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Agenda

Legislative Session
Monday, April 5, 2021
Web-based Virtual Meeting
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)
7:00 p.m.

Legislative Session

Day # 6

Approve Journal

March 1, 2021

Approve Minutes

Monthly Meeting – March 3, 2021
Joint Meeting with the Board of Education – March 15, 2021
Legislative Public Hearing – March 15, 2021
Legislative Work Session – March 17, 2021

Introduction

Appointments

Council Resolution 44-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Herman L. Charity to the Recreation and Parks Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 45-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phillip Dodge to the Multimodal Transportation Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 46-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Frances F. LoPresti to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 47-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Reginald T. Avery to the Commission on Aging. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 48-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Patricia Branch to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 49-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Drasin to the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 50-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Eric Shatzer to the Board of Electrical Examiners. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 51-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Young Ran Smith to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 52-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sue Song to the Commission on Aging. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 53-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Stone to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 54-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alan Whitworth to the Public Works Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 55-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Zinner to the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Financial

Council Bill 25-2021 - AN ACT transferring \$500,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve and \$1,175,000 from the Department of Police to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses related to snow removal. *(Expires 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 56-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 63-2020 and amended by Council Resolution No. 106-2020, in order to increase the Grants fund appropriation by \$22,273,259 so the Board of Education may receive additional federal, state and private grants; and generally relating to the Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. *(No expiration date)*

Council Bill 26-2021 - AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in

approximately 30 acres of agricultural land located on the west side of Driver Road in Marriottsville, Howard County, Maryland, from Larry and Peggy Jo Sowell or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$786,000 or, if less, not more than \$26,200 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. *(Expires 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 57-2021 - A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County's Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 58-2021 - A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation. *(No expiration date)*

General

Council Bill 27-2021 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan in order to create an enhanced normal retirement benefit for Deputy Sheriffs hired on or after July 1, 2021, adding and amending certain definitions; increasing the amount of employee pick up contributions to be made by participating Deputy Sheriffs, changing the normal retirement age for participating Deputy Sheriffs and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan. *(Expires 6/14/21; 7/19/21 if extended; or 8/23/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 59-2021 - A RESOLUTION amending the rules that implement the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Howard County Code; to update and add certain definitions; to remove language related to lending pools and participating lenders; to add a method of calculation to determine self-employment; to update minimum down payment requirements and qualification for certain loan types; to update loan subordination requirements; and generally relating to the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program. *(No expiration date)*

Final

Appointments

Council Resolution 37-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marlene S. Hendler to the Multimodal Transportation Board. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 38-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Vanita Leatherwood to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 39-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Mariana Izraelson to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 40-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bitu Dayhoff to the Howard County Local Children's Board. *(No expiration date)*

Financial

Council Bill 16-2021 - AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 34.5 acres of agricultural land located on the south side of McKendree Road, Glenwood, Howard County, Maryland, from William Lowrey and Jennifer Lowrey or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,011,600 or, if less, not more than \$29,320 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith. *(Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 41-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a Financial Assurance Plan for Howard County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment. *(No expiration date)*

General

Council Bill 17-2021 (ZRA197) - AN ACT to update and add definitions related to solar collector equipment; to eliminate the requirement for a glare study; to add certain reviews by the Agricultural Preservation Board; to allow rooftop commercial and accessory ground mount solar collectors in all zoning districts; to allow commercial ground-mount solar collector facilities in certain zoning districts ; to limit the size of commercial ground-mount solar collector facilities on certain parcels that are in the Agricultural Land Preservation Program; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations. *(Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Bill 18-2021 - AN ACT removing the requirement that the Office of Transportation establish a Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group; amending the qualifications to serve on the Multimodal Transportation Board; amending the powers of the Multimodal Transportation Board; and generally relating to transportation and the Office of Transportation. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Resolution 42-2021 - A RESOLUTION correcting the conveyance of certain easements that were granted to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company by the passage of Council Resolution No. 140-2020. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 28-2020 - Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of Dean Dubbe - A RESOLUTION to close a portion of Roxbury Road as shown in Exhibits A and B in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code. (*No expiration date*)

Council Resolution 43-2021 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh - A RESOLUTION encouraging the County Executive to implement a “Shared Streets Program” to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and the safe use of outdoor space during the State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and generally relating to implementing the “Shared Streets Program”. (*No expiration date*)

Council Bill 19-2021 - Introduced by: David Yungmann - AN ACT to alter the method to calculate the number of one-acre lots that could be subject to release of easement; removing the minimum size criteria for a parcel on which a landowner’s dwelling could be built; and generally relating to agricultural preservation. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 20-2021 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby - AN ACT to require that certain single-user restrooms in Howard County be made available to all individuals regardless of gender; requiring that certain single-user restrooms use gender-inclusive signage to identify the restroom; establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the availability of single-user restrooms to all individuals regardless of gender. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 21-2021 (ZRA196) – Introduced by: The Chair at the request of Kimberly Kepnes - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add certain uses permitted as a matter of right in HO (Historic: Office) zoning districts. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 22-2021 - Introduced by: Christiana Rigby; Co-Sponsored by: Deb Jung and Liz Walsh - AN ACT requiring the developer of a TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District site to provide the required moderate income housing units on the TOD site; prohibiting certain actions by the developer relating to optional methods or alternative compliance to optional methods; and generally relating to Moderate-Income Housing Unit requirements. (*Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.*)

Council Bill 23-2021 - Introduced by: Opel Jones and Deb Jung; Co-sponsored by: Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann - AN ACT amending the eligibility requirements for a property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel in accordance with Chapter 332, Acts of the General Assembly of 2019; and generally relating to property tax credits. *(Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Bill 24-2021 - Introduced by: Liz Walsh; Co-sponsored by: Deb Jung - AN ACT to prohibit action on certain zoning applications while a new General Plan is in process; requiring a specified report related to disclosure of certain contributions and business relationships in compliance with the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to Zoning matters. *(Expires 5/10/21; 6/14/21 if extended; or 7/19/21 if extended twice.)*

Tabled

Council Bill 1-2021 - AN ACT requiring a license for private animal shelters; defining certain terms; authorizing the adoption of certain regulations; providing for certain exemptions; requiring that a license application contain certain information; requiring an application fee; requiring that certain fees be adopted by Resolution of the County Council; providing for inspections; providing that a denied application can be resubmitted under certain conditions; providing for a license term; providing the conditions under which the license can be suspended or revoked; providing for appeals and license renewals; requiring certain records; providing standards of care for private animal shelters; providing for certain penalties; adding to the duties of the Animal Matters Hearing Board; and generally relating to private animal shelters in Howard County. *(Expires 3/15/21; 4/19/21 if extended; or 5/24/21 if extended twice.)*

Council Resolution 11-2021 - A RESOLUTION approving a nonrefundable application fee and a license fee for an annual Private Animal Shelter License. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 26-2021 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gudell L. Ward to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency. *(No expiration date)*

Council Resolution 35-2021 - Introduced by: The Chairperson - A RESOLUTION setting a date by which the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission is required to prepare a plan of Councilmanic Districts and present the plan to the Howard County Council; setting a date following presentation of the plan of Councilmanic Districts to the County Council by which, if no ordinance re-establishing the boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts has been enacted, the plan submitted by the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission becomes law; and generally relating to Councilmanic Redistricting. *(No expiration date)*

Council Bill 14-2021 - Introduced by: David Yungmann - AN ACT to allow a landlord to show a model or similar unit to a prospective tenant if the unit to be leased is not vacant under specified circumstances; to alter the authority of a tenant to terminate a lease without penalty if certain violations are not abated within a certain time; to alter the authority of a

tenant to terminate a lease because of an involuntary change of employment; to allow a lease to provide that a tenant will pay specified costs under specified circumstances; to alter the lease payment grace period; to allow for the collection of specified charges; to repeal the prohibition against a lease stating that it is a contract under seal; making a technical correction; and generally relating to landlord-tenant relations. *(Expires 4/14/21; 5/19/21 if extended; or 6/23/21 if extended twice.)*

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