

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2017, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 8
April 17, 2017 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quirk at 6:02 P.M. The Chairman asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Boy Scout Troop #427 of Hughes Memorial Presbyterian Church and Cub Scout Troop #145 of Fort Howard Odd Fellows. There were approximately 35 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

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

Councilwoman Almond was absent the entire meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Crandell, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of April 3, 2017 was waived and accepted unanimously by the six Councilmembers present.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairman stated that the following Bill was passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. He certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bill 12-17.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL 20-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of adding a new landmark to the Final Historical Landmarks List; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Historical Landmarks List.

BILL 21-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of allowing a State-licensed medical cannabis dispensary in the M.L. Zone by right and by special exception under a certain circumstance; and generally relating to the location of State-licensed medical cannabis facilities.

BILL 22-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of defining the term “Semi-Public Swimming Pool;” providing for its applicability; providing for required signage at a semi-public swimming pool; and generally relating to swimming pools.

BILL 23-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of providing for the definition of the term “Licensed Arborist” in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations; permitting a Licensed Arborist under certain circumstances in the B.L. Zone; and generally relating to Licensed Arborists.

BILL 24-17, This Bill was withdrawn.

BILL 25-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of requiring the County to reopen a sidewalk that is closed as part of certain types of construction projects, if construction activities cease for a certain period of time; and generally relating to sidewalks.

BILL 26-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of prohibiting the removal of certain trees from certain public property located in certain areas of Baltimore County; providing for the application of the Act and for its expiration; and generally relating to the retention of certain trees.

BILL 27-17, entitled An Act for the purpose of requiring notification of a project for the construction of a parking facility; defining a term; specifying the notice to be given; requiring that a parking facility be landscaped in certain circumstances; and generally relating to parking facilities.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 13-17, Solar Facilities, was called. Councilmembers Kach, Jones, Marks and Quirk commented. Councilman Kach then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 7, in line 1, after “CODE”, insert “, AND SHALL INCLUDE ADEQUATE BUFFERS TO PROTECT NATURAL STREAMS AND WATERWAYS FROM DEGRADATION OF AQUATIC WILDLIFE AS A RESULT OF STORMWATER RUNOFF”.
2. On page 8, in line 15, after “ACCEPTANCE.”, insert “THE USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS, SUCH AS GLYPHOSATE, AS AN HERBICIDE TO CONTROL WEEDS AND OTHER UNWANTED VEGETATION UNDER AND AROUND SOLAR PANEL STRUCTURES IS PROHIBITED.
3. On page 10, in line 18, after “ENACTED, that” insert “the County Council shall establish by Resolution a Commission consisting of one person appointed by each Councilmember, and members from”; in line 20, after “Bureau,” insert “the Baltimore County Commission on Environmental Quality,”; after “Group,” insert “and,”; strike “July 1, 2018” and substitute “October 31, 2017”; and on page 11, in line 2, after “facilities.” insert “The members of the Commission shall elect a member to serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.”
4. On page 11, in line 5, after “effect on” strike “_____” and substitute “May 1, 2017”, and in line 8, after “July 1, 2016.”, insert “This Act shall expire on January 31, 2018 without the necessity of further action by the County Council.”

Councilman Crandell seconded the motion and these amendment failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Kach, Marks, Crandell
Nay - Quirk, Jones, Bevins
Absent - Almond

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Bill 13-17, failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Kach, Marks, Crandell
Nay - Quirk, Jones, Bevins
Absent - Almond

Bill 14-17, Zoning Regulations – Neighborhood Commons Overlay District, was called. Councilmembers Marks and Crandell commented. Councilman Quirk then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, in line 9, strike “RIGHT” and substitute “SPECIAL EXCEPTION”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Bill 14-17, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

The Chairman stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony on each item was taken at the Council’s work session on April 11, 2017. 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. Chairman Quirk then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letters for Fiscal Matters 1 through 4.

1. Contracts – (2) – On-call stormwater facility construction, maintenance, repair & restoration – DEPS

Two contracts with Apex Companies, LLC and Ecotone, Inc., to provide various on-call stormwater facility construction, maintenance, and repair activities, and environmental restoration services on Baltimore County sites from a construction firm.

2. Amendment to Contract – Versar, Inc. – Biological sampling services – DEPS

An amendment to the contract with Versar, Inc., to amend the original contract to request an increase to complete biological sampling services within the Baltimore County streams and tidal rivers.

3. Amendment to Contract – Solomon’s Extermination, Inc. – additional locations/scope of service-pest extermination-OBF

An amendment to the contract with Solomon’s Extermination, Inc, to amend the original contract to request an increase in the total compensation required, due to an increase in the need, and the addition of locations being serviced, and to include services for the control of bed bugs.

4. Contracts – (2) – Clean-up – derelict buildings and lots - PAI

Two contracts with Consolidated Services, Inc. and MSP Superior Services, Inc., to provide for the clean-up of derelict buildings and lots, located within the boundaries of Baltimore County, Maryland.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Fiscal Matters 1 through 4 were unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

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 March, 2017.

2. Res. 38-17 – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Hillary Cotton, Sr.

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Hillary Cotton, 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 Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

3. Res. 39-17 – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Rodney T. Boone

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Rodney T. Boone, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, this Resolution was unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

4. Res. 40-17 – Property Tax Exemption – BLIND – Martha A. Pryor

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Martha A. Pryor, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, this Resolution was unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

5. Res. 41-17 – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Kurt C. Stanley

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Kurt C. Stanley, 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 Councilwoman Bevins, this Resolution was unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

6. Res. 42-17 – Property Tax Exemption – DAV – Edward Banks

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Edward Banks, 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 Crandell, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, this Resolution was unanimously approved by the six Councilmembers present.

7. Res. 43-17 – Approval of financing – Dundalk Renaissance Corporation –Baltimore Neighborhood Initiative Projects

This Resolution was for introduction only.

8. Res. 44-17 – Baltimore County Council – Live Streaming of meetings

This Resolution was for introduction only.

9. Res. 45-17 – Property tax credit – U.S. Lacrosse Center LLC

This Resolution was for introduction only.

10. Res. 46-17 – Approval-plan of financing-tax-exempt financing – Penn Industrial Development Authority

This Resolution was for introduction only.

11. Res. 47-17 – Amending the Perry Hall Commercial Revitalization District

This Resolution was for introduction only.

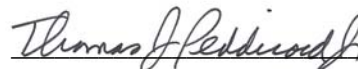
12. Res. 48-17 – Amending the Overlea Commercial Revitalization District

This Resolution was for introduction only.

13. Res. 49-17 – Commission on Environmental Quality – Standards for specimen trees-county- owned property

This Resolution was withdrawn.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Quirk, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.


Thomas J. Peddicord, Jr.