

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2014, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 14
September 2, 2014 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bevins at 6:05 P.M. The Chair asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Boy Scout Troops 306 of Catonsville Presbyterian Church and 102 of Towson United Methodist Church. There were approximately 50 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

TOM QUIRK	FIRST DISTRICT
VICKI ALMOND	SECOND DISTRICT
TODD HUFF	THIRD DISTRICT
KENNETH N. OLIVER	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
CATHY BEVINS	SIXTH DISTRICT
JOHN OLSZEWSKI, SR.	SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Huff, seconded by Councilman Oliver, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of August 4, 2014 was waived and accepted unanimously.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chair stated that the following Bills were passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. She certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bills 42-14, 44-14 and 45-14.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL 50-14, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2014-2015 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the General Fund monies derived from unreserved, undersigned General Fund Surplus as of June 30, 2014.

BILL 51-14, entitled An Act for the purpose of authorizing certain members of the Employees Retirement System to purchase credit for service before joining the retirement system under certain circumstances; requiring the member to provide notice of intent by a certain date; requiring the member to provide certain payment by a certain date; and generally relating to the purchase of certain credit in the retirement system.

BILL 52-14, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2014-2015 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

BILL 53-14, entitled An Act for the purpose of requiring bicycle parking for certain residential, as well as commercial, construction projects in the Honeygo Area; and generally relating to bicycle parking.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 46-14, Employees' Retirement System - Former Employees of the BCPL, was called. Keith Dorsey appeared. There being no discussion, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Bill 47-14, CEB - Margaret Leister Donation, was called. Joanne Williams appeared. Councilman Olszewski moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the first line of the title, strike "2013-2014" and substitute "2014-2015"; in the third line of the title strike "Margaret Leister Donation" and substitute "Seniors In Need" and in the first line of the purpose paragraph, strike "2013-2014" and substitute "2014-2015".

On page 2, in line 5, strike "2014" and substitute "2015"; and in line 7, strike "Margaret Leister Donation" and substitute "Seniors In Need".

Councilman Oliver seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Olszewski, seconded by Councilman Oliver, Bill 47-14, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Bill 48-14, 2014-2015 Capital Budget - 247-221-P402 Stormwater Sustainability, was called. Vince Gardina appeared. Councilman Quirk moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the first line of the second WHEREAS clause, after "an award of", insert "federal".

On Page 2, in line 4, strike "state" and substitute "federal".

Councilman Olszewski seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Olszewski, Bill 48-14, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Bill 49-14, 2014-2015 Capital Budget - 247-221-P200 Environmental Management, was called. Vince Gardina remained. Councilman Olszewski moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the first line of the second WHEREAS clause, after “an award of”, insert “federal”.

On Page 2, in line 4, strike “state” and substitute “federal”.

Councilman Huff seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Huff, Bill 49-14, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Bevins, Olszewski

Nay - None

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

The Chair stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony on each item was taken at the Council’s work session on August 26, 2014. The witnesses who testified at the work session were available to restate their testimony if needed. If a Councilmember had any questions regarding a particular Fiscal Matter, that item would be discussed as a separate matter. Chair Bevins then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letter for Fiscal Matters 1 through 5.

1. Contract - Hunt Valley Partners, LLC - accommodations, facility rental, food/beverage - Hostage Negotiation Team Seminar - BCPD

A contract with Hunt Valley Hotel Partners, LLC d/b/a Hunt Valley Inn, to provide hotel accommodations, facility rental and food and beverage for hostage negotiation team seminar.

2. Contract - Solomon's Exterminating, Inc. - On-call pest control services - OBF

A contract with Solomon's Exterminating, Inc., to provide all labor, materials, tools, equipment, supervision and all necessary incidentals for both routine and on-call pest control services at various County-owned and/or operated buildings and areas within the boundaries of Baltimore County, Maryland, on a time and material basis.

3. Contracts - (3) - Support - Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan - DEPS

Three contracts to provide site preparation, planning, monitoring and maintenance for rural reforestation projects in support of the County's Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan commitments.

4. Contract - Louis Berger Water Services, Inc. - On-call services - Sewer Consent Decree - Public Works

A contract with Louis Berger Water Services, Inc., to provide on-call program management services to assist Baltimore County with the management of the requirements identified in its sewer consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment.

5. Contracts - (2) - Repairs and Rehabilitation - Sanitary Sewer System components - Public Works

Two contracts with Spiniello Companies and Anchor Construction, to provide for the repairs and rehabilitation of Baltimore County's sanitary sewer system components.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Olszewski, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, Fiscal Matters 1 through 5 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during July, 2014.

3. Res. 68-14 - Endorsement of Application - MD Community Investment Tax Credit Program - Abilities Network, Inc.

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to endorse the application of Abilities Network, Inc. to the State of Maryland Community Investment Tax Credit Program for certain tax credits. Andrea Van Arsdale appeared. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Olszewski, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Res. 69-14 - Accept a donation - (4) parcels of land - Maryland Environmental Trust

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to accept as a donation from Maryland Environmental Trust, four (4) parcels of land containing a total area of 18.81 acres, more or less, for passive recreational purposes. Said parcels adjoin the County owned property known as Robert E. Lee Park and will be used as an addition to said park. The properties are located in the Ruxton area, situate in the Ninth Election and Second Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore County. A fair market value of \$72,000.00 has been placed on the subject parcels. Amy Grossi appeared. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Olszewski, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

5. Res. 70-14 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Willie L. Cobb, Jr.

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Willie L. Cobb, Jr. who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Oliver, seconded by Councilman Quirk, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 71-14 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - William C. Neutze

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from William C. Neutze who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Huff, seconded by Councilman Quirk, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. Res. 72-14 - Property Tax Exemption - BLIND - Bruce J. Wong

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

8. Res. 73-14 - Property Tax Exemption - Surviving Spouse - DAV - Barbara A. Brown

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Barbara A. Brown who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to surviving spouses of disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Oliver, seconded by Councilman Quirk, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

9. Res. 74-14 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Acie C. Lyons, Sr.

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Acie C. Lyons, Sr. who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Huff, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

10. Res. 75-14 - Property Tax Exemption - Surviving Spouse - DAV - Eileen Privett

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Eileen Privett who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to surviving spouses of disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Oliver, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

11. Reimbursement for Defense - Office of Law

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Attorney, asking the County Council to approve the reimbursement of attorney's fees that Tiffany Woutilla, an employee of the Department of Recreation and Parks paid in defense of criminal charges filed against her as the result of an incident that occurred while she was working for the County. Mike Field appeared. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Oliver, this reimbursement for defense was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Huff, Oliver, Marks, Olszewski

Nay - None

Abstain - Bevins

13. Res. 76-14 - Grant - Dundalk Renaissance Corporation

This Resolution was for introduction only.

14. Res. 77-14 - Public Disclosure - Walter Kuklane

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution concerning the public disclosure of Walter Kuklane, an employee of the Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Huff, seconded by Councilman Oliver, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

15. Res. 78-14 - Sanitary Sewer Extension - Cockeysville Area - Third Councilmanic District

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Olszewski, seconded by Councilman Huff, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.


Thomas J. Peddicord, Jr.