

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2015, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 9
May 4, 2015 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Bevins at 6:07 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 #35 of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and Boy Scout Troop #475, Hiss Methodist Church of Parkville. There were approximately 20 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

TOM QUIRK	FIRST DISTRICT
VICKI ALMOND	SECOND DISTRICT
WADE KACH	THIRD DISTRICT
JULIAN E. JONES, JR.	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
CATHY BEVINS	SIXTH DISTRICT
TODD K. CRANDELL	SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Jones, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of April 20, 2015 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 23-15, 24-15, 25-15, 26-15 and 27-15.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 39-15, entitled An Act for the purpose of altering the compensation of the members of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals; granting the members of the Board of Appeals a one-time bonus; and generally relating to the compensation of the members of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals.

Bill 40-15, entitled An Act for the purpose of adopting with certain amendments, deletions and additions, the ICC International Building Code, 2015 Edition; the ICC International Residential Code, 2015 Edition; the ICC International Mechanical Code, 2015 Edition, and the ICC International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 Edition, all as the "Building Code of Baltimore County, Maryland".

Bill 41-15, entitled An Act for the purpose of adopting with certain deletions, replacements, amendments, and additions, the National Standard Plumbing Code Illustrated, PHCC, 2015 Edition; the National Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 54/ANSI Z223.1, 2015 Edition; and the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, NFPA 58, 2014 Edition; all as the "Plumbing and Gasfitting Code of Baltimore County".

Bill 42-15, entitled An Act for the purpose of adopting the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps individually as requested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); clarifying the definition of historic structures for floodplain regulation purposes as requested by FEMA; adopting into the County Code a regulation requiring additional vertical freeboard under certain circumstances; making certain technical changes; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of this act; and generally relating to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Bill 43-15, 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 44-15, 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 State funds made available to the County through Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Investment Fund for the Turner Station Strategic Demolition.

Bill 45-15, 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 United States Department of Education.

Bill 46-15, entitled An Act for the purpose of eliminating certain subareas and creating new subareas in the Honeygo Area; deleting certain terms; deleting the area threshold limits; establishing new subarea limits; prohibiting the transfer of authorizations and granting of a variance to transfer authorizations for a project that spans two subareas; providing certain exemptions; amending the Zoning Commissioner's powers pertaining to variances; and generally relating to the Honeygo Area.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 28-15, Basic Services Maps, was called. Ed Adams appeared. There being no discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 29-15, Final Historical Landmarks, was called. Andrea Van Arsdale appeared. Councilmembers Marks and Crandell commented. There being no further discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 30-15, Courthouse Security Grant, was called. Tim Sheridan appeared. There being no discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
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 April 28, 2015. 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 letters for Fiscal Matter 1.

1. Amendment to Contract - Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. - Stram restoration design, consultation mgt. & post-construction monitoring services

An amendment to the contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., to increase the total compensation cap. This will allow the contractor to continue to provide the preparation of stream restoration designs, consultation management and post-construction monitoring services with project directives and job order numbers assigned for a specific jobs. Due to the need to meet stream nutrient and sediment reduction goals, the Department of Environmental and Sustainability anticipate that the number of stream restoration projects will continue to increase over the next several years.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, Fiscal Matter 1 was unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 32-15 - Rural Legacy Area Applications - (5)

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to rank five Rural Legacy Area Plan applications submitted to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for consideration and approval by the Maryland Rural Legacy Board for funding in fiscal year 2016. These plans include the Baltimore County Coastal, Gunpowder Valley, Long Green Land Trust, Manor, and Piney Run Watershed. Andrea Van Arsdale appeared. Councilman Kach questioned Ms. Van Arsdale. Councilwoman Bevins commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

2. Res. 33-15 - Property Tax Exemption - BLIND - John J. Maskeroni

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from John J. Maskeroni, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afford to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Quirk, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Res. 34-15 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Matthew K. Cook

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Matthew K. Cook, 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 Jones, seconded by Councilman Quirk, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Res. 35-15 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Jovon M. Harris

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Javon M. Harris, 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 Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

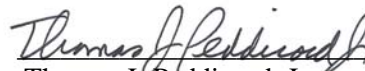
5. Res. 36-15 - Public Disclosure - Zachary and Rachael Belcher

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read this Resolution concerning the public disclosure of Zachary and Rachael Belcher, employees of the Baltimore County Fire Department. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 37-15 - Towson Business Core Design Principles

This resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilwoman Almond, seconded by Councilman Jones, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.


Thomas J. Peddicord, Jr.