

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Final FY 2024 Budget Deliberations
June 14, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
County Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 10:00 A.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Bishop-Elect John D. Watts from Kingdom Life Church Apostolic, located in Brooklyn, MD, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 10 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 Hummer	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

The Auditor's Office was represented by the County Auditor Michelle Bohlayer. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for those killed in the previous weekend in a mass shooting that took place in Annapolis.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

ONLINE TESTIMONY

The Administrative Officer stated there were one hundred sixty-three submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Budget Bills, as amended, along with an email and letter, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

BILL NO. 26-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the Administration supports the budget.

Ms. Bohlayer shared her support of the budget.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the Council voted to take Amendment Nos. 56 through 112 as a block, by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

Amendment Nos. 56 through 112

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 56 through 112.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, stated the Administration's support.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted to adopt Amendment Nos. 56 through 112 by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

(Amendment Nos. 56 through 112 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 113

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 113.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the amendment.

Ms. Bohlayer agreed.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 113 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

(Amendment No. 113 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

The Chairman called Bill No. 26-23, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 26-23, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Smith

Nay – Ms. Leadbetter

BILL NO. 27-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 27-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 28-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 28-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 29-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 29-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 30-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 30-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 31-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 31-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 32-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 32-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 33-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 33-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

BILL NO. 34-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 34-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

BILL NO. 35-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Bill No. 35-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith
Nay – None

BILL NO. 36-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 36-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 37-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 37-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 38-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 38-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 39-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 39-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 40-23

The Chairman called Bill No. 40-23, An Ordinance concerning: 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 40-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 41-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 41-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Leadbetter, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke,
Mr. Smith

Nay – None

BILL NO. 42-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 42-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith

Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

BILL NO. 43-23

The Chairman called 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 43-23 was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

CALL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 17-23

The Chair called for Resolution No. 17-23, A 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; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the purpose of the resolution.

Resolution No. 17-23 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Smith
Nay – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter, Mr. Volke

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Trumbauer thanked the Budget team and all who worked on the budget.

The entire Council thanked everyone involved in the budget for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

For Laura Corby
Administrative Officer