

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Final FY 2024 Budget Deliberations
June 6, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Smith at 9:06 A.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Ms. Pickard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers, Arundel Center, Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 15 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 County Auditor's Office was represented by Michelle Bohlayer. Matthew Bennett, Legislative Counsel, was also present.

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.

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.

On motion by Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, the motion to vote on Amendment Nos. 1-49 as a block was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment Nos. 1 through 49

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 1 through 49.

Ms. Rodvien asked if the amendments were the same as the ones discussed the week before.

Ms. Bohlayer and Mr. Trumbauer responded.

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

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment Nos. 1 through 49 were adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

(Amendment Nos. 1 through 49 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 50

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 50.

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Mr. Smith asked a clarifying question.

Ms. Bohlayer responded.

Mr. Volke asked if this was a good cut.

Ms. Bohlayer and Mr. Trumbauer answered.

Ms. Rodvien asked what the funds were to be used for.

Ms. Bohlayer answered.

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 50 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Leadbetter

Nay – Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Ms. Hummer, Ms. Rodvien, Mr. Smith

(A copy of Amendment No. 50 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 51

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 51.

Ms. Leadbetter, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

On motion of Ms. Leadbetter, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 51 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Leadbetter

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 51 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 52

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 52.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Ms. Fiedler responded.

Ms. Pickard expressed her view of the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 52 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 52 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 53

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 53.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Mr. Volke shared his support of the amendment.

Ms. Pickard responded.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 53 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 53 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 54

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 54.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Ms. Pickard expressed her support of the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 54 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 54 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 55

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 55.

Mr. Smith, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 55 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 55 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

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.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 1.

A motion to adopt was made by Ms. Leadbetter and seconded by Mr. Volke. After a discussion with the Budget Officer and County Auditor, the motion and second were withdrawn and Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn by Ms. Leadbetter.

(A copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

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.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 1.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the amendment was a technical fix.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Hummer, Amendment No. 1 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

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.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 1.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the amendment.

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

Ms. Rodvien asked clarifying questions.

Mr. Trumbauer responded.

Ms. Pickard explained her view of the amendment.

Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as a sponsor.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, Amendment No. 1 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

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.

Amendment No. 1

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 1.

Ms. Fiedler, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Mr. Volke explained his position on the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Volke, Amendment No. 1 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 1 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

Amendment No. 2

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 2.

Mr. Volke, Sponsor, explained the background and purpose of the amendment.

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

Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as a sponsor.

Ms. Rodvien shared her view of the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Leadbetter, Amendment No. 2 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(A copy of Amendment No. 2 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

by Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer