



# Howard County Council

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## COUNCILMEMBERS

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David Yungmann  
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Minutes (Approved)  
Legislative Public Hearing  
Monday, July 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Banneker Room

**Members Present:** Christiana Mercer Rigby, Council Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung, Council Member; and Liz Walsh, Council Member. Not present: David Yungmann.

**Staff Present:** Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Administration; Jeff Meyers, Legislative Analyst; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; and Kel Berg, Administrative Support.

- I. Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 794.
- III. Allow the reading of bills by short title.

*Christiana Mercer Rigby, Chairperson moved to approve to allow the reading of bills by short title, seconded by Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson.*

***The motion carried as follows***

***AYES: Christiana Mercer Rigby, Council Chairperson; Opel Jones, Council Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung, Council Member; and Liz Walsh, Council Member***

- IV. Public Hearing

- A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution 101-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Anthony to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (No expiration date)

- a. Jennifer Anthony
2. Council Resolution 102-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Candace Ball to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. (No expiration date)
  - a. Candace Ball - Ellicott City, MD
3. Council Resolution 95-2019 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Way to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board. (No expiration date)
  - a. John Way - Columbia, MD
4. Council Resolution 103-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michael Blum to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families. (No expiration date)
5. Council Resolution 104-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Athena A. Verghis to the Environmental Sustainability Board. (No expiration date)
6. Council Resolution 105-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Maurice Zeitler to the Housing Commission. (No expiration date)
7. Council Resolution 106-2019 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Judy Zhou to the Commission for Women. (No expiration date)

B. General

1. Council Bill 34-2019 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Capital Equipment Lease Agreement for financing the acquisition of smart water meters; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)

- a. Art Shapiro, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Utilities, Department of Public Works
2. SAO1-FY2020 - AN ACT transferring \$150,240 from the Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Community Resources and Services for a grant to conduct the Federal Decennial Census. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)
    - a. Jackie Scott, Director, Department of Community Resources and Services
3. SAO2-FY2020 - AN ACT transferring \$750,000 from the Grant Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for a Clean Water Commerce Act Grant. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)
    - a. Robert Hindt, Plant Manager, Bureau of Utilities, Department of Public Works
4. Council Resolution 107-2019 - A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 68-2019, to add an additional \$2,000,000 appropriation in the General Fund through use of an additional \$2,000,000 in school fund balance under Other Funding; to make a technical amendment of reallocating \$5,106,703 in State funding based on Senate Bill 1030 (Kirwan funding) from Grants under Restricted Funds to the General Fund; and to make categorical transfers to align with anticipated funding and expenses; and generally relating to the Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. (No expiration date)
    - a. Sandra Austin, Budget Manager, Howard County Public School System
5. Council Resolution 108-2019 - A RESOLUTION calling on the Maryland State Department of Education to contract for a performance audit of the Howard County Public School System and specifying the issues requested to be studied. (No expiration date)
    - a. Holly Sun, Budget Administrator, Department of County Administration

6. Council Bill 35-2019 - AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2018 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code; amending certain definitions in the Fire Code; and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)
  - a. Gordon Wallace, Deputy Chief, Department of Fire and Rescue Services
  
7. Council Bill 36-2019 - AN ACT providing that the optional lot size method for computing open space requirements applicable to R-20, infill subdivisions, or resubdivisions creating fewer than ten lots applies only if certain sufficient open space can provide stormwater management and flood control protection within the Tiber Hudson Branch and the Plumtree Branch Watersheds; and generally relating to the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)
  - a. Jennifer Sager, Department of County Administration
  
8. Council Resolution 109-2019 - A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code so that the County may enter into an agreement with 20006 Delaware Inc., a Delaware corporation, successor in interest to TSG Developments (Maryland) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, formerly known as MI Developments (Maryland) Inc., to construct certain stormwater improvements along Davis Avenue. (No expiration date)
  - a. Tom Butler, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works
  - b. Mark Thompson - 198 Laurel Race Track Road, Laurel, MD
  
9. Council Resolution 110-2019 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of land containing 0.031 acres owned by Howard County, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the adjacent property owner, the State of Maryland; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use. (No expiration date)

a. Tom Meunier, Assistant to the Director, Department of Public Works

10. Council Bill 37-2019 - Introduced by Christiana Mercer Rigby and Co-sponsored by Opel Jones - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to clarify that in calculating the number of required communal spaces for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, that the final calculated number shall be rounded up to the nearest even number; and generally relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. (Expires 9/9/19; 10/14/19 if extended; or 11/18/19 if extended twice.)

a. Lanny Hartmann

V. Tabled

- A. Council Resolution 95-2019 – A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Way to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board. (No expiration date)
  
- B. Council Resolution 97-2019 – A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Robinson Overlook Limited Partnership, a limited partnership of the State of Maryland, for a rental housing development to be known as Robinson Overlook, and finding that the Development meets the requirements of certain Special Affordable Housing Opportunities. (No expiration date)
  
- C. Council Resolution 98-2019 – A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2020 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County. (No expiration date)
  
- D. Council Bill 17-2019 – Introduced by: Liz Walsh - AN ACT altering the number of consecutive years a project or phase of a project must be retested each time the County Council adopts new annual housing unit allocations and school capacity charts under the school capacity test of the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County; and generally relating to the testing of residential subdivisions and site development plans for adequate public school facilities. (Expires 6/10/19; 7/15/19 if extended; or 8/19/19 if extended twice.)

- E. Council Resolution 89-2019 - Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive at the request of Dorsey Overlook, LLLP. - AN ACT declaring that a portion of Old Maryland Route 108, containing approximately 1.087 acres, is no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the County's property interest to the developer of the adjacent property, Dorsey Overlook, LLLP. (No expiration date)

VI. Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.