

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 2
January 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:00 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Mr. Smith, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 25 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 four 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
Jigna Patel, Glen Burnie
Samantha Povair, Annapolis
Kem Suardi, Annapolis
Amy, District 6
Lynda Davis, Linthicum
Robert Smith, Crofton
Matt Minahan, GAN
Steven Waddy

Philip Ateto, Annapolis
Mary Ella Jourdak, District 6
Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Lucy Oppenhime, Annapolis

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, 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. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the minutes for January 14, 2025, Legislative Day No. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 7-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Capital Budget and Program – Forest Drive/MD 665 Intersection Improvement and R & B Project Plan capital projects – Fund Transfer – FOR the purpose of amending the Capital Budget for the current fiscal year by transferring an appropriation of funds from the Forest Dr./MD 665 Int. Imp. capital project to the R & B Project Plan capital project; amending the Capital Program and Capital Projects Bond Ordinance for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to appropriation of funds in projects in the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1-25 – RESOLUTION approving a nomination for appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Region Planning Area No. 5

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

Resolution No. 2-25 – RESOLUTION concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding to procure long lead equipment, including elevator replacement and electrical switchgear for the Florestano Building Renovation Floors 1 through 3

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

Resolution No. 3-25 – RESOLUTION concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding to procure CMAR preconstruction services for the renovation of the Dragun Science Building
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

Resolution No. 4-25 – RESOLUTION concerning a petition to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for Anne Arundel Community College funding to procure design services for the renovation of the Dragun Science Building
Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

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

BILL NO. 96-24 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 96-24, as amended, 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 Lynn Miller, Office of Planning and Zoning, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

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

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

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

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, as amended, 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. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment removes educational facilities from the site development exemption.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the amendment.

Amendment No. 2 failed due to no second motion.

Amendment No. 3

Amendment No. 3 was not offered.

Ms. Pickard spoke on the bill.

Bill No. 96-24, as amended, was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 97-24

The Chair called for Bill No. 97-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – School Bus Facilities – For the purpose of allowing school bus facilities in C1 zoning districts as a conditional use; requiring vehicular access for school bus facilities by certain roads in C1 and C3 zoning districts; requiring a minimum lot size for school bus facilities in C1 zoning districts; 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 Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

Mr. Hunt expressed the Administration's concern.

Ms. Miller spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pickard asked about rezoning.

Mr. Volke responded.

There was further discussion on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 97-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 97-24.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 97-24:

Paul Higgins, Pasadena
Logan Jubb, Jubb's Bus Service
Randall Jubb, Pasadena
Phil Hager, Hager Land Use

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 97-24, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Conditional Uses – School Bus Facilities; 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 adds school bus facilities as a conditional use in C2 zoning districts and provides for the same requirements as C1 for conditional use.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

Mr. Volke spoke on the amendment.

Mr. Smith asked where the Administration stands.

Mr. Hunt responded.

Ms. Pickard expressed her concern of special acceptations.

Ms. Rodvien clarified how bus companies work with the community.

Mr. Volke answered.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No. 97-24, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on February 3, 2025.

BILL NO. 98-24

The Chair called for 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Catrice Parsons, Central Services, and Kelly Kenney, Office of Law.

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

Ms. Rodvien spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 98-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 98-24.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 98-24, An Ordinance concerning: Purchasing – Small Procurements; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 98-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 99-24

The Chair called for 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by 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. 99-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 99-24.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 99-24, An Ordinance concerning: Severn Grove Special Community Benefit District – Approval of Loan and Assignment Agreement; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 99-24 was passed by the following roll call:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 49-24

The Chair called for Resolution No. 49-24, A Resolution approving the application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for a grant under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program federal FY 2024 Local Solicitation, and recognizing the County Executive's authority to act in connection with the grant; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Administration, was accompanied by Mary Lynn Bobbitt, Health Department, 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. 49-24.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 49-24.

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

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Resolution No. 49-24 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer