

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 6
March 18, 2024 – 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. Rodvien, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by River Hawk District Scouts of the BSA. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 50 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. Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

PRESENTATION

The River Hawk District Scouts of the BSA gave a brief presentation.

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 two submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Invitation to Audience, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Kate Fox, Davidsonville
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
Gary Mauler, Jessup

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. Hummer, 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. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, the minutes for March 4, 2024, Legislative Day No. 5, were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 21-24 - AN ORDINANCE concerning: General Provisions – Equity and Human Rights – Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Human Relations Commission - FOR the purpose of providing a method of enforcing an administrative subpoena; defining certain terms relating to equity and human rights and the Human Relations Commission; stating the public policy and purpose for anti-discrimination provisions; providing for preemption of certain discrimination complaints; providing for enforcement of violations of anti-discrimination provisions; adding protections against discrimination in public accommodations and employment; revising certain requirements for membership on the Human Relations Commission; modifying the powers and duties of the Human Relations Officer; modifying the powers and duties of the Human Relations Commission to include complaints regarding discrimination in employment and public accommodations; and requiring an annual report by the Human Relations Commission; modifying the time for filing of a complaint alleging discrimination; providing for the process and time for filing of an answer to a complaint of discrimination; modifying the process for initial review of a complaint of discrimination; establishing a process for investigation, referral, and hearings on complaints for discrimination; requiring the rules of procedure of the Human Relations Commission to be posted its website; providing for civil fines for violations of anti-discrimination provisions; providing for enforcement of orders issued by the Human Relations Commission; and generally relating to general provisions and boards, commissions, and similar bodies.

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 22-24 - AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate School Facilities – School Utilization Chart - FOR the purpose of approving the “School Utilization Chart, 2024” prepared by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 23-24 - AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Inter-plan Transfers – Deputy Police Chief - FOR the purpose of authorizing a retiree who was a participant in the Police Service Retirement Plan who was appointed Deputy Police Chief between January 1, 2015, and

December 31, 2015, to transfer between the Employees' and Police Service Retirement Plans under certain circumstances; requiring the pension benefit of a Deputy Police Chief who elects to transfer certain credited service from the Employees' Retirement Plan to the Police Service Retirement Plan to be recalculated on the date the Deputy Police Chief terminates employment with the County; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; and generally relating to pensions.

Introduced by Mr. Volke

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 9-24 - RESOLUTION confirming appointment of a member of the Anne Arundel County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

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

BILL NO. 1-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Animal Care and Control – Potentially Dangerous, Dangerous, and Vicious Animals – For the purpose of amending the criteria used to designate an animal as potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious; adding and amending the burden of proof required to determine or appeal a designation of potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious; allowing for the reconsideration of a potentially dangerous or dangerous animal order within certain timeframes in certain situations; allowing for the waiver of all or a portion of redemption fees in certain situations; amending the special license fee for a dangerous animal; amending the notice requirements for animal cruelty cases; adding conditions under which an animal owner must pay for the costs of care for animals seized or surrendered and establishing notice requirements in certain situations; allowing for the waiver of adoption and spay or neuter fees; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Captain Jeff Adams, Police, 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. 1-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 1-24, as amended, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 1-24, as amended:

Sandra Andrulis, Millersville

Jennifer Brienza, Glen Burnie
Jacqueline Kyle, Glen Burnie
Chris Weinstein, Crownsville
Linda Mazer, Arnold
Sandra Salvatore, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 1-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Animal Care and Control – Potentially Dangerous, Dangerous, and Vicious Animals; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Before proceeding with amendments, Ms. Hummer asked if the bill could be held or tabled until later in the meeting.

Ms. Beach responded.

There was discussion regarding tabling the bill until the end of the meeting.

On motion by, Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to table Bill No. 1-24 until the end of the meeting was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 4-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 4-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel – For the purpose of expanding the basis for nondiscrimination in hiring; modifying the duties of the Personnel Officer relating to work-related physical agility standards for certain agencies; requiring routine reviews of and recommendations for employee pay and benefit practices; modifying an exception to County Council approval of position control; repealing provisions relating to job classifications and pay scales in the classified and exempt service; requiring the Personnel Officer to formulate and maintain classification and pay plans in the classified and exempt service; providing for the modification, approval, and operation of classification and pay plans in the classified and exempt service; modifying certain provisions relating to pay at hiring, promotion, demotion, reclassification, grade allocation, and upon movement between pay schedules in the classified service; modifying qualifications for acting out-of-class; increasing the amount of carry over of accumulated annual leave; modifying certain positions in the exempt service; adopting classification and pay plans for the classified and exempt service; and generally relating to personnel; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Hannah Dier, Administration, Anne Budowski, Personnel, Jackie Atkinson, Personnel, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Dier spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 4-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 4-24, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 4-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Personnel; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Pickard thanked those who worked on the bill.

Amendment No. 8

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment allows the Personnel Officer to assign current employees to vacant positions without County Council approval if the pay grade for the vacant position does not exceed the base of the employee's current pay grade by more than 10%, the position remains in the same County department, and the Controller certifies that funds are available.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 9

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires County Council approval if the base of a new pay grade that is assigned to an existing job classification exceeds the base of the current pay grade by more than 10%.

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

The Administration supports.

On motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 9 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 10

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires a quarterly report from the Personnel Officer to the County Council on changes to the classification plan.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 11

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment restates the method for hiring non-represented classified employees on the LG pay scale above the minimum pay; requires Personnel Officer approval for a pay rate exceeding a certain amount; and clarifies that a pay rate may not ever exceed the maximum pay for the grade.

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

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Pickard answered.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 4-24, as amended, would be heard on April 1, 2024.

BILL NO. 6-24 AND BILL NO. 7-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 6-24, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 2 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 2, covering Annapolis Junction, Fort Meade, Hanover, Jessup, Laurel, and Maryland City, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 2; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 2 Plan”.; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 7-24, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 2 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 2; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 2, covering Annapolis Junction, Fort Meade, Hanover, Jessup, Laurel, and Maryland City; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Office of Planning and Zoning, Cindy Carrier, Office of Planning and Zoning, Mark Wildonger, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Volke asked about sign requirement.

Ms. Kenney responded.

Mr. Smith spoke on the bills.

The Council agreed to combine the public hearing for Bill No. 6-24 and Bill No. 7-24.

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 6-24 and Bill No. 7-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 6-24 or Bill No. 7-24.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 6-24 and Bill No. 7-24:

Gary Mauler, Jessup
Kate Fox, Davidsonville

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the joint public hearing was held open until April 1, 2024.

The Chair called Bill No. 6-24, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 2 Plan; and Bill No. 7-24, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 2; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

MOTION TO HOLD THE VOTE ON BILL NO. 6-24 AND BILL NO. 7-24

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Hummer, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 6-24 and Bill No. 7-24 until April 1, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 8-24 AND BILL NO. 9-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-24, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 7 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 7 Plan”, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 7, covering Parole, Greater Annapolis, Annapolis Neck, Bay Ridge, Highland Beach and Riva, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 7; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 7 Plan”; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 7 Plan”; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 7 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-24, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 7 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 7; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 7, covering Parole, Greater Annapolis, Annapolis Neck, Bay Ridge, Highland Beach, and Riva; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Office of Planning and Zoning, Cindy Carrier, Office of Planning and Zoning, Patrick Hughes, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the joint public hearing on Bill No. 8-24 and Bill No. 9-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were sixteen submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 8-24, and there were fifteen submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 9-24, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 8-24 and Bill No. 9-24:

Mary Guy, Annapolis

Dorothy Guy, Annapolis
Anne Myers, Annapolis
Robert Hauck, Annapolis
Ted Krauss, Annapolis
Stephene Schulman, Annapolis
Nancy Guy, Annapolis
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
Stacia Roesler, Annapolis
Gordon Roesler, Annapolis
Claire Chapman, Annapolis
John Lagrotteria, Annapolis
Melanie Reel, Annapolis
Kate Fox, Davidsonville
Glen Hamilton, Annapolis

There was no one else present who wished to speak and the joint public hearing was held open until April 1, 2024.

The Chair called Bill No. 8-24, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 7 Plan; and Bill No. 9-24, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 7; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

AMENDMENTS TO BILL NO. 8-24

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment corrects an error that removed a 1.92 acre parcel off of Old South River Road, known as Parcel 157 on Tax Map 51, from the Critical Corridor as shown on the Development Policy Area map.

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

Mr. Smith asked that the councilmember of the area had any thoughts on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment moves a portion of Annapolis Neck, that is between US 50 and Weems Creek, as shown on the Region 7 map, to the Greater Annapolis area.

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

Mr. Hughes spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien addressed a typo in the amendment.

Ms. Corby responded.

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

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

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes references to the Village Center, Village Center Development Policy Overlay, Sector Study, and Sector Plan in the Ridgely Avenue area.

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

The Administration supports.

Ms. Pickard asked about sector studies.

Ms. Pompa answered.

Ms. Pickard spoke on the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 8-24, as amended, would be heard on April 1, 2024.

MOTION TO HOLD THE VOTE ON BILL NO. 9-24

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 9-24 until April 1, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 13-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-24, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – College Parkway Place, Annapolis, Maryland – For the purpose of approving exemptions from County real property taxes for a certain property located in Annapolis, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a certain agreement for payment of a negotiated amount in lieu of County real property taxes for a certain property located in Annapolis, Maryland; rescinding a prior payment in lieu of taxes agreement; and providing for the time and terms under which the tax exemptions will take effect; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Erin Karpewicz, ACDS, Brian Schenck, Office of Finance, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Karpewicz spoke on the bill.

Ms. Rodvien thanked the Administration.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 13-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 13-24.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 13-24, An Ordinance concerning: Payment in Lieu of Taxes – College Parkway Place, Annapolis, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler thanked the Administration for their work on the bill and explained her position.

Bill No. 13-24 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 14-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 14-24, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Small Business Districts – For the purpose of modifying architectural features required in Small Business Districts; modifying sign requirements for uses in Small Business Districts; modifying minimum lot size requirements in Small Business Districts; and generally relating to subdivision and development and 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 Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 14-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were six submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 14-24, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 14-24:

Dorothy Guy, Annapolis
Mary Guy, Annapolis
Nancy Guy, Annapolis
Kate Fox, Davidsonville
Gary Mauler, Jessup
Melanie Reel, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 14-24, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Small Business Districts; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.
Ms. Fiedler responded to the public testimony.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment removes a word that is not needed.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment provides for an exception from certain architectural features for religious facilities located in a Small Business District.

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

The Administration supports.

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

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

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes “dry cleaning and laundry establishments, including pick-up stations, package plants, and coin-operated facilities, limited to establishments with less than 4,000 square feet of floor area” as a permitted use in Small Business Districts.

Ms. Fiedler explained the background and purpose of the amendment.
The Administration supports.

Ms. Rodvien asked about businesses in a small business zone.

Ms. Kenney answered.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 14-24, as amended, would be heard on April 1, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 8-24, A Resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations on personnel policies for the legislative branch of Anne Arundel County government; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 8-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 8-24.

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

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes a reference to historic changes to the legislative branch of County government.

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

Ms. Rodvien shared her view on the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler responded.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that workplace provisions will potentially be revised.

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

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

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes “a representative of the County Executive” from the membership of the committee.

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

Ms. Pickard spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment modifies one of the duties of the committee.

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

Ms. Rodvien asked for clarification on the amendment.

Ms. Pickard shared her view on the amendment.
Ms. Rodvien clarified her concerns.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 4 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the deadline for the final report of the committee.

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

Ms. Hummer spoke on the amendment.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 5 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler

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

MOTION TO HOLD THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION NO. 8-24

On motion by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote on Resolution No. 8-24 until April 1, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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

BILL NO. 1-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 1-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Public Safety – Animal Care and Control – Potentially Dangerous, Dangerous, and Vicious Animals – For the purpose of amending the criteria used to designate an animal as potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious; adding and amending the burden of proof required to determine or appeal a designation of potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious; allowing for the reconsideration of a potentially dangerous or dangerous animal order within certain timeframes in certain situations; allowing for the waiver of all or a portion of redemption fees in certain situations; amending the special license fee for a dangerous animal; amending the notice requirements for animal cruelty cases; adding conditions under which an animal owner must pay for the costs of care for animals seized or surrendered and establishing notice requirements in certain situations; allowing for the waiver of adoption and spay or neuter fees; and generally relating to public safety; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Hummer spoke on the bill and the amendments.

Amendment No. 12 through Amendment No. 15

Ms. Hummer withdrew Amendment No. 12 through Amendment No. 15

Amendment No. 16

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes provisions defining potentially dangerous, dangerous and vicious animals.

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

The Administration does not support.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter agreed.

Mr. Volke and Mr. Smith spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Fiedler expressed her concern of the amendment.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment process.

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 16 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 1-24, as amended, would be heard on April 1, 2024.

Ms. Fiedler thanked Ms. Beach for her work on Bill No. 1-24.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer