

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 23
December 16, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:04 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 30 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 three 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:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Kyle Nembhard, Glen Burnie
Latonya Gadson, Odenton
Raenelle Cole, Baltimore
Jim Bongiorno, Odenton
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Gary Mauler, Jessup
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

Mr. Volke spoke on the public hearing.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

Mr. Volke withdrew Bill No. 95-24.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, 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. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes for December 2, 2024, Legislative Day No. 22.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 98-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Purchasing – Small Procurements – FOR the purpose of increasing the value of a small procurement subject to the requirement to obtain three quotes from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and generally relating to purchasing.

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

BILL NO. 99-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Severn Grove 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 Severn Grove Special Community Benefit District, in an amount sufficient to repay a loan from Sandy Spring Bank to the Severn Grove Improvement Association, Inc., in each of fifteen (15) fiscal years during the term of the loan.

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

BILL NO. 100-24 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvements Districts – Administrative Charge – Penalties for Non-Compliance – Maryland Homeowners Association Act and Open Meetings Act Compliance – FOR the purpose of modifying the administrative charge for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvements districts; providing penalties for non-compliance with certain requirements for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvements districts; requiring the civic or community association that administers a special community benefits district to comply with certain provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act and certain provisions of the

Maryland Homeowners Association Act; requiring each civic or community association that administers a special community benefit district to designate at least one officer to complete a training class on the Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 52-24 – RESOLUTION encouraging Anne Arundel County employees, residents, and visitors to save lives by driving safely

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien

The Chair stated Resolution No. 55-24 would be voted on at the end of the meeting.

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

BILL NO. 75-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 75-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development – Mixed Use Districts – For the purpose of providing certain standards and notice requirements for and restrictions on an administrative rezoning of certain properties to a mixed use district; adding grandfathering provisions applicable to certain development applications; establishing certain development and design standards for development in mixed use districts; establishing a minimum site area for certain sites to be developed as mixed use development; renaming the existing mixed use districts and creating a new mixed use district; adding purpose statements for the mixed use districts; establishing the permitted, conditional, and special exception uses in the mixed use districts; requiring a combination of uses on certain mixed use development sites; establishing certain bulk regulations, open area, and parking requirements for mixed use districts; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies, subdivision and development, and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, Janssen Evelyn, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Land Use, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Mr. Evelyn spoke on the bill.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pickard shared her position on the bill.

Ms. Hummer asked about grandfathering provisions.

Mr. Evelyn answered.

There was further discussion of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 75-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were fifty-eight submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 75-24, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 75-24, as amended:

Valerie Rouso, Annapolis
Gary Mauler, Jessup
Julie Johnson, Annapolis

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 75-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development – Mixed Use Districts; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ms. Rodvien asked for clarification on open space zoning.

Ms. Kenney responded.

Amendment No. 17

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment removes the inadvertent inclusion of the use in a Mixed Use Village District.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 17 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment No. 18

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment removes redundant language from the bill.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 18 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 75-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – Mr. Smith

BILL NO. 91-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 91-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Home Occupations – For the purpose of removing the minimum lot size for pet care businesses; and generally related to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 91-24, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 91-24, as amended.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 91-24, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – Home Occupations; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 91-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 93-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 93-24, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems – For the purpose of amending the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems, 2022, to alter certain text and maps; and generally relating to the Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Desirae Williams, Office of Planning and Zoning, James Howard, Department of Public Works, 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. 93-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 93-24.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 93-24, An Ordinance concerning: Planning and Development – Master Plan for Water Supply and Sewerage Systems; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This technical amendment removes the redundant project name and number from the description of the Piney Orchard SPS & FM contract on page 4-89 of Plan, in Table 4-37 Wastewater Capital Improvement Projects, Anne Arundel County.

Mr. Hunt explained the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 93-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 94-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 94-24, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Agriculture Commission – For the purpose of establishing the Anne Arundel County Agriculture Commission; providing the purpose, membership, composition, appointment of a chair and vice chair, terms and compensation of members, meeting standards, by-laws, and duties of the Agriculture Commission; reorganizing Article 3 of the County Code and correcting internal County Code references to the provisions of Article 3 and Article 4; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies and finance, taxation and budget; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

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

Ms. Leadbetter expressed her support of the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 94-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were six submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 94-24, which were 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 closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 94-24, An Ordinance concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Agriculture Commission; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 94-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 96-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 96-24, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Pre-built Short-term Buildings – For the purpose of adding an exemption to the site development plan process to permit pre-built short-term buildings to be placed at religious or educational facilities; and generally relating to subdivision and development; 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 Janssen Evelyn, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Land Use, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler shared her support of the bill and asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 96-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were twelve submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 96-24, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 96-24:

Pastor Arcand, Severna Park

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 96-24, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Site Development – Pre-built Short-term Buildings; 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 clarifies the type of structure permitted.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No. 96-24, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on January 6, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 51-24, A Resolution approving the private disposition of certain improved, County-owned property known as a portion of Magothy Bridge Road, adjacent to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, in Severna Park, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Marni Watson, Real Estate, Stephen Walker, Real Estate, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 51-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 51-24.

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 51-24, A Resolution approving the private disposition of certain improved, County-owned property known as a portion of Magothy Bridge Road, adjacent to the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, in Severna Park, Maryland; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 51-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 52-24, A Resolution encouraging Anne Arundel County employees, residents, and visitors to save lives by driving safely; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Mr. Volke asked clarifying questions on the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien answered.

Resolution No. 52-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer