

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 12
June 6, 2022 - 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 Mr. Pruski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 20 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah F. Lacey	First District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Andrew C. Pruski	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Jessica Haire	Seventh District

Allison Pickard, District Two, was absent.

The County Auditor's Office was represented by Michelle Bohlayer.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REPORT

Andrea Mansfield, Chair, gave a summary of the Charter Report.

Mr. Pruski, Ms. Haire, and Ms. Rodvien thanked the Commission for its work.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

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

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Lacey, 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. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Volke, the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2022, May 18, 2022, and June 1, 2022 were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 58-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes – FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance by Anne Arundel County, Maryland (the “County”) of bond anticipation notes in an amount to be outstanding at any time not in excess of Six Hundred Million Dollars (\$600,000,000) and bonds in an amount not exceeding One Billion Seven Million Five Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$1,007,539,113) in order to finance in whole or in part the construction of capital projects set forth in the capital budget of the County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, or in such capital budgets for prior fiscal years, or usable portions thereof; authorizing the issuance by the County of refunding bonds to refund some or all of the outstanding bond issues of the County listed on Exhibit II attached hereto and incorporated herein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 120% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds to be refunded, subject to the requirement that debt service savings shall be achieved in connection with any such refunding; authorizing the County to borrow money and incur indebtedness otherwise authorized to be borrowed and incurred hereunder in the form of bonds or bond anticipation notes by obtaining a loan or loans from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 9-1601 through 9-1622, inclusive, of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement) for the public purpose of financing a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping certain wastewater facilities and water supply systems; providing for the execution and delivery by the County of a loan agreement and bond to evidence any such loan; reaffirming and clarifying the guides and standards relating to the borrowing of money to finance such capital projects heretofore adopted; listing the capital projects to be financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of sale of the bonds hereby authorized, or usable portions thereof, estimated costs and probable useful lives thereof; showing compliance with the limitations on the power of the County to incur indebtedness; providing for essential flexibility in the financing of such capital projects and the issuance of such bonds by authorizing such bond anticipation notes to be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds; prescribing the procedure for the issuance and sale of such bond anticipation notes and bonds; empowering the County Executive of the County (the “County Executive”), or the Chief Administrative Officer of the County (the “Chief Administrative Officer”) if authorized by the County Executive, subject to such guides and standards, to determine the time and method of sale of such bond anticipation notes and refunding bonds, which sale may be a private (negotiated) sale or a public sale, and the time, place, and procedure for the public sale of such bonds other than refunding bonds; empowering the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, subject to such guides and standards, to determine the forms of such bonds and to determine the forms of such bond anticipation notes; empowering the County Executive, or the Chief

Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to provide for or determine the private (negotiated) sale of any loan agreement or bond to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration, the form or forms thereof and other details with respect thereto and to the sales thereof; providing that such bond anticipation notes may be issued as notes in the nature of commercial paper and, in such event, authorizing the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to determine various matters and to take various actions in connection with such issuance; providing that such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be issued as variable rate demand or similar obligations and, in such event, authorizing the County Executive, or the Chief Administrative Officer if authorized by the County Executive, to determine various matters and to take various actions in connection with such issuance; covenanting to issue, upon its full faith and credit, the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which any bond anticipation notes are issued when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring the issuance thereof no longer exists, to pay the principal of and interest on (to the extent such is not otherwise paid) such notes from the proceeds of such bonds and that, if the County shall be unable to issue and sell its bonds in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any notes issued, then to appropriate sufficient revenues in each fiscal year following the issuance of such bond anticipation notes to pay the maturing principal thereof and the interest thereon to the extent not otherwise paid; covenanting to appropriate sufficient revenues in each fiscal year following the issuance of such bonds to pay the maturing principal thereof and the interest thereon and to meet such appropriation either by revenues derived from self-liquidating projects or from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes, or a combination of the foregoing; pledging the full faith and credit of the County, to the payment of the bonds and bond anticipation notes issued hereunder and the interest thereon, when due; providing that the pledge of the taxing power to secure such bonds and bond anticipation notes shall be subject to the limitation imposed by Section 710(d) of The Anne Arundel County Charter, except in the case where refunding bonds are issued to refund bonds secured by the pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County; covenanting that the proceeds of such bonds and bond anticipation notes, or any money which may be deemed to be proceeds, will not be used in a manner to cause such bonds to be arbitrage bonds; canceling, rescinding, and repealing authority to issue certain bonds only to the extent such authority has not been previously exercised under Bill No. 57-21, as amended, and ratifying, confirming and validating the previous authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of bonds and bond anticipation notes pursuant to applicable authority; ratifying and authorizing the issuance of Shore Erosion Control Construction Loans pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 8-1001 to 8-1008, inclusive, of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement); and generally providing for the consolidation and authorization of a borrowing program for the County, and matters generally related thereto.

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

BILL NO. 59-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation – FOR the purpose of repealing the Anne Arundel County 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan; adopting

the Anne Arundel County 2022 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan; and generally relating to the master plan for land preservation, parks, and recreation.

