

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 9

May 1, 2025 – 11:00 A.M.

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 11:10 A.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by DeMarcus Smith, Union Church BWI, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in Annapolis, Maryland. There were approximately 130 persons in the audience.

The following members of the County Council were present:

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

Meredith Beach, Legislative Counsel, was present. The County Auditor's Office was represented by Brenda Cachuela, Acting County Auditor.

The Chair recognized all who were present.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

County Executive Steuart Pittman presented his proposed budget for FY2026 to the Council. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2026 Budget files.)

The Council shared their thanks and anticipation for the budget.

RECESS

The Council took a recess at 11:35 A.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 12:30 P.M.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 33-25 – 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, 2026, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the Capital Program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, June 30, 2030, and June 30, 2031; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 34-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 35-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 36-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 37-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 38-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 39-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 40-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 41-25 – 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 2026.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 42-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Parking Lot and Garage Tax – FOR the purpose of modifying the rate of the parking lot and garage tax; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 43-25 – 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 public works.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 44-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Solid Waste Service Charge – Solid Waste Landfill and Facility Delivery Fees – FOR the purpose of modifying the solid waste service charge; modifying certain charges for delivery of solid waste to a landfill or waste disposal facility; providing for the effective date of this Ordinance; and generally relating to public works.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 45-25 – AN ORDINANCE concerning: Public Works – Utilities – Water and Wastewater – Capital Facility Recoupment Charge – Capital Facility Connection Charges – FOR the purpose of modifying the capital facility recoupment charge for certain water usage; modifying the capital facility connection charges for water and wastewater; and generally relating to public works.

Introduced by Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BILL NO. 46-25 – 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; 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 Ms. Hummer, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Gustav Kurtz, Chair for the Planning Advisory Board, provided a short presentation. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2026 Budget files.)

Dr. David Juppe, Chair for the Spending Affordability Committee, gave a brief presentation.

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, gave a presentation of the proposed budget. (A copy of supporting documents are located in the FY2026 Budget files.)

RECESS

The Council took a recess at 1:42 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 1:49 P.M.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer, read aloud the Ethics Statement.

INVITATION TO AUDIENCE

The Chair opened Invitation to Audience.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Invitation to Audience.

There was no one present who wished to speak, and the Invitation to Audience was concluded.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND/OR VOTE

BILL NO. 9-25 (As Amended) and BILL NO. 10-25 (As Amended)

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 1 Plan – For the purpose of adopting the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance, the region plan for Region Planning Area No. 1, covering

Brooklyn Park, Linthicum Heights, Curtis Bay, Ferndale, BWI Airport, Harmans, and parts of Hanover, which includes visions, themes, goals, policies, planned land use maps, and implementation strategies for Region 1; amending “Plan2040”, the County’s General Development Plan, by the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”, as amended by this Ordinance; and generally relating to the “Anne Arundel County Region 1 Plan”; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Chair called for Bill No. 10-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 1 – For the purpose of repealing certain comprehensive zoning maps for Region Planning Area No. 1; adopting the Anne Arundel County Digital Zoning Layer for Region Planning Area No. 1, covering Brooklyn Park, Linthicum Heights, Curtis Bay, Ferndale, BWI Airport, Harmans, and parts of Hanover; and generally relating to comprehensive zoning; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs, was accompanied by Cindy Carrier, Planning Administrator, Mark Wildonger, Senior Planner, and Kelly Kenney, Supervising County Attorney.

Mr. Hunt explained the background and purpose of the bills.

The Chair called for a joint public hearing on Bill No. 9-25, as amended, and Bill No. 10-25, as amended.

The Administrative Officer stated there were no submissions of public testimony received ahead of time for Bill No. 9-25, as amended, and Bill No. 10-25, as amended.

There was no one present who wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Chair called for Bill No. 9-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: General Development Plan – Region 1 Plan; and Bill No. 10-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Comprehensive Zoning – Region 1; the Administrative Officer read a portion of the titles.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to reconsider the vote on Bill No. 10-25, Amendment No. 13 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of certain properties located at 7280, 7150, 7100, 7221 and no #s Corporate Center Drive, Hanover; and 2310, 2320, and 2330 Ridge Road, Harmans from W1-Industrial Park to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use; and 1118 Baltimore Washington Parkway, Harmans, from OS-Open Space to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

Bill No. 10-25, Amendment No. 13 was defeated by the following roll call vote:

Aye – None

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

Absent – Mr. Volke

Bill No. 10-25, Amendment No. 21

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of certain properties located at 7150, 7100, and 7221 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover; and 2310, 2320, and 2330 Ridge Road, Harmans from W1-Industrial Park to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use; and 1118 Baltimore Washington Parkway, Harmans, from OS-Open Space to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 21 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Absent – Mr. Volke

Bill No. 10-25, Amendment No. 22

The Administrative Officer read a brief summary of the amendment:

This amendment changes the zoning of a portion of the property known as Parcel 189 on Tax Map 9, located at 7390 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Glen Burnie, from W1-Industrial Park and R1-Residential to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use; a portion of the property known as Parcel 189 on Tax Map 9, located at no # Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard, Glen Burnie, from W1-Industrial Park to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use; and a portion of the property known as Parcel 181 on Tax Map 9, located at the Track Area between I-97 and Dorsey Road, Linthicum Heights, from W1-Industrial Park and W2-Light Industrial to MXD-U-Urban Mixed Use.

Mr. Smith explained the amendment.

The Administration supports.

Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Pickard shared their support of the amendment.

Ms. Rodvien asked about the housing units.

Mr. Smith answered.

There was further discussion on the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Pickard, Amendment No. 22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Absent – Mr. Volke

MOTION TO HOLD

On motion by Ms. Rodvien, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion to hold Bill No. 9-25, as amended, until May 5, 2025 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

Absent – Mr. Volke

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

by Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

for Kaley Schultze
Administrative Office