

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Virtual Final FY 2022 Budget Deliberations
June 14, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sarah Lacey at 9:00 A.M. Ms. Haire gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah Lacey	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Andrew C. Pruski	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa Rodvien	Sixth District
Jessica Haire	Seventh District

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

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

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

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

SECTION 709 PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair called for the public hearing on the County Executive's proposed supplemental amendments to the budget.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received.

The Chair stated there were no signups for public testimony, and the hearing was concluded.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

The Chairman called for the final reading of Bill No. 32-21, as amended, 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, 2022, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the Administration supports the budget.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the Council voted to take Amendment Nos. 106 through 146 as a block, by the following roll call vote:

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

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 106 through 146. (Amendment Nos. 106 through 146 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment Nos. 106 through 146

Ms. Pickard added herself as a sponsor to Amendment Nos. 120 and 121. She thanked the administration for working with her.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the Council voted to adopt Amendment Nos. 106 through 146 by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESS

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the Council vote to recess at 9:28 A.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:02 A.M. with all Councilmembers present.

Amendment No. 147

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 147.

Mr. Trumbauer stated the amendment balances PayGo.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 147 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 148

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 148.

Mr. Trumbauer stated the amendment reconciles PayGo for water and wastewater utility.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 148 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 149

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 149.

Mr. Trumbauer stated the amendment is the reconciliation of all the impact fee changes.

Ms. Haire asked if the amendment corrects the top lying numbers on the impact fees.

Mr. Trumbauer agreed.

Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor, stated the amendment also corrects some debt service items that were missing.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 149 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 150

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 150.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, stated this amendment moves the remaining balances into the revenue reserve fund.

Mr. Trumbauer stated this is a policy decision for the Council. He stated the Administration was comfortable with the original amount of \$11 million, and preferred the flexibility of PayGo remaining as an appropriate fund balance. He pointed out a balancing error.

Ms. Pickard expressed her desire to leave PayGo at the initial amount of \$11 million.

Ms. Haire shared her concern that the PayGo fund will not be enough to cover a revenue miss.

Ms. Bohlayer stated the amount in the amendment is correct, and the PayGo amount would need to be updated for the budget to balance.

Ms. Rodvien shared her desire to keep the amounts where they are.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her support of the amendment and her desire to prepare for future problems.

On motion of Ms. Haire, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 150 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

The Chairman called Bill No. 32-21, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Pruski thanked all who worked on the Budget and expressed his pleasure at the way the Budget has worked out this year.

Ms. Haire expressed her thanks for the hard work put into the Budget. She stated she would not be supporting it.

Ms. Pickard shared her thanks and her positive thoughts on the Budget.

Ms. Rodvien thanked everyone who worked on the Budget and spoke on the need for everything in it.

Mr. Volke expressed his gratefulness to those who worked on the Budget.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her thanks to the staff and all who helped with the Budget.

Ms. Lacey thanked all who helped on the Budget.

Bill No. 32-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Ms. Haire, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

(Amendment Nos. 147 through 150 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

BILL NO. 33-21 (As Amended)

The Chairman called Bill No. 33-21, as amended, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the bill sets the rates.

Bill No. 33-21, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 34-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 34-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, asked for a positive vote.

Bill No. 34-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 35-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 35-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 35-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 36-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 36-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Lacey explained the Dorchester Special Taxing District area and why the tax was on the property tax bill.

Bill No. 36-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 37-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 37-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 37-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 38-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 38-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 38-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 39-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 39-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 39-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 40-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 40-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 40-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 41-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 41-21, 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 2022; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 41-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 42-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 42-21, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Arts Council of Anne Arundel County Special Revenue Fund – Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Special Revenue Fund – For the purpose of establishing an Arts Council of Anne Arundel County Special Revenue Fund; establishing an Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau Special Revenue Fund; providing for payment of revenues restricted in use by State law into the Funds; providing that the Funds shall be special, non-lapsing funds; specifying the purposes for which transfers may be made from the Funds; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated this bill recognizes the legislation that the General Assembly passed and brings in the funding stream for the Visitor Bureau and the Arts Council.

Bill No. 42-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 43-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 43-21, An Ordinance concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – Solid Waste Landfill and Facility Delivery Fees – For the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing the method by which the solid waste service charge is set; modifying certain charges for delivery of solid waste to a landfill or waste disposal facility; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the solid waste service charge; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated this bill sets the rates for the increased Solid Waste fee.

Mr. Volke asked how the increase would help the trash pickup situation.

Mr. Trumbauer stated the best department to answer this would be Department of Public Works.

Bill No. 43-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Ms. Haire, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

BILL NO. 44-21

The Chairman called Bill No. 44-21, 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the Budget keeps the income tax rate unchanged with a decrease in the property tax rate.

Ms. Lacey spoke on keeping the revenue cap level and legal.

Bill No. 44-21 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Lacey

Nay – Ms. Haire, Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, expressed his thanks for everyone's hard work.

Ms. Rodvien thanked the Office of Information Technology.

Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor, shared her thanks to all who helped with the Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

By Anna Macaulay

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer