

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Special Meeting of the County Council
Virtual Meeting
August 4, 2022 - 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 4:30 P.M. Ms. Rodvien explained that the purpose of the special meeting is to determine that a petition initiating a charter amendment meets the requirements established by law. 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

Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

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

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.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 32-22 – RESOLUTION determining that a Petition initiating a Charter Amendment satisfies the requirements established by law
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

CALL OF RESOLUTION FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

The Chair called for Resolution No. 32-22, Resolution determining that a Petition initiating a Charter Amendment satisfies the requirements established by law, and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien explained that a petition to amend the County Charter had been filed and asked Mr. Baron to explain why Resolution No. 32-22 was needed.

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

Mr. Baron explained that Resolution No. 32-22 determines that the Charter amendment petition that was filed satisfies the requirements of State law for petitions to amend the Charter. Under State law, the County Executive and the Council must agree that the proper process was followed. Mr. Baron reminded the Council that Resolution No. 1-22 would have placed a similar question on the ballot, but that resolution did not receive the needed votes to move it forward. Mr. Baron further explained that amendments to the Charter may be proposed by petition if enough signatures are received. He clarified that the Board of Elections will verify the signatures on the petition.

Ms. Haire asked for confirmation that the Council was not being asked to vote on the substance of the petition or the question, but was being asked to vote on whether or not the proper procedure had been followed.

Ms. Blair Klasmeier confirmed.

Mr. Volke pointed out that the Board of Elections had not yet verified the number of signatures on the petition and questioned what the result would be if too few signature were found.

Mr. Baron confirmed that the question would not go on the ballot if the required signatures are not found and verified.

Resolution No. 32-22 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Ms. Rodvien, Chair, stated that the next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lee Longo

By Lee Longo

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer