

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 15
July 15, 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. Fiedler, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 70 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

Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were five 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 person spoke at Invitation to Audience:

Jennifer Stivers, Hanover
Lauren Kesslak, Annapolis
Josh Stivers, Hanover
Julie Johnson, Annapolis
Phil Hager, Annapolis
Jennifer Finn
Laura Homick, Edgewater
Barry White, Annapolis
Matthew Hagerty, D5 Intern

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Ms. Fiedler recognized Matthew Hagerty as District 5's first intern and presented him with a citation.

Mr. Smith recognized Luke Bessette as District 1's intern and presented him with a citation.

Ms. Rodvien recognized Jeff Norman for his quick thinking which saved a life and presented him with a citation.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Mr. Volke, 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 Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, the minutes for July 1, 2024, Legislative Day No. 14.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 65-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate School Facilities – School Utilization Chart – FOR the purpose of approving the “School Utilization Chart, 2024 – Revised” prepared by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

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

BILL NO. 66-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Approval of the Amended and Restated Lease between Anne Arundel County, Maryland and Wiley Bates School LLC – FOR the purpose of authorizing the Amended and Restated Lease of a portion of County-owned property in Annapolis, Maryland, known and designated as Wiley H. Bates High School, Smithville Street and South Villa Avenue, to Wiley Bates School LLC.

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

BILL NO. 67-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Crimes, Civil Offenses, and Fines – Crimes – Sale and Use of Leaf Blowers or Vacuums – FOR the purpose of adding definitions of “dBA” and “leaf blower or vacuum”; prohibiting the sale and use of a combustion engine powered leaf blower or vacuum; establishing sanctions for violations; and generally relating to crimes, civil offenses, and fines.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 30-24 – RESOLUTION confirming appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Anne Arundel County Retiree Health Benefits Trust
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 31-24 – RESOLUTION supporting the application to the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) and the local administration of the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation for the Glen Burnie Town Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland
Introduced by Ms. Pickard, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

RESOLUTION NO. 32-24 – RESOLUTION denouncing violence against elected officials and candidates for elected office
Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, and Ms. Leadbetter

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 5-106

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to suspend rule 5-106 and vote on Resolution No. 31-24 and Resolution No. 32-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Resolution No. 30-24, Resolution No. 31-24, and Resolution No. 32-24 will be voted on at the end of the meeting.

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

BILL NO. 58-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 58-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Billie Penley, Office of Finance, William Henn, Bond Counsel, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 58-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 58-24, as amended.

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

The Chair called Bill No. 58-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: the issuance, sale and delivery of Anne Arundel County, Maryland general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 58-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 27-24 (As Amended) AND BILL NO. 28-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 27-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 4 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 4, covering Arnold, Cape St. Claire, Broadneck, Gibson Island, Pasadena, and Severna Park, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 4; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 4 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 4 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 28-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 4; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 4, covering Arnold, Cape St. Claire, Broadneck, Gibson Island, Pasadena, and Severna Park; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Eric Ketterling, Office of Planning and Zoning, Cindy Carrier, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Carrier commented on the bills.

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 27-24, as amended, and Bill No. 28-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were two submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 27-24, as amended, and there was one

submission of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 28-24, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following people spoke on Bill No. 27-24, as amended, and Bill No. 28-24, as amended:

Cynthia Pugh Givens, Owings Mills
Elizabeth Rosburg, Arnold
Rev. Stephen Tillett, Annapolis
Keisha Ricks, Annapolis
Mary Daniels, Annapolis
Evangeline Redding, Annapolis
Rodney Parker, Annapolis
Marvyn Redding
Doris Anthony, Atlanta, GA
William Stansbury, Annapolis
Marcus Day
Linelle Sedgwick, Annapolis
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called Bill No. 27-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 4 Plan; and Bill No. 28-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 4; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

Ms. Fiedler and Mr. Volke responded to the public hearing testimonies.

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Klasmeier answered.

Ms. Fiedler thanked those involved in the bills.

Amendment No. 38, Bill No. 27-24

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment corrects a Charter citation.

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

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 38 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill No. 27-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill No. 28-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Pickard thanked all who worked on the bills.

BILL NO. 30-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 30-24, as amended, An ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Planned Unit Developments – Community and Employment – For the purpose of adding definitions for ‘planned unit development’, ‘community planned unit development, and ‘employment planned unit development’; adding grandfathering provisions related to certain applications for a planned use development; allowing “planned unit development, community” as a special exception use in certain residential districts; allowing “planned unit development, employment, located on a mining reclamation site” as a conditional use in certain residential, commercial, and industrial districts; allowing “planned unit development, employment, located in the BWI/Ft. Meade growth area” as a special exception use in W1 industrial districts; adding the conditional use requirement for “planned unit development, community”; adding the special exception use requirement for “planned unit developments, community and employment”; providing for the uses, density, bulk regulations and other requirements of planned unit development as a special use; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Smith explained the background and purpose of the bill, and why he wished to have the bill defeated.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Glen Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler clarified the reasoning behind the bill’s need to be defeated.

Mr. Smith responded.

The Chair called Bill No. 30-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Planned Unit Developments – Community and Employment; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

Bill No. 30-24, as amended, was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – None

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

BILL NO. 61-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 61-24, An Ordinance concerning: Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024 – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024”; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Brian Ulrich, Office of Transportation, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Ulrich spoke on the bill.

Ms. Hummer thanked the Department of Transportation for their work.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 61-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 61-24.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 61-24, An Ordinance concerning: Anne Arundel County Transit Development Plan 2024; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the motion to hold the bill until September 3, 2024 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 62-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 62-24, An Ordinance concerning: Sylvan View on the Magothy Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement – For the purpose of obligating the County to levy the special tax known as the special community benefit assessment on the Sylvan View on the Magothy Special Community Benefit District in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Sandy Spring Bank to the Sylvan View Community Association, Inc. in each of up to fifteen (15) fiscal years during the term of the loan; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, and Lori Klasmeier, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Volke thanked everyone involved in the bill and asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Klasmeier answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 62-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 62-24.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 62-24:

Wesley Evans, Pasadena

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 62-24, An Ordinance concerning: Sylvan View on the Magothy Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Bill No. 62-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 63-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 63-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Residential and Industrial Districts – Conditional and Special Exception Uses – Natural Wood Waste Recycling

Facilities – For the purpose of removing natural wood waste recycling facilities as a conditional use in R1 residential zoning districts; removing certain natural wood waste recycling facilities as a conditional use in a W2 industrial zoning district; repealing the conditional use requirements for natural wood waste recycling facilities; repealing a certain special exception condition for natural wood waste recycling facilities; providing for the retroactive application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 63-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 63-24.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 63-24, An Ordinance concerning Zoning – Residential and Industrial Districts – Conditional and Special Exception Uses – Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 63-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 28-24, A Resolution approving estimates of the annual costs of providing health insurance benefits and the employer subsidies used to determine the rates for certain participants under the County Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Program; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied Anne Budowski, Personnel, Kelly Lovett, Personnel, and Lori Klasmeier, County Attorney.

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

Ms. Budowski spoke on the resolution.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 28-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 28-24.

There was no one present who wish to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Resolution No. 28-24, A Resolution approving estimates of the annual costs of providing health insurance benefits and the employer subsidies used to determine the rates for certain participants under the County Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Program; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 28-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 29-24, A resolution confirming the appointment of a member of the classified service to serve on the Pension Oversight Commission for Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Lori Klasmeier, County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 29-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 29-24.

There was no one present who wish to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Resolution No. 29-24 A resolution confirming the appointment of a member of the classified service to serve on the Pension Oversight Commission for Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 29-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 30-24, A resolution confirming appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Anne Arundel County Retiree Health Benefits Trust; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Anne Budowski, Personnel, and Lori Klasmeier, County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 30-24, A resolution confirming appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Anne Arundel County Retiree Health Benefits Trust; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 30-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 31-24, A resolution supporting the application to the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) and the local administration of the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation for the Glen Burnie Town Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Kayleigh De La Puente, Economic Development Corporation, and Lori Klasmeier, County Attorney.

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

Ms. De La Puente spoke on the resolution.

Ms. Pickard introduced Ms. De La Puente.

The Chair called for Resolution No. 31-24, A supporting the application to the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) and the local administration of the Main Street Maryland affiliate program by Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation for the Glen Burnie Town Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 31-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 32-24, A resolution denouncing violence against elected officials and candidates for elected office; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

Ms. Rodvien and Ms. Leadbetter spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Hunt shared the Administration's agreement of the resolution.

The Chair called for Resolution No. 32-24, A resolution denouncing violence against elected officials and candidates for elected office; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 32-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer