

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 10

May 2, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Lisa Rodvien, and was followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Pickard. 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.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

BOARD OF HEALTH BI-ANNUAL MEETING

The County Council, along with the Health Officer, sat as Board of Health for their bi-annual meeting of the Board of Health.

Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman, Health Officer, was accompanied by Tonii Gedin, Deputy Health Officer, Public Health, Shawn Cain, Deputy Health Officer, Operations, Mary Lynn Bobbitt, Acting Director of Finance, Sandra O'Neill, Director of Behavioral Health Jennifer Schneider, Director of Disease Prevention and Management, Don Curtian, Director of Environmental Health, Karen Siska-Creel, Director of School Health and Support Thomas McCarty, Director of Family Health Services Krystle Coldiron, Director of Office of Assessment and Planning, Megan Pringle, Director of Communications, Adrienne Mickler, Catherine Gray, Jen Corbin, and Chelsea Bednarczyk, Mental Health Agency.

Dr. Kalyanaraman gave an overview of health issues in the County and the work being done to address the issues.

Several Council members asked questions, most of which were answered by Dr. Kalyanaraman. The Health Officer committed to providing answers to other questions at later time. (A copy of those responses is attached to these minutes.)

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened the Invitation to Audience.

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

The following persons spoke on Invitation to Audience:

David Dull, Annapolis
Phil Ateto, Annapolis

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard and seconded by Mr. Volke, 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. Volke, the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2022 were unanimously approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 49-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Special Community Benefit Districts – Tax – FOR the purpose of applying certain real property tax exemptions and credits to special community benefit district assessments; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and general relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 50-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Revenue Reserve Fund – FOR the purpose of increasing the limit on the Revenue Reserve Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 51-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Classified Service; Exempt Service – FOR the purpose of adding new pay schedules for certain classified employees; providing the method for certain classified employees to move to a new pay schedule; providing for increases in pay for certain employees; providing for lump sum payments for certain employees; modifying advancement to new rate of pay for certain employees; modifying pay on promotion, reclassification or grade reallocation for certain employees; removing certain employees removing certain employees eligible for allowances; removing certain employees eligible for overtime pay; modifying disability leave for certain employees;

modifying education assistance for certain employees; adding new pay schedules for certain exempt employees; confirming applicability of certain terms related to pay in memoranda of agreements; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to personnel.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 52-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service – Positions in the Exempt Service – FOR the purpose of modifying minimum qualifications for a certain position in the classified service; modifying the pay grade for Police Communications Operators III and IV job classifications to correspond with a new pay scale; adding certain positions in the classified service; providing for the pay grade, work week, and minimum qualifications applicable to positions added to the classified service; modifying the pay grade for certain positions in the exempt service; providing for the elimination of certain exempt positions under certain circumstances; making certain technical and stylistic changes; and generally relating to personnel.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 53-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems – FOR the purpose of repealing the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2017; adopting the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2022; making this Ordinance subject to approval of the Maryland Department of the Environment; and generally relating to the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

(by request of the County Executive)

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

BILL NO. 31-22 (Hearing concluded)

The Chair called for Bill No. 31-22, an Ordinance concerning: Zoning – BRAC Mixed Use Development – FOR the purpose of amending the definition of “BRAC Mixed Use Development”; grandfathering certain development applications for BRAC Mixed Use Development; amending the conditional use requirements for BRAC Mixed Use Development; adopting the “Four Mile Radius from U.S. Army Ft. George G. Meade” map; making technical changes; and generally relating to subdivision and development and zoning.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, and Steven Kaii-Ziegler and Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Pruski, as a co-sponsor, explained the purpose of Bill No. 31-22.

Ms. Lacey began speaking on Bill No. 31-22, but was stopped by the Chair.

RECESS

At approximately 8:31 the Administrative Officer informed Ms. Rodvien, Chair, of a concerning smell coming from inside the Chambers. As a result, Ms. Rodvien asked law enforcement to search the Chambers for the cause of the odor. Law enforcement detected the cause of the odor, and Ms. Rodvien asked for the Chambers to be cleared.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council took a recess at 8:31 p.m. and until the Chambers were deemed safe. The meeting resumed at 9:01 p.m.

BILL NO. 31-22 (Continued)

Ms. Lacey spoke about Bill No. 31-22 and the issues it sought to address in the County.

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration appreciated the advocacy of the Council.

Ms. Rhodes spoke about the need for housing options.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler thanked the Council and expressed OPZ's support for Bill No. 31-22.

Ms. Fiedler thanked the Office of Planning and Zoning for their work on Bill No. 31-22 and clarified that there is no known number of units.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler agreed, replying that there is no known proposal yet.

Ms. Pickard responded to opposition that has been received regarding Bill No. 31-22.

Ms. Fiedler also spoke about the opposition received from Bill No. 31-22.

Bill No. 31-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 33-22 (Amendment Proposed)

The Chair called for 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.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Government Affairs, Kelly Kenney, Office of Law, and Steven Kaii-Ziegler and Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning.

Mr. Pruski, as a sponsor, explained the purpose behind Bill No. 33-22.

Mr. Baron stated that the Administration had no opposition to Bill No. 33-22.

Ms. Rhodes explained the importance of housing options in the certain parts of the County.

Mr. Kaii-Ziegler stated that OPZ supported the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 33-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were 5 submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 33-22.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Bill No. 33-22, as amended, to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment requires that the development be located on a development site of at least five acres.

Mr. Pruski explained the purpose of Amendment No. 1.

Mr. Baron stated the Administration supported the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 33-22, as amended, would be heard on May 16, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 10-22, a Resolution supporting the Caucus of African American Leaders of Anne Arundel County in condemning all acts of racism and the many forms of discrimination and intolerance that have deprived people of their human rights.

The Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Pete Hill, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Rodvien stated the purpose behind Resolution No. 10-22.

Ms. Lacey stated her support for the Resolution.

Mr. Baron thanked the sponsors for Resolution No. 10-22.

Mr. Hill explained the importance of condemning racism.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 10-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were 3 submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 10-22.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded. The Chair called for the title of Resolution No. 10-22 to be read and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke spoke about condemning all forms of discrimination.

Ms. Rodvien replied about the purpose of Resolution No. 10-22.

Mr. Volke responded and thanked Ms. Rodvien for proposing the Resolution.

Resolution No. 10-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

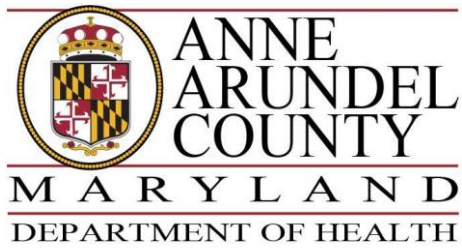
Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ann Aluisse

By Ann Aluisse

/s/ Laura Corby

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May 10, 2022

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Dear Members of the County Council,

This letter is in response to the information that was requested during the Board of Health Meeting held on May 2, 2022.

Long COVID

- Vaccination decreases the chances of Long COVID if you do get infected with COVID.
- Patients who suspect they may have long COVID should talk to their doctor or find a provider if they don't have one.
 - [BWMC COVID Recovery Clinic](#)
 - [Kennedy Krieger Pediatric Post-COVID Information](#)
 - [Johns Hopkins Post COVID-19 Care](#)
 - Anne Arundel Medical Center provides care for Long COVID
- Studies are ongoing to better understand all aspects of Long COVID. Experts estimate about 30% of Americans infected with the virus may experience Long COVID. Here are a few sites.
 - [Hopkins](#)
 - [Survivorship After COVID-19 ICU Stay](#)
 - [NIH](#)
- There are also support groups and resources for those with Long COVID
 - [Survivor Corps](#)
 - [Spanish Support Group for COVID-19 survivors](#)

Social Media and Mental Health in Youth

- The [CDC](#) recommends no more than 2 hours a day of non-educational screen time for children aged 8 - 18.
- [UNICEF Technical Note](#) on COVID-19 and its implications for protecting children online: COVID-19 has prompted widespread school closures and physical distancing measures and made online platforms and communities essential to maintaining a sense of normalcy. Children and their families are turning to digital solutions more than ever to support children's learning, socialization and play. While digital solutions provide huge opportunities for sustaining and promoting children's rights, these same tools may also increase children's exposure to online risks. This technical note sets out some of the key priorities and recommendations on how to mitigate those risks and promote positive online experiences for children
- The role of social media on youth mental health is a complex one. Studies on the topic have had mixed outcomes regarding the negative impact of social media. There have been small but significant findings that social media has a negative influence on adolescent mental health; however more study is needed (and ongoing) to identify particular risk and protective factors regarding the impact on mental health as well as the need to look at various forms of social media and impact. Also, there is some evidence that social media can exert a positive influence on adolescents in terms of new ways to engage youth to support and build their mental health. Over 80% of adolescents endorsed that they stay connected to peers through social media. As social media is likely here to stay, exploring opportunities and options that contribute to wellbeing will be critical.

Youth Mental Health

- [Behavioral Health data for Maryland](#) (SAMHSA) comparing 2017-9 to 2004-7. Overall, decreased use of substances and increased rate of depression.
- [Data from the CDC on Youth Mental Health](#)
- [Global prevalence of depressive and anxiety symptoms in children and adolescents during COVID-19](#)
 - Question: What is the global prevalence of clinically elevated child and adolescent anxiety and depression symptoms during COVID-19?
 - Findings: In this meta-analysis of 29 studies including 80,879 youth globally, the pooled prevalence estimates of clinically elevated child and adolescent depression and anxiety were 25.2% and 20.5%, respectively. The prevalence of depression and anxiety symptoms during COVID-19 have doubled, compared with prepandemic estimates, and moderator analyses revealed that prevalence rates were higher when collected later in the pandemic, in older adolescents, and in girls.
 - Meaning: The global estimates of child and adolescent mental illness observed in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic in this study indicate that the prevalence has significantly increased, remains high, and therefore warrants attention for mental health recovery planning. Maryland trends are coming down but still are elevated when compared to pre-pandemic levels.
- [YRBS Maryland](#) (most recent data is 2018, pre pandemic)
 - Selected highlights of high school students in Maryland:
 - Increases observed in:
 - Youth riding in the car with a driver that had been drinking alcohol
 - Youth experiencing physical data violence violence
 - Youth reporting sadness or depression
 - Youth creating a plan to commit suicide

- Youth using e cigarettes or vaping in past 30 days
 - Anne Arundel County youth trends did not include the above increases with the exception of use of e cigarettes or vaping
- Anecdotally, many mental health providers in the county serving youth have waiting lists. This help seeking behavior may represent an increased willingness to engage in therapy as much as an increase in mental health concerns.

Medicaid Enrollees in Anne Arundel County

Year	Number of Medical Assistance Enrollees
2015	86,343
2016	82,346
2017	90,160
2018	93,707
2019	94,286
2020	96,219
2021	109, 602
2022	102,178

Gun Violence Data

[Gun violence data](#) from the dashboard with suicides and homicides for this year and for prior years.

Please let me know if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Nilesh Kalyanaraman, MD, FACP
Health Officer