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

BILL NO. 60-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Branches of Government – Orphans’ Court – Compensation – FOR the purpose of increasing the salary of the Orphans’ Court Judges; providing for the effective date of the salary increases; and generally relating to branches of government.

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

BILL NO. 61-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Deferred Retirement Option Program – Fire Service Retirement Plan – FOR the purpose of modifying the eligibility for the sixth year of participation in DROP for certain participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan; and generally relating to Pensions.

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

BILL NO. 62-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – Littering – Civil Fines – FOR the purpose of Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – FOR the purpose of modifying the civil fines for littering; and generally related to crimes, civil offenses, and fines.

Introduced by Mr. Pruski and Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 63-22 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Bulk Regulations – Adult Independent Dwelling Units – FOR the purpose of establishing maximum density allowed in R1, R2, and R5 residential districts for adult independent dwelling units served by public sewer and located within a two-mile radius of County libraries and community centers; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Ms. Lacey

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22 – RESOLUTION appointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14-22 – RESOLUTION approving the submission of names for the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-22 – RESOLUTION approving appointments to the Police Accountability Board

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

The Chair stated Resolution Nos. 13-22 and 14-22 would be voted on at the end of the meeting.

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

BILL NO. 36-22 (Public Hearing Continued)

Bill No. 36-22 was withdrawn at the request of the Administration.

BILL NO. 49-22

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

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 49-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 49-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 49-22, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Special Community Benefit Districts – Tax; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 49-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 50-22

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

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

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

Mr. Volke thanked the Administration for its services.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 50-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 50-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 50-22, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Revenue Reserve Fund; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 50-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 51-22

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

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, Susan Herrold, Personnel Office, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 51-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 51-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 51-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Classified Service; Exempt Service; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This technical amendment removes repetitive language; and corrects a typographical error in the Park Ranger Employees (R) Pay Schedule.

Mr. Baron explained the amendment.

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

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

Ms. Rodvien stated that the bill was eligible for vote because amendment was technical.

There was discussion regarding the amendment and holding the vote on the bill.

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Haire, the motion to hold the vote for Bill No. 51-22 until the June 21, 2022 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – Ms. Rodvien

The Chair stated the vote on Bill No. 51-22 would be held until the June 21, 2022 meeting.

BILL NO. 52-22

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

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, Jackie Atkinson, Personnel Office, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 52-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 52-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 52-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service – Positions in the Exempt Service; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment adds the positions of “Assistant Facility Superintendent” and “Manager, Recreation and Parks Personnel Administration” to the Classified Service.

Mr. Baron explained the amendment.

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

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated Bill No. 52-22, as amended, would be heard on June 21, 2022.

BILL NO. 53-22

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

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lori Rhodes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Planning and Zoning, Land Use, Christina Pompa, Planning and Zoning, Cindy Carrier, Planning and Zoning, Desirae Williams, Planning and Zoning, Al Herb, Sanitary Engineer, Department of Health, Brian Chew, Department of Health, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 53-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 53-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 53-22, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This technical amendment fixes certain typographical errors in the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems.

Mr. Baron explained the amendment.

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

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 53-22, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 54-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 54-22, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Fourth Quarter Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; 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; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and making supplementary appropriations of funds to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Christine Anderson, Central Services, Karen Henry, Department of Public Works, Mary Lynn Bobbitt, Department of Health, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 54-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received for Bill No. 54-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 54-22, An EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Fourth Quarter Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

This amendment increases the appropriation to the Park Place Tax Increment Fund by \$25,000, the appropriation to the Conference and Visitors Bureau Fund by \$650,000, the appropriation to the Arts Council Fund by \$115,000, and the appropriation to the Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families by \$640,000 to account for unanticipated revenues in excess of budget estimates.

Mr. Baron explained the amendment.

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

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

Ms. Haire asked for a brief explanation of some of the contractual services.

Mr. Theroux responded.

Ms. Lacey asked about the contractual services for the Office of Personnel.

Mr. Theroux answered.

Bill No. 54-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 55-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 55-22, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds – For the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the

general fund; making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to the Local Education Fund for the current fiscal year; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and supplementary appropriations to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Steven Theroux, Budget Office, Alex Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer, AACPS, Matt Stanski, AACPS Director of Financial Operations, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron explained the bill.

Mr. Pruski disclosed his spouse works in Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

Ms. Rodvien disclosed she is a part time teacher for AACPS.

Mr. Volke asked about the disbursement of funds.

Mr. Szachnowicz responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 55-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written public testimony received for Bill No. 55-22 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. 55-22, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 55-22 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 13-22, Resolution appointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, explained the resolution.

Resolution No. 13-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 14-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 14-22, Resolution approving the submission of names for the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Mr. Baron, Director, Government Affairs, accompanied by Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney, explained the resolution.

Resolution No. 14-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Absent – Ms. Pickard

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

Nay – None

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pruski and Ms. Fiedler congratulated the 2022 graduates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Lacey, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer