

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 7
April 1, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Pickard at 7:04 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Leadbetter, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 75 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.

ETHICS STATEMENT

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

CALL OF RESOLUTION FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 10-24, A appointing an Administrative Officer to the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the resolution.

Resolution No. 10-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 11-24, A Resolution appointing an Assistant Administrative Officer to the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 11-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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:

Gary Mauler, Jessup
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
Dorothy Guy, Annapolis
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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 Mr. Volke, 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. Fiedler, the minutes for March 18, 2024, Legislative Day No. 6, were approved as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 24-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Current Expense Budget –Third Quarter Fund Transfer and Supplementary Appropriations – FOR the purpose of transferring appropriations of funds between certain offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies in the general fund; making supplementary appropriations from unanticipated revenues to certain special funds for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to transferring appropriations of funds and making supplementary

appropriations of funds to the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

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

BILL NO. 25-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Construction and Property Maintenance Codes – Codes and Supplements – FOR the purpose of adopting and amending certain construction codes; making certain technical corrections to construction codes; and generally relating to construction codes.
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 26-24 – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Amendments to Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance – Notice – FOR the purpose of exempting certain amendments to a comprehensive zoning ordinance from the notice requirements; making this Ordinance an emergency measure; and generally relating to zoning.
Introduced by Mr. Volke

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24 – RESOLUTION appointing an Administrative Officer to the County Council
Introduced by the Entire Council

RESOLUTION NO. 11-24 – RESOLUTION appointing an Assistant Administrative Officer to the County Council
Introduced by the Entire Council

RESOLUTION NO. 12-24 – RESOLUTION recognizing Autism Awareness Day and Autism Acceptance Month in Anne Arundel County in 2024
Introduced by the Entire Council
and by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-24 – RESOLUTION confirming the appointments of residents of the County to serve on the Pension Oversight Commission for Anne Arundel County
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-24 – RESOLUTION confirming the appointments of members of the classified service to serve on the Pension Oversight Commission for Anne Arundel County
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

The Chair stated Resolution No. 12-24 will be voted on first.

MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER

On motion by Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to change the order of the agenda to hear and vote on Resolution No. 9-24 and Bill No. 15-24 after Resolution No. 12-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the motion to suspend the rules to hear and vote on Bill No. 26-24 on April 15, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 12-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 12-24, A Resolution recognizing Autism Awareness Day and Autism Acceptance Month in Anne Arundel County in 2024; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Hummer explained the background and purpose of the resolution and thanked members of the Autism Society of Maryland.

Resolution No. 12-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 9-24, A Resolution confirming appointment of a member of the Anne Arundel County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Kaley Schultze, Administration, explained the background and purpose of the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 9-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 9-24.

The following person spoke on Resolution No. 9-24:

Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

Resolution No. 9-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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

BILL NO. 15-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 15-24, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Capital Budget and Program – Supplementary Appropriations – For the purpose of making supplementary appropriations from contingent funds in the general fund of the County for the current fiscal year; amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by modifying a funding source in the Brooklyn Park Outdoor Rec Imps capital project; amending the Capital Program for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to making supplementary appropriations to the Current Expense Fund and amending the Capital Budget and Program 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 Carrigan, Budget Office, David Braun, Department of Public Works, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 15-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 15-24.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 15-24, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Capital Budget and Program – Supplementary Appropriations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 15-24 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Greg Swain, 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 were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 1-24, as amended.

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

Jacqueline Kyle, Glen Burnie
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.

Amendment No. 17

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment strikes language from the purpose paragraph to reflect changes made to the bill by Amendment No. 16.

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

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, Amendment No. 17 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 1-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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 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 Greg Swain, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of 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.

Bill No. 4-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

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 Greg Swain, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Pompa spoke on the bills.

Ms. Smith spoke on signage.

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 was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 6-24, and there were three submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 7-24, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

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

John Day (Youse), Hanover
John O'Lexey, Jessup
Ellen Moss, Jessup
Gary Mauler, Jessup
Adrian Hood, Jessup
Kalile Imperatrice, Hanover
Rocco Imperatrice, Hanover
George Mauler, Jessup
Matt Minahan, Edgewater
Malcolm Curtis, Hanover
Carroll Little, Hanover

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

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.

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

Amendment No. 1, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies the SAC recommendation to maintain adopted zoning, change the Planned Land Use to reflect current uses, and maintain the Transit-Oriented Development Policy Area for the properties closest to the Dorsey MARC Station.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 2, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds three properties identified as Tax Map 13, Parcels 158, 174, and a portion of 181 that were not correctly identified as being part of the National Business Park (COPT Properties) on the Special Districts and Economic Centers map.

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

Mr. Volke asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Pompa answered.

Ms. Rodvien clarified the amendment.

Ms. Pompa responded.

Mr. Smith explained the location.

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

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 3, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds two properties, identified as Tax Map 13, Parcels 158 and 174, that are part of the National Business Park (COPT Properties) to the Critical Economic Area.

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

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

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 4, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Parcel 49 on Tax Map 13, located on 7960 Clark Road, Jessup, from Commercial to Mixed Use, and adds the property to the mixed use development policy area overlay.

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

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked about school impacts.

Ms. Pompa answered.

Mr. Smith clarified the amendment.

Ms. Pompa responded.

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

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 1, Bill No. 7-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning for the property known as Parcel 49 on Tax Map 13, located on 7960 Clark Road, Jessup, from C2 – Commercial Office to MXD-E – Mixed Use – Employment.

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

Ms. Pompa agreed.

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

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

Nay – None

Amendment No. 5, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for a portion of the properties known as Parcels 88 and 200 on Tax Map 19, located on Laurel Fort Meade Road, Laurel, from Open Space to Commercial.

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

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 2, Bill No. 7-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning for a portion of the properties known as Parcels 88 and 200 on Tax Map 19, located on Laurel Fort Meade Road, Laurel, from OS - Open Space to C4- Commercial.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 3, Bill No. 7-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning for the properties known as Parcels 118 and 164 on Tax Map 7, located on 7630 Race Road and (no number) Race Road, from R1 – Residential to R2 – Residential.

The sponsor withdrew the amendment.

Amendment No. 6, Bill No. 6-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use of a portion of the property known as Parcel 86, Lot 1 on Tax Map 19, located at 3600 Laurel Fort Meade Road, Laurel, also known as the Laurel Racetrack, from Conservation to Mixed-Use.

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

Ms. Pompa spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 4, Bill No. 7-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning for a portion of the property known as Parcel 86, Lot 1 on Tax Map 19, located at 3600 Laurel Fort Meade Road, Laurel, also known as the Laurel Racetrack, from OS - Open Space to W1- Industrial Park.

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

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

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

Ms. Corby shared sign certifications.

Mr. Smith asked about periodical reviews of signage.

Ms. Pompa and Mr. Swain responded.

There was further discussion on signage.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 6-24 and Bill No. 7-24, as amended, would be heard on April 15, 2024.

BILL NO. 8-24(As Amended) AND BILL NO. 9-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 7 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 7 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance 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”, as amended by this Ordinance; 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, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

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

The Council agreed to combine the public hearing for Bill No. 8-24, as amended, and Bill No. 9-24.

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

The Administrative Officer stated there were nine submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 8-24, as amended, and there were twelve 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, as amended, and Bill No. 9-24:

Stacia Roesler, Annapolis
Gordon Roesler, Annapolis
Stephene Schulman, Annapolis
Anne Myers, Annapolis
Dorothy Guy, Annapolis
Nancy Guy, Annapolis
Mary Guy, Annapolis
David Corddry, Annapolis
Joe Lorentzen, Annapolis
Donna Stern, Annapolis
Kevin Sullivan, Annapolis
Melanie Arena, Annapolis
Owen Smith, Annapolis
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 8-24, as amended, 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.

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the public testimony.

MOTION TO HOLD THE VOTE ON BILL NO. 8-24 (As Amended)

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to hold the vote on Bill No. 8-24, as amended, until April 15, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

AMENDMENTS TO BILL NO. 9-24

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcel 0063 on Tax Map 051A, located at 134 Old Solomons Island Road, Annapolis, from TC – Town Center District to C4 – Highway Commercial District.

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

Ms. Pickard asked if signs were posted.

Ms. Corby confirmed.

Ms. Pompa commented on the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 9-24, as amended, would be heard on April 15, 2024.

RECESS

The Council recessed at 9:25 P.M.

CONVENE

The Council reconvened at 9:32 P.M.

BILL NO. 14-24(As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 14-24, as amended, 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 Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

The Administration supports.

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

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

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

Dorothy Guy, Annapolis
Mary Guy, Annapolis
Nancy Guy, Annapolis
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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

The Chair called Bill No. 14-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Small Business Districts; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on the potential for noise.

Bill No. 14-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 16-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Uses – Food Service Facilities – Outdoor Seating Related to Food and Beverage Service – For the purpose of allowing certain food service facilities to continue to utilize outdoor seating related to food and beverage service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 16-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were ten submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 16-24, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 16-24:

Catherine Vieweg Taylor, Pasadena
Mary Guy, Annapolis
Nancy Guy, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 16-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Uses – Food Service Facilities – Outdoor Seating Related to Food and Beverage Service; 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 prohibits the continued use of outdoor seating at food service facilities that are less than 100 feet from residentially zoned properties.

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

Mr. Hunt clarified the amendment.

Mr. Swain responded.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 16-24, as amended, would be heard on April 15, 2024.

BILL NO. 17-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 17-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Adult Independent Dwelling Units – For the purpose of modifying the definition of “adult independent dwelling unit”; clarifying the allowed use of adult independent dwelling units in certain residential districts; adding multifamily dwellings and townhouse dwellings as a conditional use in certain residential districts; modifying the conditional uses of multifamily dwellings and townhouse dwellings in certain districts; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 17-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 17-24.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 17-24, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Small Business Districts; 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 provides for a 50-foot setback for certain townhouse structures adjacent to a lot in the same zoning district.

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

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 17-24, as amended, would be heard on April 15, 2024.

BILL NO. 18-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 18-24, An Ordinance concerning: Board of Appeals – Compensation – Per Diem Allowance – For the purpose of increasing a per diem allowance for members of the Board of Appeals; applying this Ordinance retroactively; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Greg Swain, Office of Law.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 18-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 18-24, 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. 18-24, An Ordinance concerning: Board of Appeals – Compensation – Per Diem Allowance; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 18-24 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 19-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 19-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce Housing – For the purpose of altering the percentage of home ownership units and rental units that are required be occupied by a household with less than a certain median income for workforce housing located in an R5 or R10 zoning district under certain circumstances; providing for the maximum density for workforce housing located in an R5 or R10 zoning district under certain circumstances; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Bill No. 19-24 and Bill No. 20-24.

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

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Administration, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 19-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 19-24, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 19-24:

Matt Minahan, Edgewater
Sue, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 19-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Workforce Housing; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the bill.

Bill No. 19-24 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 20-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 20-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Mixed Use Districts – Requirements for Conditional Uses – BWI/Fort Meade Growth Area – Multifamily Residential Uses – For the purpose of allowing certain sites in the BWI/Fort Meade Growth Area to develop multifamily dwellings in place of nonresidential uses under certain conditions in mixed use and certain commercial zoning districts; establishing the conditions and density for multifamily development in place of certain commercial use requirements; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Administration, Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 20-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 20-24, which was shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 20-24:

Matt Minahan, Edgewater
Jonathan
David Plott, Annapolis
Evan Pickett, Gambrills

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

The Chair called Bill No. 20-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Mixed Use Districts – Requirements for Conditional Uses – BWI/Fort Meade Growth Area – Multifamily Residential Uses; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Pickard commented on the public testimony.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment clarifies that the density for additional multifamily dwellings in certain circumstances is limited to 44 dwelling units per acre for the site.

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

The Administration supports.

Mr. Smith spoke on the amendment.

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

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

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment reduces the capital facility connection charge for certain MPDU's; and increases the percentage of dwelling units required to be set aside for certain income levels.

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

The Administration supports.

Ms. Pickard and Ms. Hummer spoke on the amendment.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

The sponsor withdrew the amendment.

The Chair stated that Bill No. 20-24, as amended, would be heard on April 15, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8-24(As Amended)

The Chair called for Resolution No. 8-24, as amended, 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.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the resolution.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel, Kelly Lovett, Personnel, and Greg Swain, Office of Law.

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

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

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

Amendment No. 6

The sponsor withdrew the amendment.

Amendment No. 7

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. Pickard commented on the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

Resolution No. 8-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer