

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 22

December 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Pickard at 7:00 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Leadbetter, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Boy Scout Troop #446 of Hanover, Maryland. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 60 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 was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Invitation to Audience, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, 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 Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the minutes for December 4, 2023, Legislative Day No. 21, were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 93-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Participation – Transferred Service – Employees’ Retirement Plan – Fire Service Retirement Plan – Police Service Retirement Plan – FOR the purpose of allowing participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan and Police Service Retirement Plan hired after a certain date to purchase service credit for prior participation in certain other plans; establishing the conditions for and methods of purchasing service credits; providing for the calculation and applicability of purchased service credits; adding employees of the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County as participants in the Employees’ Retirement Plan; adding employees in certain job classifications as participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan; allowing participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan and Police Service Retirement Plan who terminate employment for less than 12 months to return to participate in the plan under certain conditions; providing for the calculation and repayment of contributions to reenter the plan; and generally relating to pensions.
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 94-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Business Complexes in a Residential District – FOR the purpose of amending the conditional use requirements for a business complex located in a residential district; and generally relating to zoning.
Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

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

BILL NO. 78-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 78-23, as amended, 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; grandfathering certain applications and permits; 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; providing for the applicability and modification of bulk regulations; 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; requiring the program administrator to report certain information to the County Executive and County Council; 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Pete Baron, Administration, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Administration, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Jenny Jarkowski, Office of Planning and Zoning, Erin Karpewicz, ACDS, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 78-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were nine submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 78-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 78-23, as amended:

Dr. Linda Hanifin Bonner, Annapolis
Louise Sharrocks, Odenton
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Marygrace Fitzhenry, Arnold
Kate Fox, Davidsonville
Deborah Gundry, Annapolis
Rebecca Tucker, Odenton
Kenyatta Rowel, Annapolis
Trudy McFall, Annapolis
David Dull, Glen Burnie
Elinatan Nelson, Annapolis

Kinley Bray, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 78-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Essential Worker Housing Access Act of 2023; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Baron shared the Administration’s support.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill.

Ms. Rodvien expressed her support of the bill.

Ms. Pickard commented on the bill.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 78-23, as amended, was defeated by the following roll call:

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

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

BILL NO. 84-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 84-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Public Works – Odenton Town Center – Odenton Town Center Master Plan – For the purpose of repealing the 2016 Odenton Town Center Master Plan; renaming the “Odenton Growth Management Area” to the “Odenton Town Center”; establishing provisions related to the Odenton Town Center Advisory Committee; adding grandfathering provisions applicable to certain development applications; revising certain provisions related to the testing and duration of approval of adequate public facilities; establishing standards for testing for adequate public facilities in the Odenton Town Center; setting forth certain criteria for mitigation in the Odenton Town Center; establishing certain development requirements in the Odenton Town Center; adding certain definitions; providing for the scope and applicability of certain provisions; providing for certain standards for transportation improvements, trails and pedestrian facilities and reservation of land for public facilities; requiring certain green areas and activity spaces; creating historic preservation requirements for certain properties; providing for flexibility for certain redevelopment sites; creating an incentive program for certain development; adding the process for applying for and approving an incentive program request; renaming the zoning districts within the Odenton Town Center; creating a certain historic overlay; establishing the permitted, conditional, and special exceptions uses in the Odenton Town Center zoning districts; establishing certain bulk regulations; establishing conditions for certain uses; requiring a mix of uses for properties of a certain size in certain districts; establishing certain vehicle and bicycle parking requirements; regulating signage in the Odenton Town Center; adopting the 2023 Odenton Town

Center Master Plan; and generally relating to subdivision and development, zoning, boards, commissions, and similar bodies, finance, taxation, and budget, public works, and the County's Odenton Town Center Master Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Office of Planning and Zoning, 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. 84-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 84-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 84-23, as amended:

Darby Hull, Odenton

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

The Chair called Bill No. 84-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Public Works – Odenton Town Center – Odenton Town Center Master Plan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires a structure greater than 1,000 square feet comply with the urban design and architectural requirements.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Ms. Pickard

Nay – None

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that, unless otherwise provided, Subtitle 8 of Title 7 of Article 17 and the Odenton Town Center Master Plan supersede any other provision of Code or County manuals, to the extent of any conflict.

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

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 3 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment modifies the requirement to provide activity space at a rate to at least one square foot of activity space per every 10 square feet of floor area for non-residential and residential uses, excluding single-family dwellings; and removes the requirement that, in the Odenton Town Center Core and Transition Zoning Districts, 50% of the total activity space shall be public activity space.

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

The Administration supports.

Ms. Rodvien clarified the amendment.

Ms. Hummer and Ms. Pompa responded.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes the requirement for structured parking.

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

The Administration supports.

Ms. Fiedler asked clarifying questions.

Ms. Hummer and Ms. Pompa answered.

Mr. Volke spoke on parking garages.

Ms. Pompa responded.

Mr. Smith expressed his thoughts on the amendment.

Ms. Hummer responded.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 5 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires that bicycle parking for multifamily dwellings be covered or protected from weather.

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

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 6 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 7

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the maximum letter size for an awning or canopy sign in the OTC-C Zoning District to 12 inches.

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

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 7 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 8

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes a restriction on hanging or blade signs that are located within 25 feet of other hanging or blade signs or projecting signs.

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

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 8 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 84-23, as amended, would be heard on January 2, 2024.

BILL NO. 86-23 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 86-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development Requirements for Particular Types of Development –

Redevelopment – For the purpose of adding development requirements for redevelopment; establishing the applicability of new development requirements for redevelopment under certain circumstances to specified policy areas; defining certain terms; setting forth requirements for a concept plan, an application, community meetings, and notice of community meetings for redevelopment; providing that certain applications for development may proceed to final plan or site development plan; providing for certain modifications and exemptions from modifications for redevelopment under certain circumstances; specifying open space, landscape, and natural features requirements for redevelopment; requiring redevelopment in the critical area to comply with applicable law; establishing requirements for redevelopment to pass adequate public facilities testing; reducing certain fees for redevelopment; adding multifamily dwellings as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in the C4 district; modifying conditional use requirements for multifamily dwellings in redevelopment; and generally relating to subdivision and development, and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Administration, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Erik Michelsen, Department of Public Works, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 86-23, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 86-23, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 86-23, as amended:

Dr. Linda Hanifin Bonner, Annapolis
Matthew Johnston, Edgewater
Kate Fox, Davidsonville
David Dull, Glen Burnie

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

The Chair called Bill No. 86-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development Requirements for Particular Types of Development – Redevelopment; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds townhouse dwellings as a conditional use in C2 and C4 districts only in a redevelopment project in certain policy areas; and increases maximum density for townhouse

dwelling in redevelopment projects in all commercial districts in certain policy areas to 22 units per acre.

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

Ms. Pickard asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Evelyn responded.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 3 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides that the community meeting will occur prior to the initial submission of a concept plan.

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

Ms. Pickard shared her appreciation for the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 4 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Volke

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that a redevelopment application for subdivision or site development may proceed directly to a final plan or site development plan after submission of a concept plan.

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

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 5 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows information regarding trip generation from a prior use to be considered when determining adequacy of road facilities for a redevelopment project.

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

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Evelyn answered.

Mr. Volke expressed his concern for the bill and amendment.

Mr. Evelyn responded.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 6 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 7

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment alters the definition of “redevelopment” to exclude improvements to a structure or new construction on a lot if the improvements or construction would result in an increase in the existing impervious area of the site.

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

The Administration opposes.

Ms. Rodvien responded.

Ms. Pickard expressed her view of the amendment.

Mr. Smith spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Hummer shared her concern of the amendment.

Mr. Michelsen addressed the Council's concerns.

Ms. Pickard responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 7 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

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

Amendment No. 8

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires a redevelopment site that contains natural features and associated buffers with impervious area to remove the impervious area to the maximum extent practicable during the redevelopment.

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

The Administration opposes.

Ms. Pickard asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Miller responded.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 8 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

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

Amendment No. 9

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires that an application for redevelopment "acknowledge" any feedback provided by the County at the pre-application meeting.

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

Mr. Hunt spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Pickard responded.

Ms. Miller spoke on the development process.

Ms. Pickard asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Klasmeier answered.

Mr. Volke commented on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 9 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 86-23, as amended, would be heard on January 2, 2024.

BILL NO. 87-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 87-23, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Board of Education Security Related Upgrades, Roof Replacement, and Old Mill MS South capital projects – Community College Campus Improvements capital project – Supplementary and Transfer of Appropriations – For the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making a transfer of appropriations within the Old Mill MS South capital project; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by making supplementary appropriation of funds to the Board of Education Security Related Upgrades and Roof Replacement capital projects and the Community College Campus Improvements capital project; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriations of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Naomi McCallister, Budget Office, Melissa Beardmore, AACC, Kyle Ruef, AACPS, 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. 87-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 87-23.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 87-23, An Ordinance concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Board of Education Security Related Upgrades, Roof Replacement, and Old Mill MS South capital

projects – Community College Campus Improvements capital project – Supplementary and Transfer of Appropriations; 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 corrects references to the names of funding sources and budgets.

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

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

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

Absent – Mr. Volke

Nay – None

Bill No. 87-23, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Ms. Pickard

Nay – None

BILL NO. 88-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 88-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Accessory Structures in Front Yards – For the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing criteria for an accessory structure to be located in the front yard of a through lot or corner through lot; requiring that the prevailing front yard pattern on adjoining lots be used to determine the front yard under certain circumstances; providing that an alley or easement may not be considered a road for the purposes of assessing a front lot line; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 88-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 88-23.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 88-23:

Richard Fredricks, Severna Park

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

The Chair called Bill No. 88-23, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Accessory Structures in Front Yards; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Fiedler answered and thanked all who worked on the bill.

Bill No. 88-23 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Ms. Pickard

Nay – None

BILL NO. 89-23

The Chair called for Bill No. 89-23, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Credits – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers – For the purpose of amending the definition of “law enforcement officer” to include members of the Federal Bureau Investigation and the United States Capitol Police; amending the period of time that a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker or a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker or their surviving spouse must live in the State or within which a dwelling must be acquired in order to be eligible for the tax credit; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Hujia Hasim, Budget Office, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt shared his concern of the bill.

Mr. Smith requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 89-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 89-23.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 89-23:

Mark Cicero, Davidsonville

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

The Chair called Bill No. 89-23, An Ordinance concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Taxes – Credits – Disabled or Fallen Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers; 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 expands the definition of “law enforcement officer” to include a sworn law enforcement officer of the United States Government who is authorized by their agency to carry a firearm and has statutory power of arrest and apprehension.

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

The Administration opposes.

Ms. Leadbetter responded.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Hunt answered.

Ms. Pickard and Ms. Rodvien asked clarifying questions.

Ms. Leadbetter answered.

Ms. Kenney clarified.

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

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

Nay – Ms. Pickard

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires that the application for, or for the renewal of, the credit be made on a form provided by the Controller’s Office and include verification that the applicant is eligible for the credit.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Nay – None

Mr. Volke asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the bill.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 89-23, as amended, would be heard on January 2, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 53-23, A Resolution relating to the condemnation proceedings to acquire real properties located in Gambrills, Maryland, for the purpose of the Towsers Branch Stream Restoration Project and matters relating generally thereto; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Erik Michelsen, Department of Public Works, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt explained the purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 53-23.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 53-23.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 53-23, A Resolution relating to the condemnation proceedings to acquire real properties located in Gambrills, Maryland, for the purpose of the Towsers Branch Stream Restoration Project and matters relating generally thereto; 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 corrects an erroneous Code reference.

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

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

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

Nay – None

Resolution No. 53-23, as amended, was adopted by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer