

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Minutes of  
FY 2024 Budget Public Hearing  
May 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.  
Crofton High School Auditorium

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The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 7:02 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Ms. Leadbetter, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Crofton High School, Crofton, Maryland. There were approximately 60 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Pete Smith	First District
Allison Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Julie K. Hummer	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

**PRELIMINARY MOTION**

On motion of Ms. Hummer, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, or minutes constitutes the reading of the whole.

**READING OF BILLS**

**BILL NO. 26-23** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County – FOR the purpose of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, and June 30, 2029; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

**BILL NO. 27-23** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, and waterways improvement districts required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 28-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Gateway Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 29-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Arundel Mills Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Arundel Mills Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 30-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Dorchester Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Dorchester Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 31-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Farmington Village Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Farmington Village Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 32-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 33-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – National Business Park - North Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the National Business Park – North Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 34-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Two Rivers Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Two Rivers Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 35-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Tax Levies – Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing the tax rates for the Village South at Waugh Chapel Special Taxing District required by the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.  
Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair

(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 36-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the solid waste service charge.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 37-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Metered Water and Wastewater Charges – FOR the purpose of modifying metered water and wastewater charges; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to utilities.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 38-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Use or Occupancy Tax – FOR the purpose of increasing the occupancy tax on the rent paid for the use of a short-term rental; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 39-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Transportation Network Service Assessment – FOR the purpose of imposing an assessment on transportation network services originating in the County; providing for the collection, remittance, accounting, use, and enforcement of the assessment; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 40-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Real Property Transfer Tax – Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund – FOR the purpose of modifying the transfer tax rate for certain real property transactions; modifying a reference to the levying of transfer tax for certain budget purposes; providing for certain transfer tax revenues to be paid into the Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 41-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Revenue Reserve Fund – FOR the purpose of increasing the limit on the Revenue Reserve Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 42-23 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Income Tax – FOR the purpose of modifying County income tax rates; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

**BILL NO. 43-23** – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Property Tax and Semiannual Payment Service Charge – FOR the purpose of levying and imposing a property tax for the use of Anne Arundel County for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; fixing the rate of the County property tax for the taxable year; and establishing the service charge to be paid by a property owner electing to pay real property taxes and all other taxes and charges billed on the real property tax bill under a semiannual payment schedule.

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-23** – RESOLUTION increasing the rate of transfer tax on a written instrument conveying title to real property or a leasehold interest in real property when the consideration paid or to be paid for the conveyance is \$1,000,000 or more

Introduced by Mr. Smith, Chair  
(by request of the County Executive)

### **BUDGET REMARKS**

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, Anne Arundel County, gave an overview of the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Mr. Trumbauer's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Kristina Korona, Vice President, Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County (TAAAC), spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Korona's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Tracey L. Ahern, President, Association of Educational Leaders, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Ahern's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Carmenlita Makell, President, Secretaries Assistant Association Anne Arundel County (SAAAAC), spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Makell's statement is attached to these minutes.)

Rachael Troianos Halbig, Branch Manager, Crofton Library, Anne Arundel County Public Libraries, spoke on the County Executive's budget for Fiscal year 2024. (A copy of Ms. Halbig's statement is attached to these minutes.)

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Administrative Officer stated there were fifty submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for the Fiscal Year 2024 County Executive's Budget, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

The following persons spoke on the Fiscal Year 2024 County Executive's Budget:

Elizabeth Ruddy, Crofton  
Gregory Snyder II, Annapolis  
Deborah Weller, Millersville  
Jenny Corkill, Edgewater  
Maribeth Love, Millersville  
Scott Blackketter, Millersville  
Seth Greer Jr, Pasadena  
Elizabeth Sroka, Millersville  
Justin Bradford, Glen Burnie,  
Corinne Emerson, Crofton  
Michael Horman, Severna Park  
Don Weller, Millersville  
Jon Korin, Severna Park  
Karen Shin, Gambrills  
David Pickens, Hanover  
Cathy Flanders, Crofton  
Will Johnson, Laurel  
Martin Simon, Crofton  
Amy Leahy, Severna Park  
Paul Higgins, Pasadena  
Jordan Mueller, Crofton  
Deanna Edmonds, Glen Burnie  
David Michaels, Annapolis  
Charles Owens, Annapolis  
Paul Sundell, Severna Park  
Cindy Higgins, Pasadena  
David Morsberger, Davidsonville  
Lisa Arrasmith, Hanover  
Doris Voigt, Millersville  
Meghan Gattie, Severna Park

The following persons registered to speak but were not present when called:

Yunhui Zheng, Severna Park  
Ryan Carpenter, Severna Park  
Christina Fritts, Severna Park  
Wendy Green, Millersville

There was no one else registered or present who wished to speak and the hearing was concluded.

### **ADJORNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By: Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For: Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer