

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Final FY 2023 Budget Deliberations
June 9, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.
County Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 11:00 A.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Rodvien, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 25 persons in the audience.

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.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

The Chairman called Bill No. 37-22, 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, 2023, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Pruski, the motion to vote on Amendment Nos 1-40 as a block was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment Nos. 1 through 40

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 1 through 40.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the Administration did not object to the block of amendments.

Ms. Rodvien clarified the amendments.

On motion of Mr. Pruski, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment Nos. 1 through 40 were adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(Amendment Nos. 1 through 40 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Secretary's Note: On June 16, 2022 a typographical error in Amendment No. 29 was discovered. The amount shown is \$944,213. The appropriation is actually \$994,213.

Amendment No. 41

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 41.

Ms. Fielder, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the required money for the facility in Crownsville.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 41 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 41 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 42 (WITHDRAWN)

Amendment No. 42 was withdrawn by the Sponsor.

(Amendment No. 42 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 43

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 43.

Ms. Fielder, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

Ms. Haire asked how the amendment would cut salaries.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

There was discussion regarding the pay for employees.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 43 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 43 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 44

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 44.

Ms. Fielder, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked if the water and wastewater fee would be increased.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

There was discussion regarding wastewater treatment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 44 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 44 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 45

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 45.

Ms. Fielder, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

The Administration supports the amendment.

Ms. Pickard shared her concern for safe walkways to the schools.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 45 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 45 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 46

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 46.

Ms. Fielder, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

The Administration supports the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 46 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 46 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 47

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 47.

Ms. Haire, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Haire, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 47 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 47 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 48

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 48.

Ms. Haire, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Haire, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 48 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 48 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 49

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 49.

Ms. Haire, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Haire, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 49 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 49 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 50

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 50.

Ms. Haire, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the rainy day fund and emergencies.

On motion of Ms. Haire, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 50 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 50 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 51

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 51.

Ms. Fiedler, Co-Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the creation of a nonprofit center.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 51 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 51 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 52

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 52.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 52 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 52 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 53

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 53.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 53 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 53 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment Nos. 54-56 (WITHDRAWN)

Amendment Nos. 54-56 were withdrawn by the Sponsor.

(Amendment Nos. 54-56 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 57

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 57.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Haire, Amendment No. 57 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 57 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 58

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 58.

Ms. Lacey, Sponsor, gave a brief statement about the amendment.

Mr. Trumbauer explained why the Administration did not support the amendment.

There was discussion regarding the use of boat ramps.

On motion of Ms. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 58 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Lacey

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

Absent – Mr. Volke

(A copy of Amendment No. 58 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

RECESS

The Chairman stated the Council would recess at this time to allow the Administration to provide their supplemental budget requests. Mr. Trumbauer stated they would be ready in approximately one hour. The Council recessed at 1:00 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Volke was absent. All other Council were present, as was the County Auditor.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, presented the County Executive's proposed supplemental amendments to the budget in accordance with Section 709 of the County Charter.

(The Supplemental Budget letter from Stuart Pittman, County Executive, is attached to the official copy of these minutes).

MOTION TO WAIVE THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman read 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. Lacey, seconded by Ms. Pickard, to waive the public hearing was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Lacey stated that the motion to waive the public hearing under Section 709 of the Charter has failed. Public notice of the supplemental budget being proposed will be advertised, text of the amendments will be posted on the County’s website and the public should check the Council’s website for ways to submit testimony. The Council’s public hearing will be held in the Chambers beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Any public testimony received will be posted prior to that time. Upon conclusion of that hearing, the County Council will vote on the supplemental amendments and the FY 2023 Budget Bills No. 37-22 through Bill No. 48-22.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Pruski, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

by Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer