

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 5
March 3, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:02 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Hummer, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 45 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
James Holman, Odenton
John Pantelides, Annapolis
Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, 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. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the minutes for February 18, 2025, Legislative Day No. 4.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 22-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Subdivision and Development – Adequate School Facilities – School Utilization Chart – FOR the purpose of approving the “School Utilization Chart 2025” prepared by the Planning and Zoning Officer.

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

BILL NO. 23-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Boards, Commissions, and Similar Bodies – Youth Advisory Council - Membership – FOR the purpose of increasing the number of certain types of voting members; removing the limit on terms of voting members; and generally relating to boards, commissions, and similar bodies.

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

BILL NO. 24-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Regional Commercial Complexes – FOR the purpose of clarifying the status of existing regional commercial complex uses; providing for the number of dwelling units per acre in regional commercial complex uses; providing for the parking requirements in regional commercial complex uses; and generally relating to zoning.

Introduced by Mr. Smith

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25

The Chair called for Resolution No. 5-25, A Resolution amending portions of Titles 3 and 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lori Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 5-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Resolution No. 5-25.

The following person spoke on Resolution No. 5-25:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

The Chair called for Resolution No. 5-25, A Resolution amending portions of Titles 3 and 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the County Council; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Resolution No. 5-25 was adopted by the following roll call:

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

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

BILL NO. 8-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-25, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds – 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 the Local Education Fund for the current fiscal year; and generally relating to transferring and reducing appropriations of funds and supplementary appropriations of funds in the current expense budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Matt Stanski, AACPS, and Lori Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

Mr. Stanski spoke on the bill.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 8-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 8-25.

The following person spoke on Bill No. 8-25:

Kurt Svendsen, Arnold

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

Mr. Volke responded to the public hearing.

The Chair called for Bill No. 8-25, An Ordinance concerning: Current Expense Budget – Board of Education – Supplementary Appropriation and Transfers of Funds; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke spoke on the bill's Fiscal Note.

Bill No. 8-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

BILL NO. 2-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 2-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development Requirements for Particular Types of Development – Redevelopment – For the purpose of adding development requirements for redevelopment; establishing the applicability of new development requirements for redevelopment under certain circumstances to specified policy areas; defining certain terms; setting forth requirements for a concept plan, an application, community meetings, and notice of community meetings for redevelopment; providing that certain applications for development may proceed to final plan or site development plan; providing for certain modifications and exemptions from modifications for redevelopment under certain circumstances; specifying open space, landscape, and natural feature requirements for redevelopment; requiring redevelopment in critical areas to comply with applicable laws ; establishing requirements for redevelopment to pass adequate public facilities testing; reducing certain fees for redevelopment; adding multifamily dwellings as a conditional use and providing for the conditions in the C4 district; adding townhouse dwellings in a redevelopment project as a conditional use in commercial districts and providing for the conditions; modifying conditional use requirements for multifamily dwellings and for townhouse and stacked townhouse dwellings for redevelopment in commercial districts; and generally relating to subdivision and development, and zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Janssen Evelyn, Deputy CAO, Jenny Dempsey, Planning and Zoning Officer, and Lori Klasmeier, Deputy County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 2-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were nine submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 2-25, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 2-25, as amended:

Linda Hanifin Bonner, Ph.D., Annapolis
Max Gross, Annapolis
Matt Minahan, Edgewater
Paul Higgins, Edgewater

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 2-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Zoning – Development Requirements for Particular Types of Development – Redevelopment; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Amendment No. 12

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment requires the Office of Planning and Zoning to issue a yearly report to the Council on redevelopment.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 12 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No 2-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 3-25 and BILL NO. 4-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 3-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 9 Plan –For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 9 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 9, covering the Mayo

Peninsula, Galesville, West River, Shady Side, Churchton, Deale, Tracy's Landing, North Beach, parts of Edgewater, and Friendship, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 9; amending "Plan2040", the County's General Development Plan, by the "Anne Arundel County Region 9 Plan", as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the "Anne Arundel County Region 9 Plan"; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 4-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 9 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 9; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 9, covering the Mayo Peninsula, Galesville, West River, Shady Side, Churchton, Deale, Tracy's Landing, North Beach, parts of Edgewater, and Friendship; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Eric Ketterling, Senior Planner, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 3-25 and Bill No. 4-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there was one submission for Bill No. 3-25, and four submissions for Bill No. 4-25, as amended, of written testimony received through the online testimony tool, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following people spoke on Bill No. 3-25 and Bill No. 4-25, as amended:

Matt Minahan, Edgewater

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 3-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 9 Plan; and Bill No. 4-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 9; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

The Chair asked if the signage requirements have been met for the amendments.

