

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 19
October 17, 2022

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Rodvien, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 15 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. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened an Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for the 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. 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 Ms. Haire, the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2022, Board of Health Meeting, and October 3, 2022, Legislative Meeting, were approved as presented.

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

BILL NO. 85-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 85-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service – Position Control – Department of Aging and Disabilities and Police Department – For the purpose of decreasing certain positions in the classified service; increasing certain positions in the classified service; and generally relating to personnel; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel, Sarah Heffernan, Personnel, Major Ross Passman, Police Department, Karrisa Kelly, Aging and Disabilities, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 85-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 85-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 85-22, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Positions in the Classified Service – Position Control – Department of Aging and Disabilities and Police Department; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 85-22 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 86-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 86-22, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Acquisition of Real Property by Gift – For the purpose of approving acceptance of a gift of real property totaling 12.101 acres of land, more or less, fronting on Laurel Ft. Meade Road, in Laurel, Maryland, from Cynthia P. Alexander and Katherine P. Schaeffen; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Erik Michelsen, Department of Public Works, Tom Burke, Department of Public Works, and Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 86-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 86-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 86-22, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Acquisition of Real Property by Gift; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 86-22 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 87-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 87-22, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works and Zoning – Small Cell Systems and Commercial Telecommunication Facilities on Scenic or Historic Roads – For the purpose of requiring that a developer submit a certified technical analysis that demonstrates the need for a small cell system or commercial telecommunication facility to be located along a scenic or historic road located south of Maryland Route 214 in Anne Arundel County as a condition precedent to project approval; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to public works and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the bill.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Alex Baquie, Department of Public Works, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron expressed the Administration's opposition of the bill.

There was discussion amongst the Council regarding the intent of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 87-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 87-22, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website. A letter sent to the entire Council was also noted.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 87-22, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works and Zoning – Small Cell Systems and Commercial Telecommunication Facilities on Scenic or Historic Roads; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 87-22 was defeated by the following roll call:

Aye – Mr. Volke

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

BILL NO. 88-22

The Chair called for Bill No. 88-22, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – BRAC Mixed Use Development – Applicability – For the purpose of amending the grandfathering provision applicable to development applications for BRAC Mixed Use Development established by Bill No. 31-22; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Pruski, Co-Sponsor, explained the bill.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron expressed the Administration's support of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 88-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 88-22.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 88-22, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – BRAC Mixed Use Development – Applicability; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 88-22 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Ms. Rodvien

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 39-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 39-22, a Resolution approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2022 Local Solicitation and recognizing the County Executive's authority to act in connection with the grant; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

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

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 39-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 39-22.

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

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Resolution No. 39-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 45-22, a Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property, being part of the Dorsey Run Road right-of-way in Annapolis Junction, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christine Anderson, Office of Central Services, and Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 45-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 45-22.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 45-22, Resolution approving the determination of certain improved County-owned property, being part of the Dorsey Run Road right-of-way in Annapolis Junction, Maryland, as surplus property; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 45-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 46-22, a Resolution approving the application of Stephen D. Hopkins and Mark D. Hopkins, to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 139.830 acres in Lothian, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Barbara Polito, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Christine Neiderer, Assistant County Attorney.

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 46-22.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 46-22.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 46-22, Resolution approving the application of Stephen D. Hopkins and Mark D. Hopkins, to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 139.830 acres in Lothian, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Rodvien asked for more information on the farming of the land.

Mr. Baron and Ms. Polito answered.

Mr. Volke asked who is paying for the easement.

Ms. Polito responded.

Resolution No. 46-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Ms. Rodvien

Nay – None

RESOLUTION NO. 47-22

The Chair called for Resolution No. 47-22, a Resolution supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2024 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Matthew Stanski, Board of Education, Kyle Ruef, Board of Education, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

Mr. Baron addressed the Council and explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 47-22.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 47-22, Resolution supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2024 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Resolution No. 47-22 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pruski presented a plaque to Ms. Rodvien, thanking her for her service as Chair.

Several Councilmembers also offered remarks and recognized individual Council staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Haire, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer