**AGENDA**

**Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10**
**May 15, 2023**

Legislative Session
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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A. Call to Order

B. Invocation (Ms. Rodvien)

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Ethics Statement

E. Invitation to Audience

F. Announcement of Items Not Appearing

G. Preliminary Motion

H. Approval of Minutes

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I. Introduction of Bills

<u>BILL NO. 46-23</u> – 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, 2023.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 47-23 – 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, 2023.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 48-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Modification to Conveyance of Surplus Property – Freetown Road in Glen Burnie, Maryland – FOR the purpose of modifying the terms and conditions of a prior deed conveying certain real property owned by Anne Arundel County to Bello Machre, Inc.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 49-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Second Amendment to Lease between Anne Arundel County, Maryland and Bates School Limited Partnership – FOR the purpose of authorizing the Second Amendment to Lease of a portion of County-owned property in Annapolis, Maryland, known and designated as Wiley H. Bates High School, Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue, to Bates School Limited Partnership to extend the lease term for an additional period of forty-two (42) years, to expire on March 17, 2097.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 50-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes –Tax Credits – Disabled Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses and Retired Veterans – Duration – FOR the purpose of amending the duration of the disabled veteran real property tax credit; allowing a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to be eligible for the property tax credit until remarriage; extending the duration of the retired veteran real property tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Smith

J. Introduction of Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 19-23 – RESOLUTION appointing members to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-23 – RESOLUTION appointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-23 – RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to establish a workgroup to review the County's public infrastructure needs and capital program planning process
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Hummer

K. Public Hearing on the Proposed Real Property Tax Rate (Constant Yield)

L. Public Hearings and Call of Bills for Final Reading and/or Vote

BILL NO. 19-23 **(As Amended) (Amendment(s) Proposed)** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – ~~Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County~~ Bring Your Own Bag Plastic Reduction Act – FOR the purpose of prohibiting the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County; defining certain terms; establishing the duties of certain retail establishments; requiring an example of a notice required by retail establishments to be posted on the County website; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags; allowing retail establishments to distribute paper and reusable bags at no cost until a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to public safety.
Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Hummer, and Ms. Pickard

BILL NO. 25-23 **(Amendment(s) Proposed)** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Provisions – Public Campaign Financing – FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing the Public Campaign Financing Fund; providing for the source of funding for the public campaign financing funds; providing for the limitations and conditions on contributions and loans to an applicant candidate; providing for the adjustment of contribution limitations; providing for the certification of qualified candidates eligible for public campaign financing; providing for the disbursement of public campaign financing funds; establishing limitations and conditions of public campaign financing funds; establishing the process to withdraw from participation in the Fund; establishing restrictions on an applicant, certified or participating candidate; creating the Commission to recommend funding for the Public Campaign Financing Fund; establishing that a violation of this title is a Class B civil offense; and generally relating to public campaign financing.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

M. Other Business

N. Adjournment

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 9
May 1, 2023 – 11:00 A.M.

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 11:00 A.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Paul Arcand, Pastor at the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Arnold, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 100 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison M. Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

The County Auditor's Office was represented by Michelle Bohlayer. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

Mr. Smith recognized those present at the meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET**

County Executive Steuart Pittman presented his proposed budget for FY 2024 to the Council. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2024 Budget files.)

The Council shared their thanks and anticipation for the budget.

**RECESS**

The Council took a recess at 11:44 A.M.

**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

**PRELIMINARY MOTION**

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, minutes, or amendments, constitutes the reading of the whole.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

BILL NO. 26-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 27-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvement districts required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 28-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 29-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Mills Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 30-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Dorchester Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Dorchester Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 31-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Farmington Village Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Farmington Village Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 32-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 33-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park - North Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park – North Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 34-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Two Rivers Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Two Rivers Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 35-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 36-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the solid waste service charge.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 37-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Metered Water and Wastewater Charges – FOR the purpose of modifying metered water and wastewater charges; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to utilities.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 38-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Use or Occupancy Tax – FOR the purpose of increasing the occupancy tax on the rent paid for the use of a short-term rental; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 39-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Transportation Network Service Assessment – FOR the purpose of imposing an assessment on transportation network services originating in the County; providing for the collection, remittance,

accounting, use, and enforcement of the assessment; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 40-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Transfer Tax – Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund – FOR the purpose of modifying the transfer tax rate for certain real property transactions; modifying a reference to the levying of transfer tax for certain budget purposes; providing for certain transfer tax revenues to be paid into the Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 41-23 – 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 Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 42-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Income Tax – FOR the purpose of modifying County income tax rates; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 43-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Property Tax and Semiannual Payment Service Charge – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing a property tax for the use of Anne Arundel County for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; fixing the rate of the County property tax for the taxable year; and establishing the service charge to be paid by a property owner electing to pay real property taxes and all other taxes and charges billed on the real property tax bill under a semiannual payment schedule.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23 – RESOLUTION increasing the rate of transfer tax on a written instrument conveying title to real property or a leasehold interest in real property when the consideration paid or to be paid for the conveyance is $1,000,000 or more
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

**INTRODUCTION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION NO. 18-23**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 18-23, A Resolution appointing an Assistant Administrative Officer to the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read the resolution.

Resolution No. 18-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

Gustav Kurtz, Chair for the Planning Advisory Board, provided a short presentation. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2024 Budget files.)

Ejaz Younas, Chair for the Spending Affordability Committee, gave a brief presentation. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2024 Budget files.)

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, gave a presentation of the proposed budget. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2024 Budget files.)

**RECESS**

The Council took a recess at 2:51 P.M.

**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

**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 no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Invitation to Audience.

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2023 were approved as presented.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 44-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Personnel – Public Ethics – Public Safety – Classified Service and Exempt Service – Pay Schedules and Positions – FOR the purpose of correcting the removal and addition of certain employees eligible for allowances retroactively; modifying the conditions of eligibility and certification lists; modifying the pay grade and minimum qualifications for certain positions in the classified service; 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; adding new pay schedules for certain classified employees; modifying pay on promotion, reclassification or grade reallocation for certain employees; modifying the conditions for allowances for certain employees; adding certain classified employees eligible for bonus pay; modifying annual leave for certain employees; modifying disability leave for certain employees; modifying education assistance for certain employees; adding certain positions in the exempt service; adding new pay schedules for certain exempt employees; amending the definition of "Uniformed Public Safety Exclusive Representative"; modifying the exclusion of certain employees from joining employee organizations; adding certain classified and exempt employees required to file financial disclosure statements; modifying the title of certain classified employees required to file financial disclosure statements; adding certain classified employees eligible to be members of the Fire Advisory Board; providing for increases in pay for certain employees; providing the method for certain classified employees to move to a new pay schedule; providing for advancement to new rate of pay for certain employees; providing for lump sum payments for certain employees; confirming applicability of certain terms related to pay in memoranda of agreements; providing for an increase in pay for certain classified employees based on certain comparable classified employees; providing for certain salary adjustments for certain classified employees based on salary compression; providing for the elimination of certain classified positions approved as part of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance under certain circumstances; applying a certain Section of this Ordinance retroactively; providing for the application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to personnel, public ethics, and public safety.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 45-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Safety – Traffic – Vehicles on Sidewalks – FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation on the time of a day a disabled person may use a special vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or bike path; and generally relating to public safety.
Introduced by Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Hummer, and Ms. Pickard

## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, a motion to suspend the rules to vote on Resolution No. 12-23 through Resolution No. 16-23 out of order was passed by the following role call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith

Nay – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 12-23, A Resolution confirming a nomination to the Board of Trustees of The Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Schultze explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 12-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 12-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 12-23, A Resolution confirming a nomination to the Board of Trustees of The Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Incorporated; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 12-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 13-23, A Resolution approving the submission of a name for the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Schultze explained the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Pickard thanked Mr. Jefferson for his work in the county.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 13-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 13-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 13-23, A Resolution approving the submission of a name for the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 13-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 14-23, A Resolution confirming the appointments of members to serve on the Personnel Board for Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Schultze explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 14-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 14-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 14-23, A Resolution confirming the appointments of members to serve on the Personnel Board for Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 14-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 15-23, A Resolution reappointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions, was accompanied by Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Schultze explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 15-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 15-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 15-23, A Resolution reappointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 15-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 16-23, A Resolution confirming the appointment of the Executive Director of the Police Accountability Board; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Peter Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Moyah Panda, Police Accountability Board, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the resolution.

Ms. Panda spoke on her credentials.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 16-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 16-23.

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 16-23, A Resolution confirming the appointment of the Executive Director of the Police Accountability Board; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 16-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

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

**BILL NO. 13-23 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting – For the purpose of establishing a uniform permitting process for special events; defining certain terms; exempting certain events from the requirement for a special event permit; requiring certain persons to obtain a permit to hold special events; requiring the permit application to contain certain information; establishing the basis for granting or denying the permit application; establishing fees and fee waivers for special event permit applications; requiring reimbursement of costs incurred by the County and allowing for the waiver of such reimbursement; requiring certain inspections be performed; allowing for the termination of permits in certain circumstances; providing for a delay in the application and collection of certain fees; and generally relating to licenses and registrations.; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Preeti Emrick, Office of Emergency Management, Captain Daniel Rodriguez, Police Department, Assistant Chief Lawrence Schultz, Fire Department, Holly Velez, Inspections and Permits, and Ethan Hunt, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 13-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 13-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 13-23, as amended:

Bruce Bereano, Annapolis
Jonny Howe, Annapolis
Alan Lang, Pasadena
Joe Larsen, Hanover
David Morsberger, Davidsonville
Kevin Lang, Pasadena

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

The Chair called Bill No. 13-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

**Amendment No. 28**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*The amendment excludes from the definition of "special events" an event held by an Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Company on property owned by the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Company.*

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

The Administration does not support.

Mr. Volke responded.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 28 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

**Amendment No. 29**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*The amendment removes the requirement that a special event permit application include "any other information as the County may require in its review of the application".*

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Fiedler asked if the amendment was dealing with future unknowns.

Mr. Baron responded.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 29 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

**Amendment No. 30**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*The amendment excludes from the definition of "special events" an annual event held by an organization that has occurred in the County continuously for at least 25 years.*

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

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 30 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

The Chair called Bill No. 13-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Licenses and Registrations – Special Events – Permitting; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained his vote.

Ms. Pickard, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, and Ms. Hummer thanked the Administration representatives for their service.

Bill No. 13-23 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

**BILL NO. 19-23 (As Amended)**

The Chair called for Bill No. 19-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: : Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County – For the purpose of prohibiting the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County; defining certain terms; establishing the duties of certain retail establishments; requiring an example of a notice required by retail establishments to be posted on the County website; making a violation a Class C civil offense; providing for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags; allowing retail establishments to distribute paper and reusable bags at no cost until a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien, Co-Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Erik Michelsen, Environment, Holly Velez, Inspection and Permits, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its support.

Ms. Hummer asked why the bill is listed under Public Safety in the Code.

Ms. Kenney responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 19-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were five submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 19-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 19-23, as amended:

Priscilla Kania, Annapolis
John Breen, Annapolis
Zachary Taylor, Washington, DC
Kevin Lang, Pasadena
Elvia Thompson, Annapolis
Martha Ainsworth, Bowie
Alan Lang, Pasadena
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 19-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

**Amendment No. 9**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment alters the definition of "reusable carryout bag" to include a bag specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse that is made of plastic film at least 2.25 mils thick and contains at least 40% recycled content.*

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Rodvien responded to the public testimony.

Mr. Volke spoke on the amendment.

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

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

**Amendment No. 10**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment extends the deadline by which a retail establishment may provide paper and reusable carryout bags at no cost from November 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024; and delays the effective date of the bill from October 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024.*

Mr. Smith, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated this is a policy choice for the council.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 10 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**Amendment No. 11**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment excludes from the definition of plastic carry out bag a bag used to contain, package, or wrap cigars or loose tobacco.*

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron stated this is a policy choice for the council.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 11 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**Amendment No. 12**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This amendment changes the short title of the bill.*

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

Ms. Rodvien agreed with the amendment.

Ms. Hummer and Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a sponsor.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 12 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 19-23, as amended, will be heard on May 15, 2023.

**BILL NO. 22-23**

The Chair called for Bill No. 22-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Digital Zoning Layer – For the purpose of establishing guidelines for construing the location of zoning district lines shown on the digital zoning layer; authorizing the County Council or the Planning and Zoning Officer to certify administrative corrections to zoning district lines in certain situations; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Office of Planning and Zoning, Mark Burt, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler clarified split zoned parcels.

Ms. Pompa responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 22-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 22-23, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 22-23:

Kevin Haines, Severna Park
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 22-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Digital Zoning Layer; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 22-23 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – None

**BILL NO. 23-23**

The Chair called for Bill No. 23-23, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County – For the purpose of adding a certain non-voting advisor; staggering the initial terms of members; providing that the Director shall be a County employee in the exempt service; revising the process for appointing and qualifications of a Chief Financial Officer; altering certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Matthew Fleming, Resilience Authority, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the background and purpose of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 23-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 23-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 23-23, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained work sessions.

Bill No. 23-23 was passed by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Mr. Volke

**BILL NO. 24-23**

The Chair called for Bill No. 24-23, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – County Councilmember – Vesting – For the purpose of altering the number of service years a County Councilmember who is a participant in the Employees' Retirement Plan is required to complete in order to vest in the benefits of the plan; making conforming changes; and generally relating to pensions; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler, Co-Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Anne Budowski, Personnel Officer, was accompanied by Kelly Lovett, Personnel, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Ms. Rodvien asked a historical question.

Ms. Budowski responded.

Ms. Pickard asked about other benefits that Councilmembers could receive.

Ms. Budowski answered.

Mr. Volke clarified the health benefits.

Ms. Budowski responded.

There was further discussion regarding the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 24-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 24-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 24-23, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – County Councilmember – Vesting; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

**Amendment No. 1**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*This technical amendment removes superfluous language in the bill.*

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Hummer

Bill No. 24-23 was defeated by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-23**

The Chair called for Resolution No. 9-23, A Resolution approving the terms and conditions of the acquisition of real property in Lothian, Maryland, from Perdue AgriBusiness LLC, utilizing funds from the Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, was accompanied by Susan Herrold, Central Services, Mike Davis, Facilities Management, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 9-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were twelve submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Resolution No. 9-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Resolution No. 9-23:

Amy Crone, Harwood
Buddy Hance, Calvert County, MD
Craig Sewell, Annapolis
Richard Catterton, Lothian
William Fordham, Harwood
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Council asked the speakers for public hearing several questions.

The Chair called Resolution No. 9-23, A Resolution approving the terms and conditions of the acquisition of real property in Lothian, Maryland, from Perdue AgriBusiness LLC, utilizing funds from the Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

**Amendment No. 1**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*The amendment states the intent of the County Council that the grain elevator not be operated by the County and that the operation of a grain elevator be under a lease agreement with an independent operator.*

Ms. Volke, Sponsor, explained the purpose of the amendment.

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Leadbetter clarified the cost of running the grain elevator.

Mr. Baron responded.

Mr. Smith asked if the amendment impacts any future loans.

There was further discussion regarding the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 1 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard

**Amendment No. 2**

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

*The amendment states the intent of the County Council that the fees and other charges for the use of the grain elevator facility be established each year at an amount sufficient to ensure that the revenue from the fees and other charges exceed the costs incurred by the County to operate the grain elevator facility.*

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

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Pickard expressed her concern of the language in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 2 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Volke
Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

The Chair called Resolution No. 9-23, A Resolution approving the terms and conditions of the acquisition of real property in Lothian, Maryland, from Perdue AgriBusiness LLC, utilizing funds from the Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 9-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – None
Abstain – Mr. Volke

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby<br>Administrative Office

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 2, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

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

**ETHICS STATEMENT**

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

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Police Department
Sherriff's Office
Detention Center
Office of Emergency Management

**RECESS**

The Council took a recess at 11:57 A.M.

**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 12:07 P.M.

**OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Circuit Court
Social Services
State's Attorney

Orphans Court
Board of Elections
Liquor Board

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Board of Health Meeting
and
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 3, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 20 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | 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. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2024 Budget files.)

Tonii Gedin, Acting Health Officer, was accompanied by Shawn Cain, Deputy Health Officer, Public Health, Shawn Cain, Deputy Health Officer, Operations, Grace Tydings, 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.

Ms. Gedin 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 Ms. Gedin.

**RECESS**

The Council took a recess at 10:56 A.M.

**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Health Department
Central Services
Recreation and Parks

**RECESS**

The Council took a recess at 1:10 P.M.

**RECONVENE**

The Council reconvened at 1:32 P.M. and continued with presentations from:

Department of Transportation
Department of Aging
Office of Information Technology

**ADJORNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 4, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

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

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Anne Arundel Community College
Anne Arundel County Public Libraries
Board of Education

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 8, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

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

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following department presented:

Fire Department

**CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following Public Works' offices presented:

Roads & Traffic
Bridges
Watershed Protection & Restoration
Waste Management
Water & Wastewater
Dredging

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 9, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

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

Lisa Rodvien, Sixth District, was absent.

**PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, presented a supplemental budget.

**MOTION TO WAIVE THE PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chair read aloud the following statement:

"Under the provisions of Section 709 of the Charter, if the County Executive proposes amendments to increase or add items to the Budget, the County Council must give reasonable public notice of the proposed amendments and hold a public hearing on the amendments. Notice of the purposed supplement amendments has been given. The Council may waive this hearing by a vote of five members."

The motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, to waive the public hearing was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Mr. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Ms. Hummer, Mr. Smith
Nay – Mr. Volke
Absent – Ms. Rodvien

The Chair stated that public hearings on the proposed budget would be on May 11, 2023 at the Arundel Center and on May 18, 2023 at Crofton High School, both at 7 P.M.

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following office presented:

Inspection and Permits

**OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Planning and Zoning
Solid Waste
Utilities
Public Works

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Meeting
May 10, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Julie K. Hummer | Fourth District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

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

**OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

Office of Chief Administration Officer

**OPERATION BUDGET RIEVIEW**

The following departments and offices presented:

County Executive's Office
Office of Personnel
Office of Law
Budget Office
Office of Finance
Arundel Community Development Services
Anne Arundel Workforce Development Corporation
Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation
Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

by Anna Macaulay

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
FY 2024 Budget Public Hearing
May 11, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
County Council Chambers

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:00 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Fiedler, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in the Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 55 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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|---|---|
| Pete Smith | First District |
| Allison Pickard | Second District |
| Nathan Volke | Third District |
| Amanda Fiedler | Fifth District |
| Lisa D.B. Rodvien | Sixth District |
| Shannon Leadbetter | Seventh District |

Julie Hummer, Fourth District, was absent.

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

## PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, or minutes constitutes the reading of the whole.

## READING OF BUDGET LEGISLATION

BILL NO. 26-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 27-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvement districts required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 28-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 29-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Mills Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 30-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Dorchester Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Dorchester Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 31-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Farmington Village Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Farmington Village Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 32-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 33-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park - North Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park – North Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 34-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Two Rivers Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Two Rivers Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 35-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 36-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the solid waste service charge.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 37-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Metered Water and Wastewater Charges – FOR the purpose of modifying metered water and wastewater charges; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to utilities.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 38-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Use or Occupancy Tax – FOR the purpose of increasing the occupancy tax on the rent paid for the use of a short-term rental; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 39-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Transportation Network Service Assessment – FOR the purpose of imposing an assessment on transportation network services originating in the County; providing for the collection, remittance, accounting, use, and enforcement of the assessment; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 40-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Transfer Tax – Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund – FOR the purpose of modifying the transfer tax rate for certain real property transactions; modifying a reference to the levying of transfer tax for certain budget purposes; providing for certain transfer tax revenues to be paid into the Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 41-23 – 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 Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 42-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Income Tax – FOR the purpose of modifying County income tax rates; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 43-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Property Tax and Semiannual Payment Service Charge – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing a property tax for the use of Anne Arundel County for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; fixing the rate of the County property tax for the taxable year; and establishing the service charge to be paid by a property owner electing to pay real property taxes and all other taxes and charges billed on the real property tax bill under a semiannual payment schedule.
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23 – RESOLUTION increasing the rate of transfer tax on a written instrument conveying title to real property or a leasehold interest in real property when the consideration paid or to be paid for the conveyance is $1,000,000 or more
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

**BUDGET REMARKS**

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, gave an overview of the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Mr. Trumbauer's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Dr. Joanna B. Tobin, President, Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Dr. Tobin's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Dr. Mark T. Bedell, Superintendent of Schools, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Dr. Bedell's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Nicole Disney-Bates, President, Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Disney-Bates's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Gloria Harberts, Southern Regional Manager, Anne Arundel County Public Library, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Harbert's statement is attached to these minutes.)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following persons spoke on the Fiscal Year 2024 County Executive's Budget:

Leah Paley, Crownsville
LaNae Kirwan, Pasadena
Brian Dague, Edgewater
Melissa Hadel, Crownsville
Jonathan Max-Sohmer, Severn
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Stephen Hammond, Annapolis
Brendan Maltese, Pasadena
Maryann Oliver, Arnold

Diego Garcia, Crofton
Trudy McFall, Annapolis
Laura Kellman, Annapolis
Dr. Gayle Jones, Bowie
Steven Waddy, Severn
Cathy Guay, Annapolis

The following persons registered to speak but were not present when called:

William DuSold, Glen Burnie
Jake Tannehill, Severn
Dan Tootle, Glen Burnie

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Anna Macaulay

For: Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

*Prepared Remarks of the Budget Officer*
*May 11, 2023*

Mr. Chair and members of the County Council, for the record, I am Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer for Anne Arundel County. Thank you for the opportunity to give a brief overview of County Executive Steuart Pittman's proposed budget for fiscal year 2024.

The proposed budget before you reflects the fiscally responsible approach that has resulted in a credit ratings upgrade for the second consecutive year. Last month, Fitch upgraded the County's credit rating to AAA, giving Anne Arundel County the "triple crown" of the highest possible bond ratings from Fitch, Moody's and S&P. We are one of only 52 counties out of 3,143 in the nation to achieve this status.

The county fiscal foundation is strong. As we near the end of Fiscal Year 2023 and look forward to Fiscal Year 2024, our two largest sources of revenue are robust. Overall revenue from property tax and local income tax are projected to be a combined $30 million above estimates. And looking forward to FY2024 we are projecting continues growth. However, revenue from real estate transactions has fallen sharply – losing approximately $90 million in the current year compared with Fiscal Year 2022. While the Budget Office planned for a dramatic drop, this amount of revenue reduction does have an effect on overall capacity to maintain operations with current revenue streams.

This year's proposed general fund budget is $2,137,334,300, a decrease of $20.2 million, or about 1 percent, compared to the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2023. However, subtracting out the $115.6 million of incremental fund balance and one-time revenue, this represents a $95.4 million increase in recurring revenue from FY23. This increase is equivalent to 5 percent growth, year over year, which is less than the January 2023 rate of inflation of 6.41%.

The FY24 Proposed Budget is balanced and there is no structural deficit. All recurring expenses are being paid for with recurring revenues.

Today marks the expiration of the federal public health emergency related to the COVID pandemic. While the last three county budgets have been focused on recovering from the pandemic, this budget looks forward to our "new normal." Indeed, County Executive Pittman has framed this budget as "Funding our Future."

While the acute economic effects of COVID19 may be behind us, our County is forever changed. Unemployment is at historic lows, but high inflation and supply chain disruption is increasing the costs of providing vital services. Park visitation skyrocketed during the pandemic and has stayed high as more residents realized the value of our Rec & Parks amenities. Health gaps and disparities identified during the pandemic remain, and the need for affordable housing is greater than ever. The County Executive's proposed budget makes strategic investments to address these needs.

Overall, this budget continues the responsible fiscal management that Anne Arundel County is known for, while delivering essential investments in the services and infrastructure on which residents depend.

The proposed budget includes two changes in the local income tax rates using the Progressive Local Income Tax structure authorized in 2022 by the Tax Relief for Working Families Act. First, this budget implements new tax brackets for joint filers, which will lower the income tax rate on the first $75,000 of taxable income from 2.81% to 2.70%. Second, for taxable income above $400,000 for individual filers and $480,000 for joint filers, the tax rate will increase to 3.2%. To be clear, this new rate only applies to income above those thresholds. So, an individual with $450,000 of taxable income would only pay the higher rate on $50,000 of their taxable earnings. The most recent tax data available suggests that more than 98% of Anne Arundel income tax payers will pay the same rate or a lesser rate than the current year.

Anne Arundel County has a property tax revenue cap that limits revenue to an annual increase equal to the January Consumer Price Index or 4.5%, whichever is less. For FY24, that corresponding tax rate would be 95.2 cents per $100 of value. However, in accordance with State law, the County Executive has set the rate at 98 cents, in order to propose $26 million of additional funding to the Board of Education and fully fund the Board's compensation request for educators. The new rate still positions the County as the 10th lowest of Maryland's 24 county jurisdictions, and lowest among the "Big 7" central Maryland counties.

The County Executive's Budget also includes increasing the hotel tax from seven percent to eight percent, and establishing a 25 cent surcharge on rideshare trips that originate in the county. Together these two revenue enhancements are projected to bring in approximately $2.3 million in FY2024 and this revenue will support the County's Resilience Authority and transportation programs.

The FY24 budget makes several investments to secure long-term fiscal stability. The proposed budget includes increasing the Revenue

Reserve Fund to 8 percent of general fund operating revenues, with a contribution of $24.6 million. This will result in an estimated balance of $159.2 million of reserves at the end of fiscal year 2024.

The budget fully funds our annual pension and retiree healthcare fund contributions, at $130.8 million and $53.5 million, respectively. This includes $19.2 million to establish the Board of Education as a component in our retiree healthcare trust for the first time. This is a significant step for ensuring the security of retiree healthcare for our teacher and educators.

The County Executive’s Office has put together a four page document with highlights of what is funded in the budget that is a helpful resource. I encourage residents to grab a copy or find a digital version on aacounty.org/budget. Nevertheless I will run through several key components of the proposed budget.

The proposed budget includes $879.7 million of direct county funding for the Board of Education, an increase of $45 million from last year. Adding in debt service, school health, school safety, and general fund contributions to the school construction budget, the total is $1,045,200,000 and represents 49 percent of the county general fund budget. The proposed budget prioritizes several key components of the Board of Education’s request.

Again this year, the Administration fully funds the compensation package request for our educators, totaling an 8 percent increase for all units. The budget also includes a $2,000 bonus for special education positions and a $5/day increase for substitute teachers.

The proposed budget meets all new requirements of the Blueprint for Education, fully funds the Virtual Academy, and brings on the first new positions for the new Old Mill High School. The budget also invests in 45 new Pre-K positions, 15 social/emotional health positions and 14 English language development positions.

Our nationally acclaimed Anne Arundel Community College will receive $50.1 million in county funding, an increase of $1 million from last year. Our library system will receive $30.5 million of general fund support, an increase of $2.7 million compared to last year.

The budget makes significant new investments in public safety, including adding 12 sworn police officer positions to bolster community policing, and a police Lieutenant to manage the new Real-time Fusion Center. In addition, it creates 18 new firefighter positions to fill much needed posts. The budget also adds 12 new vehicles for Deputy Sheriffs and a new reentry hub at the Ordnance Road Correction Center. Overall, Public Safety accounts for $433.6 million in funding, or 20 percent of the general fund budget.

In our Department of Public Works, several new project management positions are proposed to manage increased capital projects and expedite project timelines. Similarly, with the addition of several new county parks and continued high park visitation numbers, the Department of Recreation and Parks is proposed to add four new maintenance positions and a park ranger.

The County is proposing to continue or extend several key health and human services initiatives. We are proposing an additional $1 million for Eviction Prevention, $1.6 million of new funding for enhanced Crisis Response, and $1.8 million of increased funding for the County's food assistance programs.

The County is also proposing a new, dedicated revenue stream to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This revenue will come from a 0.5 percent increase in the transfer tax for real estate transactions greater than $1 million. In FY24, this is projected to be approximately $7.5 million, but that amount will grow as the real estate market recovers from recent levels of low activity.

The county successfully negotiated agreements with all eleven of its bargaining units. The proposed budget also includes a 5.0 percent cost of living adjustment for non-represented employees and the same for contractual workers, effective upon renewal of their annual contracts.

Due to continued high inflation, county utility rates are increasing. The annual trash and recycling fee is proposed to be $380, up $39 from this year's rate. Water and sewer rates are proposed at $3.23 and $5.67 per 1,000 gallons, respectively. These are increases of 29 cents for water rates and 51 cents for sewer rates. The average annual bill for a residential water and sewer customer is estimated to be $746.58, which remains the lowest in the region. The county's stormwater fee is proposed to increase by 5% to $93.71 annually for a single family residential home.

The County Executive's proposed Capital Budget contains $525.9 million of funding for general fund projects in FY2024. This includes $222.2 million of total county bonds and $115 million total Pay As You Go funding. The remainder is derived from impact fees, state and federal grants and other miscellaneous funding. The Capital Budget includes 18 new general fund projects and keeps all major projects on track. The entire six-year Capital Program remains approximately $12.6 million under our debt affordability guidelines.

The largest component of the Capital Budget is the Board of Education, which accounts for $191.8 million. This includes moving up the funding for

Old Mill High School by one year and funding the final year of the new West County Elementary School.

Notable projects in the Capital Budget include fully funding for the Next Generation 911 Joint Operations Center, additions of multipurpose athletic fields at parks across the county, final funding for the Arnold Senior Center renovations, expanding the county's bike/pedestrian network, funding for the new Cape St. Claire and Jessup Fire Stations, planning and design for the new Glen Burnie Library and funding for the renovation of the Community College's Florestano Building.

In closing, I thank you for an opportunity to present this overview tonight. The County Executive, and the entire budget team, look forward to working with the County Council and the Auditor as we work to strike a budget to meet the priority needs of our county residents.  Copies of the entire budget, including budget's highlights, are available on the Budget Office website at www.aacounty.org. Thank you and good evening.

# DR. JOANNA TOBIN, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Good evening, Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Pickard, and members of the County Council. Let me first acknowledge the other members of the Board who have joined us this evening.

Out of respect for those who have come to testify tonight, I will be quick. I simply want to acknowledge the value of partnership, and in particular the partnership between our school system, county government, and this County Council.

That partnership has made us a very, very good school system, and that helps every single person in our county. As Dr. Bedell says almost every time he speaks, however, very good isn't good enough. The goal is to be great and thanks to your partnership, we're on our way.

Ninety-five percent of our schools are rated three stars or higher on the latest Maryland Report Card. Annapolis High School was named one of five Unified Champion schools in the nation for its work with students of all abilities in its Unified Sports program. The Center of Applied Technology – North's Baking & Pastry program was just named one of 24 model programs in the nation.

I could go on and on. You – the Council – have been a part of that success, and I thank you.

I will close by reiterating one thing I said at our workshop last Thursday: As you go through page after page in your budget books, as you have conversations about dollars allocated to projects, and as you consider changes to the County Executive's proposal, please don't see the lines as simply funding. Each of those lines, at least in our budget, represents a child or group of children. Every penny you allocate impacts the life of a student. That's our focus, and I know it is yours as well.

Thank you, and I will now turn it over to Dr. Bedell.

# DR. MARK BEDELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Thank you, Dr. Tobin, and thanks to all the members of the County Council and to the public for being here tonight.

This is my first time through this process, so I have no experience to draw upon. I am told that in past years these budget hearings have been contentious and even filled with acrimony. I promise you won't hear that tonight. Tonight, I ask you hear two words very clearly from me and from our school system: Thank You.

Thank you, as Dr. Tobin said, for your partnership; for spending time with me since I've arrived; and for your genuine interest in our school system and our children.

Thank you for the time you have already spent on this budget and on the countless hours yet in front of you as you fine-tune the proposal County Executive Pittman has put before you.

Thank you for the thoughtful questions, not just at our workshop last Thursday but since I've arrived in August.

And thank you for your understanding that being great costs money.

As Dr. Tobin alluded to, the fact that I want to be great should be no secret to anyone. I know for a fact that you want us to be great, too.

We have significant staffing issues and pay gaps, and increasing student needs. But we also have an amazing team of people in our AACPS family, and they are doing incredible work on behalf of our students and our county. Provide us with the resources and our duty is to provide you and the residents of this county with results.

County Executive Pittman's budget proposal is a very significant investment. It addresses the biggest issues confronting us and we are enormously grateful.

I'll close where I started: My understanding is that in prior years you have been presented with a laundry list of our needs that the County Executive has left unfunded. I'm not interested in acrimony. I'm interested in progress. Together we can make our school system great.

So tonight, my list has just two words on it: Thank you.

Good Evening County Executive Pittman, Chairman Smith and honorable members of the council. I am Nicole Disney-Bates, TAAAC President and it is my privilege to stand before you and speak for our over 6,000 members. When I am invited to speak, I often start with a story and today is no different. I have 4 daughters, my oldest is 10 and my youngest is 4. They are hard working, capable, children with bright futures that will allow them to do anything that they put their mind to. In that, I am their mom and I encourage them to reach for their dreams.

I recently asked my daughters what they want to be when they grow up. My oldest told me something with math or science, my six year old something with bugs, or animals, and she has particular interest in Madagascar hissing cockroaches and salamanders, my four year old is torn between a princess and a mermaid (I can not wait to see how that turns out) and my 8 year old, what does she want to be? A teacher of course, just like her mom, just like many of us here today and I see it, I see the qualities that will make her an excellent teacher, she is caring, innovative, patient and has boundless energy. She has the makings of a great teacher but I have to be honest with you council members, I hesitate to encourage her to become a teacher. This is not because I do not think that teaching is an amazing job, because it is! Teachers get to watch their students faces light up when they see you, that ah-ha moment when they learn to read their first book, that moment when you know that you encouraged them to keep going even though they wanted to stop. Teaching is the best job, the best career but still, I hesitate.

That is why I am standing before you today. I am not only standing here as TAAAC president, I am not only standing here for our over 6,000 members but I stand here for our troubling present and potentially bright future.

Where we are now is not a sustainable course. We can not, should not and will not accept 270 vacancies as the norm. We can not, should not, and will not accept our students being taught by an OWL (virtually) because there are not enough physical teachers in the building, we can not should not and will not accept teachers giving up their plannings day after day after day because there is a sub shortage. This needs to end, this is our present, but it does not have to be our future.

I want our future to be one where I can encourage my daughter to pursue a career where she only needs to have one job and not 2, 3, 4 to support herself and one day maybe, a family. I want our future to be one where she can live in a place that best suits her needs. I want her future to be better than our present.

In that, this is your moment our honorable council members, this is your moment to make our future better than our present. Teaching is a hard job, you work nights, weekends, you answer calls, emails, texts from families in need of support, you work to pursue and earn your masters degree. Teachers are professionals and yet, we are not treated as such. Recently I came across a tik tok where a teacher quits teaching and goes to work at Costco and is less stressed, makes the same amount of money and gets additional time with her family, what does that tell us? What does that say to us as a county? As a state? As a country? Who are we when we do not treat our teachers with enough respect to pay them enough to show that they are professionals that you respect.

I would like to remind you that you, Chairman Smith, you are a marine, council person Feidler, you are a Senior Media Buyer, council person Volke, you are a lawyer, council person Hummer you were a teacher, council person Rodvien, you are a teacher, council person Leadbetter, you are a small business owner, council person Council person Pickard, you were part of Nonprofit management. Today, you are all here, council members, not only because of your drive, your desire to serve, your willingness to advocate for what you believe in but because of teachers. Teachers got you here. I often think of the shirt that says "if you can read this, thank a teacher."

So today, while hopefully you think back to your past, the teachers that taught you and got you to where you are. Our present where teachers are working harder than ever before, what is our future going to be? Are we going to stay on this course or change? I hope you choose change because our students deserve a certified teacher in every classroom, change because our communities need teachers to stay and become part of the community, change because in the end, the world, our country, our state and our county need teachers and you have the power to change the future.

Today, I implore you to fully fund the budget. Think about your past, our present and the future. After June 1st, I want to be able to tell my 8 year old, that teaching is not only the best job but your future is bright if you decide to pursue it.

Thank you!

**Testimony to the Anne Arundel County Council**
**Public Budget Hearing**
**May 11, 2023**

Good evening, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Pickard, and Council Members Volke, Hummer, Fiedler, Rodvien, and Leadbetter.

My name is Gloria Harberts and I'm the Southern Area Regional Manager for Anne Arundel County Public Libraries. I have worked at AACPL for nearly 36 years.

We are grateful for your steadfast support of the library whether as a member of the council or simply as a customer at one of our 16 branches.

I'm here this evening to ask for your support of the County Executive's proposed budget and to respectfully request you consider allocating additional funds for our dedicated and innovative staff.

As you heard from staff and customers at the eight budget town hall hearings, the library is the center of our communities, providing services and resources that improve the lives of county residents. In partnership with the Department of Health, library staff have distributed more than 300,000 masks and COVID test kits. In our latest partnership with the Department of Health, just this week library staff reached the major milestone of distributing 1,000 gun safety locks to Anne Arundel County Residents in just under one month. Our kindergarten readiness programs give parents and caregivers the skills to help prepare their child for school and our computers, laptops and hotspots along with free expert assistance, help residents find jobs and bring in much needed tax revenue. These are just a sampling of the hundreds of services library staff provide every day.

But as you've heard, our staff aren't being paid competitively or even fairly. The most recent compensation study completed indicates that out of 289 career staff, 245 aren't paid at the market rate. And some are leaving to go to nearby Prince George's, Baltimore and Howard counties who pay significantly more.

We are grateful that the County Executive proposed $485,800 in his budget toward the $2.9 million dollars that is needed to bring our staff to parity with our neighbors. But it doesn't get us anywhere near what is needed. So, our request of the County Council is to add $500,000 to the $485,765 that the County Executive proposed. If you do, we'll be 1/3 of the way to parity with the library systems in our region.

Why are we asking for nearly $3 million dollars to get our staff to parity? Let me give you an example. A Library Associate, which is a position which provides kindergarten readiness classes, pays $41,000 at AACPL. In nearby Prince George's, it's $49,527 and in Baltimore County its $46,658.

Our long-serving managers face even steeper disparities. In Anne Arundel our Branch Managers, who supervise up to 25 people, start at $65,000 while in Prince George's, they start at $76,426 and in Baltimore County Public Library, they start at $92,409. That is $26,000 more than we pay. It's 40% more. This is for positions requiring Master's degrees and many years of experience. These are just basic examples of why we must get to parity some day, some way.

In closing I'd like to thank the Council for their continued commitment to ensuring everyone in Anne Arundel County enjoys convenient access to the enriching public spaces in our libraries and urge your consideration of our request.

Thank you for your consideration,
Gloria D. Harberts,

Anne Arundel County Public Library
Regional Manager

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

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| **To:** | Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council |
| **From:** | Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor |
| **Date:** | May 10, 2023 |
| **Subject:** | Auditor's Review of Legislation for the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting |

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**Bill 19-23:**
**Public Safety – Ban the Bag Act of Anne Arundel County (As Amended)**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill prohibits the retail distribution of plastic bags in Anne Arundel County, defines certain terms, establishes the duties of certain retail establishments, makes a violation a Class C civil offense, provides for the enforcement of the prohibition on plastic bags, and provides for a delayed effective date.

We commented on this bill in our letters dated March 29, 2023, April 12, 2023, and April 27, 2023. At the May 1, 2023 Council meeting, this bill was amended to extend the deadline by which a retail establishment may provide paper and reusable carryout bags at no cost from November 1, 2023 to February 1, 2024 and delay the effective date of the bill from October 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024. This bill was also amended to exclude from the definition of plastic carry out bag a bag used to contain, package, or wrap cigars or loose tobacco. This bill was also amended to change the short title of the bill to "Bring Your Own Bag Plastic Reduction Act." We have no further comments on this bill.

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**Bill 25-23:**
**General Provisions – Public Campaign Financing**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill establishes a public campaign financing system to include the following provisions:

- Establishes the Public Campaign Financing Fund (Fund) for County elected offices that is administered by the Controller;
- Allows candidates to choose whether to participate in the system and establishes requirements for participation;
- Establishes a Public Campaign Financing System Commission (Commission) consisting of seven County residents appointed by the County Council and two County residents appointed by the County Executive;
- Provides for the qualifications, terms, and members of the Commission; and
- Requires the Commission to calculate, not later than 180 days prior to fiscal year end, the total amount estimated for the full

election cycle and the amount to be included in the current expense budget for the next fiscal year to fully fund the system.

The bill provides that each fiscal year the County Executive will include in the proposed budget the amount calculated by the Commission as necessary to fully fund the system for the fiscal year.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

This bill will have a fiscal impact. Per the Maryland State Board of Elections, to date Baltimore City and Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties have approved public campaign financing systems but currently only Howard and Montgomery County have operational programs. Montgomery County appropriated over $14 million for public campaign financing during the fiscal year 2016 – 2022 period and distributed $3.5 million to 20 candidates for the 2022 primary election. Howard County appropriated $1.25 million during the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 period for public campaign financing.

Per the Administration's fiscal note, if candidates in Anne Arundel County's 2022 primary and general election had utilized the campaign finance system proposed in the bill, the cost is estimated to have ranged from $2 million to $8.4 million, depending on participation.

The proposed fiscal year 2024 budget does not provide funding to implement this bill.

The Administration does not expect a change in workload from this bill, however, the bill establishes new requirements that may result in an increase in staff workload depending upon the participation. These requirements include managing the new Commission, developing reports, conducting program education and outreach, and managing the new Fund. Montgomery County has one full-time position dedicated to coordinating information about its public campaign finance program.

**PROPOSED**

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 46-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

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Introduced and first read on May 15, 2023
Public Hearing set for June 20, 2023
Bill Expires August 18, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

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, 2023.

BY amending: Current Expense Budget

WHEREAS, under Section 711(a) of the Charter, the County Executive may authorize transfers of funds within the same department and within the same fund; and

WHEREAS, under Section 711(a) of the Charter, upon recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may transfer funds between offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies of the County government and within the same fund of the Current Expense Budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 712 of the Charter, upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may make supplementary appropriations from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates and from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for the current fiscal year, provided that the Controller shall first certify in writing that such funds are available for appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended the transfer and supplementary appropriation of certain funds, and the Controller has certified in writing that such funds are available for appropriation; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, be and it is hereby amended by making an emergency and supplementary appropriation and transfer of funds in the amounts set forth from:

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| Chief Administrative Officer – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Contingency | | |
| Grants, Contributions & Other | $ | 10,069,200 |

and by transferring and making a supplementary appropriation of such funds to the below-listed departments in the amounts set forth:

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| Board of Supervisors of Elections – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Brd of Supervisor of Elections | | |
| Personal Services | $ | 235,000 |
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| Cooperative Extension Service – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Cooperative Extension Service | | |
| Grants, Contributions & Other | $ | 117,500 |
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| Department of Public Works – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Bureau of Highways | | |
| Personal Services | $ | 338,700 |
| Contractual Services | $ | 212,400 |
| Supplies and Materials | $ | 150,800 |
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| Fire Department – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Operations | | |
| Personal Services | $ | 710,500 |
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| Office of Central Services – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Facilities Management | | |
| Contractual Services | $ | 2,050,000 |
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| Office of Emergency Management – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Office of Emergency Management | | |
| Contractual Services | $ | 125,900 |

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| Office of Law – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Office of Law | | |
| Personal Services | $ | 31,000 |
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| Office of Personnel – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Office of Personnel | | |
| Contractual Services | $ | 75,000 |
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| Office of Transportation – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Office of Transportation | | |
| Contractual Services | $ | 18,400 |
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| Police Department – General Fund Appropriation | | |
| Patrol Services | | |
| Personal Services | $ | 6,004,000 |

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, be and it is hereby amended by making supplementary appropriations from revenues received from sources which were not anticipated in the budget or from revenues received from anticipated sources but which are in excess of budget estimates as follows:

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| Unappropriated fund balance of the Garage Working Capital Fund | $ | 400,000 |
| Unappropriated fund balance of the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Special Revenue Fund | $ | 267,200 |
| Unappropriated fund balance of the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County Special Revenue Fund | $ | 45,700 |
| Unappropriated fund balance of the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District Fund | $ | 43,300 |
| Unappropriated fund balance of the Laurel Race Track Community Benefit Fund | $ | 60,000 |
| Unappropriated State & Federal Grants | $ | 520,137 |

and by adding such funds to the below-listed funds, in the respective amounts set forth:

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| Garage Working Capital Fund – Office of Central Services | | |
| Vehicle Operations | | |
| Supplies and Materials | $ | 400,000 |

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| Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Special Revenue Fund | | |
| Chief Administrative Office | | |
| Tourism & Arts | | |
| Grants, Contributions & Other | $ | 267,200 |
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| Arts Council of Anne Arundel County Special Revenue Fund | | |
| Chief Administrative Office | | |
| Tourism & Arts | | |
| Grants, Contributions & Other | $ | 45,700 |
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| Arundel Gateway Special Tax District Fund | | |
| Office of Finance (Non-Departmental) | | |
| Special Tax Districts | | |
| Debt Service | $ | 43,300 |
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| Laurel Race Track Community Benefit Fund | | |
| County Executive | | |
| Laurel Race Track Impact Aid | | |
| Grants, Contributions & Other | $ | 60,000 |
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| Grants Special Revenue Fund | | |
| Health Department | | |
| Family Health Services | | |
| Supplies and Materials | $ | 4,400 |
| Office of the Sheriff | | |
| Office of the Sheriff | | |
| Capital Outlay | $ | 15,737 |
| Partnership for Children, Youth & Families | | |
| Partnership for Children, Youth & Families | | |
| Contractual Services | $ | 318,000 |
| Personal Services | $ | 182,000 |

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare, and property, and being passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, the same shall take effect from the date it becomes law.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

**BILL NUMBER: 46-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

# FISCAL NOTE

**BILL:** **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONCERNING: CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET – FOURTH QUARTER FUND TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS**

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this emergency legislation is to make supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenue, and transfer appropriations between departments. **Exhibit 1** summarizes the appropriation of $10,069,200 transferred within the General Fund from the Chief Administrative Office Contingency.

**Exhibit 1**
**General Fund Transfers and Appropriations**

| Department | Description | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Administrative Officer | Contingency | 10,069,200 |
| **Total Transfers** | | **$10,069,200** |
| | | |
| Board of Election Supervisors | Temporary Pay | 235,000 |
| Central Services | Utility costs | 2,050,000 |
| Cooperative Extension Service | Missed FY22 payment | 117,500 |
| Fire Department | Overtime | 710,500 |
| Law Office | Unrealized turnover | 31,000 |
| Office of Emergency Management | Pictometry payment | 125,900 |
| Office of Transportation | Chesapeake Bay Ferry Feasibility study | 18,400 |
| Personnel Office | Negotiation costs | 75,000 |
| Police Department | Overtime and Special Pays | 6,004,000 |
| Public Works | Snow removal | 701,900 |
| **Total Appropriations** | | 10,069,200 |

**Exhibit 2** summarizes the appropriation of $1,336,337 within Other Funds.

| Exhibit 2<br>Other Funds Appropriations | | |
|---|---|---|
| Department | Description | Amount |
| Chief Administrative Officer - Arts Council | Hotel Tax Pass Through | 45,700 |
| Chief Administrative Officer - Conference and Visitors | Hotel Tax Pass Through | 267,200 |
| Central Services -- Garage Working Capital Fund | Gasoline cost | 400,000 |
| Finance (Non-Departmental) -- Arundel Gateway TIF | Debt Service | 43,300 |
| Sheriff - Grant Special Revenue Fund | Maryland Judiciary - AOC Security Equipment | 15,737 |
| Health -- Grant Special Revenue Fund | Oral Cancer Screening Grant | 4,400 |
| Partnership for Children, Youth & Family - Grant Special Revenue Fur | Grant from ACDS | 500,000 |
| County Executive - Laurel Race Track Impact Aid Fund | Contribution to Capital Project | 60,000 |
| **Total** | | **1,336,337** |

Chris Trumbauer 5/11/2023

**Chris Trumbauer** **Date**
**Budget Officer**

**BILL NUMBER: 46-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

In accordance with the Anne Arundel County Charter, Section 712, I certify that such funds are available for appropriation.

Billie Penley 5/15/2023

Billie Penley
Controller

Date

# PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 47-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

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Introduced and first read on May 15, 2023
Public Hearing set for June 20, 2023
Bill Expires August 18, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

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, 2023.

BY amending: Current Expense Budget

WHEREAS, under Section 711(a) of the Charter, the County Executive may authorize transfers of funds within the same department and within the same fund; and

WHEREAS, under Section 711(a) of the Charter, upon recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may transfer funds between offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies of the County government and within the same fund of the Current Expense Budget; and

WHEREAS, under Section 712 of the Charter, upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may make supplementary appropriations from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates and from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for the current fiscal year, provided that the Controller shall first certify in writing that such funds are available for appropriation; and

WHEREAS, § 5-105(a) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that all revenues received by the Board of Education be spent in accordance with the major categories of its annual budget as provided under § 5-101 of the Education Article, and § 5-105(b) of the Education Article requires that transfers between major categories be approved by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has recommended the transfer and supplementary appropriation of certain funds, and the Controller has certified in writing that such funds are available for appropriation; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, be and it is hereby amended by making supplementary appropriations of revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget and from revenues received from anticipated sources in excess of budget estimates in the Local Education Fund as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Federal, State, and Local Unrestricted Funds | $ | 9,538,346 |
| Federal, State, and Local Restricted Grant Funds | $ | 4,877,154 |
| Internal Service Fund for Health Care (Restricted Funds) | $ | 6,961,700 |

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby amended by transferring funds from the below-listed accounts in the Local Education Fund in the respective amounts set forth:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Administration | $ | 1,358,600 |
| (2) Instructional Salaries & Wages | $ | 2,435,600 |
| (3) Other Instructional Costs | $ | 791,600 |
| (4) Health Services | $ | 351,400 |
| (5) Pupil Transportation | $ | 9,355,800 |
| (6) Community Services | $ | 78,300 |

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby amended by making supplementary appropriations of such funds and by transferring such funds as enumerated in Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance to the below-listed accounts in the Local Education Fund in the respective amounts set forth:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Mid-Level Administration | $ | 2,151,500 |
| (2) Textbooks and Classroom Supplies | $ | 11,238,800 |
| (3) Special Education | $ | 885,000 |
| (4) Pupil Services | $ | 368,500 |
| (5) Operation of Plant | $ | 2,659,100 |
| (6) Maintenance of Plant | $ | 5,904,600 |
| (7) Fixed Charges | $ | 3,943,500 |
| (8) Food Service | $ | 246,000 |
| (9) Capital Outlay | $ | 8,351,500 |

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare, and property, and being passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, the same shall take effect from the date it becomes law.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND**
**OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

**BILL NUMBER: 47-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

# FISCAL NOTE

**BILL:** **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CONCERNING: CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET – BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS**

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to make supplementary appropriations from unanticipated grant revenue and to transfer appropriations between categories. **Exhibit 1** summarizes the appropriation of $35,748,500 within the Local Education Fund.

Chris Trumbauer 5/11/2023

**Chris Trumbauer** **Date**
**Budget Officer**

*Exhibit 1*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Section 1: Additional Revenue* | | |
| Federal, State, and Local Unrestricted Funds | $9,538,346 | |
| Federal, State, and Local Restrcited Grant Funds | $4,877,154 | |
| Internal Service Fund for Health Care (Restricted) | $6,961,700 | |
| **Section 1 Total** | | **$21,377,200** |
| | | |
| *Section 2: Appropriation Decrease* | | |
| Administration | $1,358,600 | |
| Instructional Salaries and Wages | $2,435,600 | |
| Other Instructional Costs | $791,600 | |
| Student Health Services | $351,400 | |
| Student Transportation Services | $9,355,800 | |
| Community Services | $78,300 | |
| | | |
| **Section 2 Total** | | **$14,371,300** |
| **Total Funds Available** | | **$35,748,500** |
| | | |
| *Section 3: Appropriation Increases* | | |
| Mid-Level Administration | $2,151,500 | |
| Textbooks and Classroom Supplies | $11,238,800 | |
| Special Education | $885,000 | |
| Student Personnel Services | $368,500 | |
| Operation of Plant | $2,659,100 | |
| Maintenance of Plant | $5,904,600 | |
| Fixed Charges | $3,943,500 | |
| Food Services | $246,000 | |
| Capital Outlay | $8,351,500 | |
| | | |
| **Total Appropriation Increase** | | **$35,748,500** |

**BILL NUMBER: 47-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

In accordance with the Anne Arundel County Charter, Section 712, I certify that such funds are available for appropriation.

Billie Penley	5/15/2023
Billie Penley	Date
Controller

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 48-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

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Introduced and first read on May 15, 2023
Public Hearing set for June 20, 2023
Bill Expires August 18, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Modification to Conveyance of Surplus Property – Freetown Road in Glen Burnie, Maryland

FOR the purpose of modifying the terms and conditions of a prior deed conveying certain real property owned by Anne Arundel County to Bello Machre, Inc.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 21-01, the County Council approved a determination by the County Executive that certain real property located at 7765 Freetown Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (the "Property"), be declared surplus; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Bill No. 74-01, the County Council approved the private disposition of the Property to Bello Machre, Inc., for use as a residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities, with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, by deed dated December 28, 2001, and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Book 11215, page 406 (the "Deed"), the County conveyed the Property to Bello Machre, Inc., subject to the conditions specified in Bill No. 74-01; namely, that Bello Machre, Inc. use the property "as a residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities," with the possibility of reverter to the County in the event Bello Machre, Inc. violated the condition; and

WHEREAS, Bello Machre, Inc. has requested a modification of the condition, as it now operates numerous residential facilities in communities throughout the County to house individuals with developmental disabilities and desires to use the Property for administrative and office facilities that support provision of housing and other services it provides to these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the modification requested would re-convey the Property to Bello Machre, Inc., for so long as the Property conveyed is used for administrative and office facilities that support provision of housing and other services for individuals with developmental disabilities, but reserving a possibility of reverter to the County should the condition be violated; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, by this Ordinance, authorizes the above-described modification of the condition imposed upon the Property by the Deed; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That modification of the condition imposed upon the transfer of the Property from the County to Bello Machre, Inc., is hereby approved, as follows:

1. The condition that the Property be used as a residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities shall be removed, and be replaced by the condition that the Property be used for administrative and office facilities that support provision of housing and other services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

2. The possibility of reverter to the County should the condition be violated shall be preserved.

3. The Office of Law is directed to prepare and deliver a deed to Bello Machre, Inc., modifying the condition as stated herein.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

**BILL NUMBER: 48-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

# FISCAL NOTE

**BILL:** **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: MODIFICATION TO CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – FREETOWN ROAD, GLEN BURNIE**

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to modify the terms and conditions of a prior deed conveying certain real property owned by the County to Bello Machre, Inc.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no estimated fiscal impact.

Chris Trumbauer 5/11/2023

**Chris Trumbauer** **Date**
**Budget Officer**

Prepared by: Kyle Madden, Budget Analyst

cc: Billie Penley, Controller

**PROPOSED**

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 49-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

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Introduced and first read on May 15, 2023
Public Hearing set for June 20, 2023
Bill Expires August 18, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Second Amendment to Lease between Anne Arundel County, Maryland and Bates School Limited Partnership

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Second Amendment to Lease of a portion of County-owned property in Annapolis, Maryland, known and designated as Wiley H. Bates High School, Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue, to Bates School Limited Partnership to extend the lease term for an additional period of forty-two (42) years, to expire on March 17, 2097.

WHEREAS, the County owns real property in Annapolis, Maryland, known and designated as the Wiley H. Bates High School, Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County, as landlord, and Bates School Limited Partnership ("Bates"), a Maryland limited partnership, as tenant, entered into a fifty (50) year lease dated March 18, 2005 ("Lease"), and First Amendment to Lease dated December 10, 2015 ("First Amendment"), for a portion of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Lease and First Amendment, approved pursuant to Bill Nos. 73-04 and 120-15, respectively, are collectively referred to as the "Lease"; and

WHEREAS, the County and Bates entered into a Memorandum of Lease dated March 18, 2005 ("Memorandum"), to memorialize the commencement date and the termination date of the Lease, which Memorandum was recorded in the Land Records of Anne Arundel County at Book 16076, at page 619; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the Lease began on March 18, 2005, and expires after a period of fifty (50) years on March 17, 2055, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Bates desires, and the County agrees, to amend the Lease to extend the term for an additional period of forty-two (42) years, to expire on March 17, 2097, as set forth in the Second Amendment to Lease, incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth, and a copy of which shall be permanently kept on file in the Office of the Administrative Officer to the County Council and in the Office of Central Services; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That the Second Amendment to Lease, which extends the term of the Lease for an additional period of forty-two (42) years, to expire on March 17, 2097, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. *And be if further enacted*, That the Second Amendment to Lease is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth. A certified copy of the Second Amendment to Lease shall be permanently kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Central Services.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND**
**OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

**BILL NUMBER: 49-23**

**INTRO. DATE: May 15, 2023**

# FISCAL NOTE

**BILL:** **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE OF A PORTION OF COUNTY- OWNED PROPERTY IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS WILEY H. BATES HIGH SCHOOL, SMITHVILLE STREET AND SOUTH VILLA AVENUE, TO BATES SCHOOL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Second Amendment to Lease of a portion of County-owned property in Annapolis, Maryland, known and designated as Wiley H. Bates High School, Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue, to Bates School Limited Partnership to extend the lease term for an additional period of forty-two (42) years, to expire on March 17, 2097.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no estimated fiscal impact.

Chris Trumbauer 5/11/2023

**Chris Trumbauer** **Date**
**Budget Officer**

Prepared by: Kyle Madden, Budget Analyst

cc: Billie Penley, Controller

# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

## Legislative Summary

**To:** Members, Anne Arundel County Council

**From:** Christine Neiderer, Senior Assistant County Attorney /s/

**Via:** Gregory J. Swain, County Attorney /s/

**Date:** May 15, 2023

**Subject:** Bill No. 49-23 – Approval of Second Amendment to Lease between the County and Bates School Limited Partnership

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This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 49-23.

### Background

The County owns property known and designated as the Wiley H. Bates High School and surrounding land on Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue in Annapolis ("Property"). The County, as landlord, and Bates School Limited Partnership ("Bates"), as tenant, entered into a fifty (50) year lease dated March 18, 2005 ("Lease") for a portion of the Property. The Lease was approved pursuant to Bill No. 73-04. The Lease was amended in December 2015 for the purpose of permitting Bates to enter into a sub-lease to permit the installation of communications equipment and antennas at the Property ("First Amendment"). The First Amendment was approved pursuant to Bill No. 120-15. The Lease and First Amendment are collectively referred to as the "Lease."

The current term of the Lease began on March 18, 2005 and expires after a period of fifty (50) years on March 17, 2055, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Lease. Bates is requesting that the County amend the Lease to extend the term for an additional forty-two years, to expire on March 17, 2097, as set forth in the Second Amendment to Lease.

Section 8-3-301 of the County Code requires that any contract for lease of County-owned property that specifies a term, including renewal options, of three years or more, must be approved by ordinance of the County Council.

**Note: This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Bill is to approve a Second Amendment to Lease between the County and Bates to extend the lease term for an additional period of forty-two (42) years.

**Bill No. 49-23**
(Uncodified)

**SECTION 1**

This section approves the Second Amendment to Lease, which extends the term of the Lease for an additional period of forty-two years, to expire on March 17, 2097.

**SECTION 2**

This section provides that the Second Amendment to Lease is incorporated therein by reference as if fully set forth, and further provides that a certified copy of the Second Amendment to Lease shall be kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Central Services.

**SECTION 3**

This section provides that the bill takes effect 45 days after it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding the attached ordinance. Thank you.

cc: Honorable Steuart Pittman, County Executive
Christine Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Amoros, Chief of Staff
Peter Baron, Chief Strategy Officer
Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer
Susan Herrold, Central Services Officer

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Bill No. 50-23

Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Smith

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

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Introduced and first read on May 15, 2023
Public Hearing set for June 20, 2023
Bill Expires August 18, 2023

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Tax Credits – Disabled Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses and Retired Veterans – Duration

FOR the purpose of amending the duration of the disabled veteran real property tax credit; allowing a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to be eligible for the property tax credit until remarriage; extending the duration of the retired veteran real property tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 4-2-317(e) and (h); and § 4-2-318(d) and (g)
Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

**ARTICLE 4. FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET**

**TITLE 2. REAL PROPERTY TAXES**

**4-2-317. Disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.**

(e) **Duration.**

(1) For a disabled veteran, the tax credit shall be available **[[**for a period of one taxable year and may be renewed upon application for four additional taxable years, for a

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
**[[**Brackets**]]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

maximum total of five taxable years]] FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR THAT A DISABLED VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE UNDER SUBSECTION (C).

(2) For a surviving spouse, the tax credit shall be available **[[**for a period of one taxable year after the death of the disabled veteran and may be renewed upon application for four additional taxable years, for a maximum total of five taxable years**]]** UNTIL THE SURVIVING SPOUSE REMARRIES.

(h) **Termination of credit.** The tax credit shall terminate for the upcoming taxable year if:

(1) the disabled veteran or the surviving spouse no longer occupies the dwelling as a primary residence; OR

(2) **[[**the disabled veteran or the surviving spouse received the tax credit for five years; or

(3)**]]** the surviving spouse remarries.

**4-2-318. Retired veterans.**

(d) **Calculation; duration.** The tax credit provided in this section shall be 15% of the County property tax imposed on the dwelling after any mandatory property tax credits, supplements and deferrals are applied to the County tax bill. The tax credit may be applied to the County property tax on the dwelling for a total of **[[**five**]]** 50 years.

(g) **Termination of credit.** The tax credit shall terminate for the upcoming year if the retired veteran no longer occupies the dwelling as their principal residence **[[**or upon receiving the tax credit for five taxable years**]]**.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 19-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

RESOLUTION appointing members to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

WHEREAS, Section 1001 of the Charter establishes the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission, whose members are appointed by the County Executive with the approval of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Ethics Commission has seven members, of which no more than four shall be members of the same political party; and

WHEREAS, Section 1001 of the Charter provides that three of the seven members shall be nominated by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the second term of one of the current members of the Ethics Commission nominated by the County Council and appointed by the County Executive expired April 30, 2023, and one position is vacant; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-23, the County Council nominated Donna L. Rober (Unaffiliated) for appointment to the Ethics Commission to serve a term expiring on April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Council, has appointed Donna L. Rober (Unaffiliated) to serve a term expiring on April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Council, has appointed Amy Thomas (Democrat) to serve a term ending April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County Council, after public hearing, has found Donna L. Rober and Amy Thomas to be qualified under Section 1001 of the Charter to serve on the Ethics Commission; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby approves the appointment of Donna L. Rober and Amy Thomas to the Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission to serve terms expiring on April 30, 2027; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steuart Pittman, County Executive; Michael S. Botsaris, Executive Director, Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission; Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator; and appointees Donna L. Rober and Amy Thomas.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 20-23

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

RESOLUTION appointing a member to the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

WHEREAS, § 14-402(a)(1) of the Family Law Article of the State Code requires that the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board consists of 11 members appointed by the County Executive with the advice and consent of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, § 14-402(a)(2) of the Family Law Article of the State Code requires that, of the 11 members, one shall be a professional representative of a local department of social services; one shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist; one shall be a psychiatrist; one shall be a representative of a local commission on aging; one shall be a professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization; one shall be a lawyer; two shall be lay individuals; one shall be a registered nurse; one shall be a professional in the field of disabilities; and one shall be a person with a physical disability; and

WHEREAS, § 14-402(b) of the Family Law Article of the State Code provides that the term of a member is three years, that, at the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies, and that a member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and

WHEREAS, Carol Allison, a professional representative of a local department of social services, whose term would have expired on July 7, 2025, resigned as a member of the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board due to her retirement; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, subject to the advice and consent of the County Council, has appointed Deanna Morgan, a professional representative of a local department of social services, to serve on the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for the remainder of a term expiring on July 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that Deanna Morgan meets the eligibility requirements under § 14-402 of the Family Law Article of the State Code and is qualified to serve on the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That it hereby approves the appointment of Deanna Morgan, a professional representative of a local department of social services, to serve as a member of the Anne Arundel County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for the remainder of a term expiring on July 7, 2025; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman; Deanna Morgan, appointee; and Kaley Schultze, Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 21-23

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Hummer

By the County Council, May 15, 2023

RESOLUTION urging the County Executive to establish a workgroup to review the County's public infrastructure needs and capital program planning process

WHEREAS, the public infrastructure and capital program needs of the County continue to grow and financial resources must be maximized to address as many needs as possible; and

WHEREAS, regional construction inflation continues to increase on a year-over-year basis and high construction inflation complicates cost estimating for projects; and

WHEREAS, a historic amount of federal, State, and other non-County funding is available to supplement the County's public infrastructure needs and the capital program; and

WHEREAS the County has an opportunity to analyze the current cost estimating process for the County's capital program, identify best practices employed by the capital programs in other jurisdictions, find cost savings tools to reduce the cost of public infrastructure projects, and research new federal, State, and non-County funding opportunities for public infrastructure projects; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it hereby urges the County Executive to convene a workgroup that includes executive branch department heads, private sector participants engaged in the capital improvement program process, the County Auditor, and members of the County Council to analyze the current cost estimating process for the County's capital program, identify best practices employed by the capital programs in other jurisdictions, find cost savings tools to reduce the cost of public infrastructure projects, and research new federal, State, and non-County funding opportunities for public infrastructure projects; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.