Ms. Schultze confirmed.

Bill No. 4, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of a portion of the property known as Parcel 71, Lot 2 on Tax Map 68, located at 4840 Muddy Creek Road, Churchton, from OS-Open Space to RA-Rural Agricultural.

Ms. Leadbetter explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning supports.

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

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

MOTION TO HOLD

On the motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Mr. Volke, the motion to hold the vote for Bill No. 3-25 until March 17, 2025, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Ms. Leadbetter thanked all who helped with the bill.

The Chair stated that Bill No 4-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 9-25 and BILL NO. 10-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 1 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 1, covering Brooklyn Park, Linthicum Heights, Curtis Bay, Ferndale, BWI Airport, Harmans, and parts of Hanover, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 1; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 10-25, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 1 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 1; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 1, covering Brooklyn Park, Linthicum Heights, Curtis Bay, Ferndale, BWI Airport, Harmans,

and parts of Hanover; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Mark Wildonger, Senior Planner, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

There was no objection from the Council on holding a joint public hearing for Bill No. 9-25 and Bill No. 10-25.

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 9-25 and Bill No. 10-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 9-25 and Bill No. 10-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 1 Plan; and Bill No. 10-25, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 1; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

The Chair asked if the signage requirements have been met for the amendments.

Ms. Schultze confirmed.

Bill No. 10-25, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of certain properties in and around the 1400 block of Hanover Road and the 7500 block of Ridge Road, Hanover from C2-Commercial Office to C4-Highway Commercial.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning offers no objections.

Mr. Volke asked for clarification on the properties surrounding the area.

Mr. Smith answered.

Mr. Wildonger responded.

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

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

MOTION TO HOLD

On the motion by Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to hold the vote for Bill No. 9-25 until March 17, 2025, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

The Chair stated that Bill No 10-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 11-25 and BILL NO. 12-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 11-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 3 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 3 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 3, covering Glen Burnie, Severn, and parts of Millersville, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 3; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 3 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 3 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 12-25, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 3 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 3; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 3, covering Glen Burnie, Severn, and parts of Millersville; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Patrick Hughes, Senior Planner, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

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

There was no objection from the Council on holding a joint public hearing for Bill No. 11-25 and Bill No. 12-25.

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 11-25 and Bill No. 12-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 11-25 and Bill No. 12-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 11-25, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 3 Plan; and Bill No. 12-25, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 3; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

The Chair asked if the signage requirements have been met for the amendments.

Ms. Schultze confirmed.

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Lot 1 of Parcel 445, Lot 3 of Parcel 272, and Parcels 492, 493, and 495 on Tax Map 21, located at no # Reece Road and no # Jacobs Road, Severn, from Low-Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no objection.

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

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

Bill No. 12-25, Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Lot 1 of Parcel 445, Lot 3 of Parcel 272, and Parcels 492, 493, and 495 on Tax Map 21, located at no # Reece Road and no # Jacobs Road, Severn, from R5-Residential to R15-Residential.

Ms. Hummer explained the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the planned land use for the property known as Parcels 69, 661, and 38, including Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, on Tax Map 16, located at 7824 and 7840 Freetown Road, Open Space, 209, 207, 205 and 203 Allison Drive, and a Private Right-of-Way, Glen Burnie, from Low-Medium Density Residential to Medium Density Residential.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 12-25, Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Parcels 69, 661, and 38, including Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, on Tax Map 16, located at 7824 and 7840 Freetown Road, Open Space, 209, 207, 205 and 203 Allison Drive, and a Private Right-of-Way, Glen Burnie, from R5-Residential to R10-Residential.

Mr. Volke explained the amendment.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes, for a portion of the property known as Parcel 378 on Tax Map 9, located at no # Crain Highway SE, Glen Burnie, the Planned Land Use from High Density Residential to Commercial; and for a portion of the same property changes the Development Policy Area from Neighborhood Preservation to Town Center.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning supports

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

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

Bill No. 12-25, Amendment No. 3

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of a portion of the property known as Parcel 378 on Tax Map 9, located at no # Crain Highway, SE, Glen Burnie, from a split of R15-Residential and C4-Highway Commercial to C4-Highway Commercial.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning supports.

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

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

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the Planned Land Use from Low-Medium Density Residential to Commercial, the Development Policy Area from Neighborhood Preservation to Critical Corridor, and the Development Policy Area Overlay from no overlay to Commercial Revitalization and Redevelopment Overlay for the property known as Lot B, Parcel 453 on Tax Map 9F, located at no # Georgia Avenue, NW, Glen Burnie.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no objection.

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Mr. Wildonger responded.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 12-25, Amendment No. 4

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of the property known as Lot B, Parcel 453 and Lot 1A, Parcel 449 and on Tax Map 9F, located at no # Georgia Avenue, NW, and 406 Crain Highway, N, Glen Burnie, from a split of R5-Residential and C3-General Commercial to C4-Highway Commercial.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no objection.

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

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

Nay – None

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 5

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds a regional strategy to the Implementation Matrix of the Anne Arundel County Region 3 Plan related to areas for potential trailhead or park enhancements to improve access to recreational space and green areas.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no objection.

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

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

Bill No. 11-25, Amendment No. 6

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment adds a countywide strategy to the Implementation Matrix of the Anne Arundel County Region 3 Plan to review zoning categories for privately-owned community parks and determine if a new zoning category is needed.

Ms. Pickard explained the amendment.

The Office of Planning and Zoning supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No 11-25, as amended, and Bill No. 12-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 13-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Commercial and Industrial Districts – Uses – Animal Hospitals and Veterinary Clinics – For the purpose of amending the permitted use allowed in commercial districts for animal hospitals and veterinary clinics; permitting veterinary clinics without overnight stays or with limited overnight stays for necessary medical treatment, without outside runs or pens in commercial districts; permitting animal hospitals and veterinary clinics that offer overnights stays as a conditional use in certain commercial districts; amending permitted, conditional, and special exception uses in industrial districts for animal hospitals and veterinary clinics; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Fiedler spoke on the intent of the bill.

Ms. Miller and Ms. Kelley responded.

Mr. Smith clarified the bill.

Ms. Fiedler answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 13-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 13-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 13-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Commercial and Industrial Districts – Uses – Animal Hospitals and Veterinary Clinics; 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 that the size limit for unenclosed coops and runs included is calculated as a whole.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

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

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

Ms. Hummer

Nay – None

The Chair stated that Bill No 13-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

BILL NO. 14-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 14-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Archaeological Resources – For the purpose of amending the criteria used to determine archeological resources; 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, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Christina Pompa, Deputy Planning and Zoning Officer, Darian Beverungen, Acting Planning Administrator – Cultural Resource, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Ms. Pompa spoke on the written testimony.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 14-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were twelve submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Bill No. 14-25, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on Bill No. 14-25:

Jane Cox, Gambrills

Paul Spadaro, Magothy River Association

Richard Striner, Pasadena

Ester Doyle Reed

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 14-25, An Ordinance concerning: Subdivision and Development – Archaeological Resources; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke asked questions about how the bill is worded.

Ms. Beverungen and Ms. Pompa answered.

There was further discussion on the bill.

MOTION TO HOLD

On the motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the motion to hold the vote for Bill No. 14-25 until March 17, 2025, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 15-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 15-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Parking, Outdoor Lighting, and Signage – Measurement of Signage Area – For the purpose of removing certain requirements for determining sign area; 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, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

The Administration supports.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 15-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 15-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 15-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Parking, Outdoor Lighting, and Signage – Measurement of Signage Area; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Volke spoke on land use attorneys.

Ms. Pickard responded.

Bill No. 15-25 was passed by the following roll call:

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

Nay – None

BILL NO. 16-25

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Special Exception Uses – Assisted Living Facilities – Community Piers and Launching Ramps – For the purpose of amending the maximum height limitations for principal structures in assisted living facilities; adding assisted living facilities entities that own or control a community pier or launching ramp; adding assisted living facilities to slip requirements at community piers; and generally relating to zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

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

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Relations, was accompanied by Lynn Miller, Assistant Planning and Zoning Officer, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt spoke on the bill.

Mr. Smith asked how many sites were in the county.

Ms. Fiedler answered.

The Chair called for the public hearing on Bill No. 16-25.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 16-25.

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

The Chair called for Bill No. 16-25, An Ordinance concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Special Exception Uses – Assisted Living Facilities – Community Piers and Launching Ramps; 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 limits the increased height allowed for assisted living facilities on properties over 20 acres.

Ms. Fiedler explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

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

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

The Chair stated that Bill No 16-25, as amended, will be heard at the next Council Meeting on March 17, 2025.

MOTION TO HOLD CLOSED SESSION

The Chair spoke on the cyber-attack.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hold a closed session to discuss the cyber-attack issues was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Mr. Volke, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer