amendment requires certain minimum educational standards in order to serve as a voting member on the Police Accountability Board.

Ms. Fiedler, as sponsor, explained Amendment No. 48.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration opposed the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, Amendment No. 48 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 49

This amendment disqualifies an applicant from being appointed to the Police Accountability Board if the person has been convicted of, pled guilty to, or received probation before judgment for certain crimes.

Ms. Fiedler, as a sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration opposed the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 49 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Pickard

Nay – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Lacey, and Ms. Rodvien

Amendment No. 50

Amendment No. 50 was withdrawn by Ms. Lacey.

Amendment No. 51

This amendment corrects “trial boards” to be “hearing boards”; adds the specific powers and duties of the administrative charging committee as provided for in State law; and limits the terms of members of the Administrative Charging Committee to three years.

Ms. Lacey, as a sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration opposed the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 51 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Amendment No. 52

This amendment requires a complaint filed with a law enforcement agency to be forwarded to the Police Accountability Board within three days of receipt of the complaint.

Ms. Lacey explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron continued discussion with the Counsel.

Mr. Pruski explained his concerns.

Mr. Baron continued discussion with the Counsel.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 52 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – Mr. Pruski, Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 53

This amendment requires the annual “ride-along” that members of the Police Accountability Board must complete to be in the emergency vehicle of a County police officer or other law enforcement officer in the County.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 53 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment Nos. 54, 55, and 56

Amendments Nos. 54, 55, and 56 were withdrawn by Mr. Volke.

Amendment No. 57

Amendment No. 57 was withdrawn by Ms. Rodvien.

Amendment No. 58

This amendment requires any annual report or other reports created by the Police Accountability Board to be share in a timely manner with the County Executive and County Council and available for view at all Anne Arundel County Public Libraries.

Ms. Rodvien, as a sponsor, explained the amendment.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration supports the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Pruski, Amendment No. 58 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 59

Amendment No. 59 was withdrawn by Ms. Rodvien.

Amendment No. 60

This amendment prohibits a spouse, sibling, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, foster child, or step-sibling of an actively serving police officer from serving as a voting member on the Police Accountability Board.

Ms. Rodvien, as a sponsor, spoke about the amendment.

Mr. Baron explained why the Administration opposed the amendment.

Mr. Pruski asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier responded.

Mr. Volke and Ms. Pickard expressed their concerns with the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Lacey, Amendment No. 60 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Lacey, Ms. Rodvien

Nay – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 61

This amendment removes the prohibition against a person being appointed as a voting member of the Police Accountability Board if they have been convicted of certain crimes; and removes superfluous language that allows appointment of a person who is not subject to the earlier stated prohibition.

Ms. Rodvien, as a sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration opposed the amendment.

Ms. Pickard stated she opposed the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Lacey, Amendment No. 61 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Amendment No. 62

This amendment allows participation in a ride-along as part of training of voting members as an option.

Ms. Rodvien explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration opposed the amendment.

Ms. Lacey asked a qualifying question.

Chief Awad responded to Ms. Lacey.

Mr. Volke shared his concerns with the amendment.

The Counsel continued to discuss their experiences with law enforcement ride-alongs.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Lacey, Amendment No. 62 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Lacey, Ms. Rodvien

Nay – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 63

This amendment requires the Police Accountability Board to investigate complaints it receives independently and concurrently with other internal investigations.

Ms. Rodvien, as a sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration opposed the amendment.

Mr. Pruski asks a clarifying question.

Ms. Klasmeier responded.

Ms. Pickard explained her opposition to the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Lacey, Amendment No. 63 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Lacey, Ms. Rodvien

Nay – Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Pickard

Amendment Nos. 64, 65, and 66

Amendment Nos. 64, 65, and 66 were withdrawn by Ms. Rodvien.

RECESS

On motion by Ms. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council took a recess from 9:48 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

BILL NO. 24-22 (Hearing Concluded) (Eligible for Vote)

The Chair called for Bill No. 24-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Exempt Service.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Mr. Baron explained the history of Bill No. 24-22.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted to hold the vote until April 18, 2022 by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 27-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 27-22, an Ordinance concerning: Pensions – Contingent Annuitant – Fire and Police Service Retirement Plans – Same Sex Marriage – For the purpose of allowing modifications of the contingent annuitant election for certain retirees in the Fire and Police Pension Plans entering into same sex marriages with the contingent annuitant; and generally relating to pensions.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law, Anne Budowski, and Kelly Lovett, Department of Personnel.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of Bill No. 27-22.

Mr. Pruski shared his support for the bill.

Ms. Rodvien and Ms. Pickard asked to be added as co-sponsors for Bill No. 27-22.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 27-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 27-22.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 27-22:

Mike Shier, Chair, Pension Oversight Committee
Tanya Minion, Severna Park

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 27-22 to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 27-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 28-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 28-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Karen Henry, Department of Public Works, Anne Budowski, Jacqueline Rickers-Atkinson, Department of Personnel, Captain Joseph Jordan, Police Department, Deputy Chief Lisa Mayers, Fire Department, and Ameha Mulat, Detention Facilities.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 28-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 28-22.

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 28-22 to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 28-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 29-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 29-22, an Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Supplementary Appropriations.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law, and Naomi McAllister, Office of Budget.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the bill.

Mr. Pruski explained the importance of the bill.

The Chair called for the hearing on Bill No. 29-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 29-22.

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 29-22 to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 29-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Pickard, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann Aluisse

By Ann Aluisse

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Office