

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 17
October 2, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

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. Pickard, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 40 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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 County Auditor Michelle Bohlayer. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened 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:

Lillie Ellis, Edgewater
Deborah Spencer, Annapolis
Matt Minahan, Chair, Growth Action Network (GAN)
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Mr. Smith asked to be added as a sponsor to Resolution No. 41-23 and Resolution No. 42-23.

Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a sponsor to Bill No. 71-23.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the minutes for September 18, 2023, Legislative Day No. 16, were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 78-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Essential Worker Housing Access Act of 2023 – FOR the purpose of modifying fees paid into the Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund; exempting moderately priced dwelling units by a certain percentage from capital facility connection charges; modifying the requirements for a sketch plan application, final plan application, and site development plan; exempting moderately priced dwelling units from development impact fees; adopting new Title 12, entitled “Moderately Priced Dwelling Units” in the Subdivision and Development Article of the Code; defining certain terms; providing for the applicability of the new Title; requiring the establishment of moderately priced dwelling units in certain residential developments; allowing for payment of a fee in lieu of providing moderately priced dwelling units under certain circumstances; requiring an application and agreement with specified terms for a residential development required to include moderately priced dwelling units; establishing eligibility requirements for purchase or rental of moderately priced dwelling units; providing a method for establishing sale and rental prices for moderately priced dwelling units; providing the method of initial and subsequent sale and rental of moderately priced dwelling units; requiring income review and information for continued eligibility to rent moderately priced dwelling units; providing for notice and disposition of proceeds from foreclosure proceedings related to moderately priced dwelling units; requiring covenants for moderately priced dwelling units; permitting bulk transfers of moderately priced dwelling units under certain circumstances; providing for the conversion of rental moderately priced dwelling unit to condominiums or cooperatives; permitting the program administrator to waive certain requirements of the new Title under certain conditions; providing a right of appeal; providing for a density bonus for developments containing moderately priced dwelling units under certain circumstances; exempting certain residential development started before a certain date from the provisions of this Ordinance; providing for a delayed

effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget, subdivision and development, and zoning.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 44-23 – RESOLUTION supporting the Anne Arundel County Board of Education’s Fiscal Year 2025 Public School Construction Capital Improvement Program request for submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45-23 – RESOLUTION approving the application of Land Preserve, LLC, to sell an agricultural land preservation easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation on 126.235 acres in Davidsonville, Maryland

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

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

BILL NO. 64-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 64-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Parole Town Center – Parole Town Center Master Plan – For the purpose of repealing the 1994 Parole Urban Design Concept Plan; renaming the “Parole Town Center Growth Management Area” to the “Parole Town Center”; removing certain restrictions to granting a variance by the Administrative Hearing Office and Board of Appeals in the Parole Town Center Growth Management Area; adding certain definitions; modifying certain development requirements in the Parole Town Center; adding grandfathering provisions applicable to certain development applications; providing for the scope and applicability of certain provisions; establishing certain bulk regulations; establishing certain allowed uses and conditions and certain prohibited uses; requiring a certain percentage of inclusionary housing units on certain sites; adding certain standards for reservation of land for public facilities, parking, electric vehicle charging stations, bicycle, and pedestrian and facilities; creating an incentive program for certain development; adding the process for applying for and approving an incentive program request; establishing subareas within the Parole Town Center; adopting the 2023 Parole Town Center Master Plan with amendments; and generally relating to subdivision and development, zoning, boards, commissions, and similar bodies, and the County’s Parole Town Center Master Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 64-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 64-23, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 64-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Parole Town Center – Parole Town Center Master Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 18

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows indoor rifle, pistol, skeet, and archery ranges in the Parole Town Center.

Mr. Volke explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Kenney clarified the amendment.

Mr. Volke gave details on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien shared her view on the amendment.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 18 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. 19

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides that a conservation public benefit for the Parole Town Center incentive program may be a site designed to meet the criteria to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) certification.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 19 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. 20

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the requirement for noise mitigation from all development to residential development or nonresidential development with activity spaces; and requires noise to be at certain levels for residential development and at certain levels, where possible, for nonresidential activity spaces.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked a clarification question.

Ms. Pompa responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 20 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. 21

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes Westfield Annapolis Mall and part of the Annapolis Plaza properties from the Parole North District subarea and adds them to the Core subarea.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Pompa spoke on stormwater ponds.

Mr. Volke asked how tall the mall could be built and about incentives for the area.

Ms. Pompa responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 22

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment replaces the prohibition on indoor rifle, pistol, skeet and archery ranges in the Parole Town Center with an outdoor prohibition.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler asked about zoning locations and special exceptions requirements.

Ms. Pompa and Ms. Kenney responded.

Ms. Leadbetter asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Kenney answered.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 23

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment makes revisions to the grandfathering provisions of the Bill.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 23 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. 24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides that a development in the Parole Town Center may under certain circumstances request an offset for vehicle trips generated by any prior uses that exist or existed on the site within five years attributable to the uses and the daily trips generated by those prior uses.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Volke asked a Code question.

Ms. Kenney answered.

Mr. Volke asked about the five-year attribution.

Ms. Pompa responded.

Ms. Pickard asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Pompa answered.

There was discussion concerning the research time frame.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 24 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. 25

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment revises the requirement for reservation of land for future rights-of-way or other public infrastructure to be at the point when a County or State project is funded for design and is at least 60% designed.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 25 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. 26

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds a criteria for the evaluation of an incentive program application to be whether the proposed public benefits are comparable in scope and cost to the incentive requested.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Pompa answered.

Mr. Volke shared his view on the amendment.

Ms. Pompa responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 26 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

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

Amendment No. 27

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment revises the applicability provisions to provide that activities exempt from the site development provisions of the Code are not subject to the Parole Town Center Master Plan or Code provisions.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked about exemptions.

Ms. Pompa responded.

Ms. Leadbetter asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Pompa answered.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 27 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. 28

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that the certain properties adjacent to and within 100 feet of property not in the Parole Town Center and in the RA, RLD, R1, R2, or R5 zoning districts and is a residential use are subject to a different maximum height.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked about specialized staff.

Ms. Pompa responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 28 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. 29

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the prohibition on semi-detached dwellings in the Parole Town Center and makes it a conditional use.

Ms. Rodvien explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Volke clarified the amendment.

Ms. Pompa responded.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Pickard shared her support of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 29 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

Ms. Rodvien thanked those who worked on the bill.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 64-23, as amended, would be heard on October 16, 2023.

CITATION PRESENTATION

Ms. Hummer presented a citation to Mamma Roma Restaurant.

BILL NO. 66-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 66-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Outdoor Lighting on Piers – For the purpose of requiring that outdoor lighting installed on a pier to be a full cutoff fixture mounted horizontally to the ground; defining “full cutoff fixture”; exempting outdoor lighting that illuminates the United States flag; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Andrew McCarra, Inspections and Permits, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law.

Ms. Fiedler explained the background and purpose of the bill.

MOTION TO HOLD VOTE ON BILL NO. 66-23

On motion by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 66-23, as amended, to October 16, 2023 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. 67-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 67-23, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – Personnel – Public Ethics – Positions in the Classified Service – Positions in the Exempt Service – For the purpose of modifying the pay grade for certain positions in the classified service; adding a certain position in the exempt service; providing for the pay grade, pension, and financial disclosure requirements applicable to the position added in the exempt service; decreasing and increasing certain positions in the classified and exempt service approved as part of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance; providing for the elimination of certain exempt positions approved as part of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance under certain circumstances; and generally relating to pensions, personnel, and public ethics; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel, Jackie Atkinson, Personnel, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 67-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 67-23, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 67-23, An Ordinance concerning: Pensions – Personnel – Public Ethics – Positions in the Classified Service – Positions in the Exempt Service; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

MOTION TO HOLD VOTE ON BILL NO. 67-23

On motion by Ms. Hummer, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 67-23 to October 16, 2023 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. 68-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 68-23, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Retiree Health Benefits Trust – Agreements – Public Entities – For the purpose of allowing the County to agree to pool assets with public entities for purposes of investment of the Retiree Health Benefits Trust; and generally relating to personnel; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel, Chris Trumbauer, Budget Director, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Smith asked about the Fiscal Note.

Mr. Trumbauer clarified.

Mr. Volke inquired about the language of the bill.

Ms. Kenney and Mr. Trumbauer answered.

Mr. Smith questioned the budgeting for the bill.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

Ms. Leadbetter clarified the consequences of the bill not passing.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 68-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 68-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 68-23, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – Retiree Health Benefits Trust – Agreements – Public Entities; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 68-23 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. 69-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 69-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance – For the purpose of establishing a process for notice of a change of zoning by amendment to a comprehensive zoning ordinance; requiring that certain signs be posted for certain time frames prior to introduction of an amendment to a comprehensive zoning ordinance; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 69-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were six submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 69-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 69-23:

Matt Minahan, Chair, Growth Action Network (GAN)

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

The Chair called Bill No. 69-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – General Provisions – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires a minimum of 10 days' notice of a proposed change of zoning by amendment to a comprehensive zoning ordinance by signs on the subject property and notice on the Council website; requires a property owner to submit proof of sign posting; and clarifies that the requirements do not apply to a change of zoning that was requested by application to or proposed by the Office of Planning and Zoning prior to introduction of the comprehensive zoning ordinance or an emergency ordinances.

Ms. Pickard explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 1 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. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment reconciles Code to use the term “comprehensive zoning ordinance”.

Ms. Pickard explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 2 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. 69-23, as amended, would be heard on October 16, 2023.

BILL NO. 70-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 70-23, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of the Lease between Anne Arundel County and Addiction Recovery, Inc. doing business as Hope House Treatment Center – For the purpose of approving an agreement to lease part of County-owned property located at 26 Marbury Drive in Crownsville, Maryland to Addiction Recovery, Inc.; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christopher Daniels, Central Services, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Smith asked for information about Hope House Treatment Center and what the vision for the land is.

Mr. Daniels responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 70-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 70-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 70-23, An Ordinance concerning: Approval of the Lease between Anne Arundel County and Addiction Recovery, Inc. doing business as Hope House Treatment Center; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien asked for support.

Bill No. 70-23 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. 71-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 71-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Fire Services – Emergency Management – For the purpose of repealing a provision of the Code that provides that the Fire Department is responsible for emergency management; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Preeti Emrick, Office of Emergency Management, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Kenney responded.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 71-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 71-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 71-23, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Fire Services – Emergency Management; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 71-23 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. 73-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 73-23, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Exemptions – Improvements to Existing Structures – Cumulative Floor Area and Impervious Surface – For the purpose of amending an exemption of the site development plan process to increase the amount of additional cumulative floor area and impervious surface that results from improvements to existing structures outside the critical area or bog protection area; requiring an increase in impervious surface to be managed and reviewed; and generally relating to subdivision and development; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Pickard explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Erik Michelsen, Environmental, Raghu Badami, Inspections and Permits, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Mr. Smith shared his view on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 73-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 73-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 73-23, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Exemptions – Improvements to Existing Structures – Cumulative Floor Area and Impervious Surface; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the requirement that the impervious surface be reviewed and managed in a certain manner.

Ms. Pickard explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 1 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. 73-23, as amended, would be heard on October 16, 2023.

BILL NO. 74-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 74-23, An Ordinance concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplements – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, and Recovery Residences – For the purpose of establishing fire protection parameters for group homes, community-based assisted living facilities, or recovery residences to be classified as a single-family detached dwelling or change of occupancy; defining certain terms; amending parking space requirements to include recovery residences; allowing a recovery residence as a permitted use in all residential districts; amending the conditional use requirements for group homes II; requiring recovery residences that provide a certain square footage of space per resident comply with the 2018 International Residential Code; and generally relating to construction and property maintenance codes and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Andrew McCarra, Inspections and Permits, Trisha Wolford, Fire Department, Captain McGuire, Fire Department, Tonii Gedin, Health Department, Sandra O'Neill, Health Department, Adrienne Mickler, Mental Health Department, and Gregory Swain, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its opposition to the Bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 74-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were nine submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 74-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 74-23:

Therese Hessler, Annapolis
Chris Kauffman, Glen Burnie
Nicholas Acosta, Glen Burnie
Chris Pedersen, Pasadena

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

The Chair called Bill No. 74-23, An Ordinance concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplements – Fire Prevention Code – Zoning – Group Homes, Community-Based Assisted Living Facilities, and Recovery Residences; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment substantially rewrites the bill to reflect changes made to law by Bill No. 61-23.

Mr. Volke explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Baron spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Smith shared his view on the amendment.

Mr. Volke responded.

There was further discussion on 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, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

Nay – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pickard shared her view on the bill.

Bill No. 74-23 was then withdrawn by Mr. Volke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 41-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 41-23, A Resolution urging the State of Maryland to enact new laws relating to truth in marketing and patient brokering and kickbacks for substance use disorder treatment providers and facilities; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked to withdraw the resolution.

Ms. Hummer objected.

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Tonii Gedin, Health Department, Sandra O'Neill, Health Department, and Gregory Swain, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

Ms. Gedin spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Volke clarified he wanted to be removed as a co-sponsor.

Ms. Gedin explained some of the issues they hear.

There was further discussion on the resolution.

Resolution No. 41-23 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

RESOLUTION NO. 42-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 42-23, A Resolution urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to establish a grant program to assist recovery residences with installing fire suppression systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke explained the purpose of the resolution.

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Tonii Gedin, Health Department, Sandra O'Neill, Health Department, and Gregory Swain, Office of Law.

Mr. Baron spoke on the resolution.

Ms. Gedin and Ms. O'Neill added information on the resolution.

Ms. Hummer asked to be added as a sponsor.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 42-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Resolution No. 42-23, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Resolution No. 42-23:

William Small, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 42-23, A Resolution urging the Anne Arundel County Executive to establish a grant program to assist recovery residences with installing fire suppression systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 42-23 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. 43-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 43-23, A Resolution supporting Medicare for All and urging federal and State legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward enactment of Medicare for All to guarantee comprehensive health care for all Americans; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien explained the purpose of the resolution.

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Tonii Gedin, Health Department, Sandra O'Neill, Health Department, and Kelley Kenney, Office of Law.

The Administration stated its support for the amendment.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 43-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were eight submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Resolution No. 43-23, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Resolution No. 43-23:

Robert E. Smith, Crofton
Laurence Scipio, Annapolis
Chrissy Holt, Annapolis
Victoria Bruce, Riva
Yasemin Jamison, Arnold
Art Holt, Annapolis
William Small, Annapolis
Jo Ann Scipio, Annapolis

Patric Enright, Gambrills

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

The Chair called Resolution No. 43-23, A Resolution supporting Medicare for All and urging federal and State legislators representing Anne Arundel County to work toward enactment of Medicare for All to guarantee comprehensive health care for all Americans; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien responded to the public hearing.

Ms. Fiedler asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Rodvien answered.

Ms. Fiedler inquired about committees.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

There was further discussion regarding the resolution.

Resolution No. 43-23 was adopted by the following roll call:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

Nay – Mr. Volke

Abstain – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer