

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
Final FY 2026 Budget Deliberations
June 13, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.
County Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 10:05 A.M. and opened with the Invocation given by Mr. Smith, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held in the County Council Chambers in 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

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

ITEMS NOT APPEARING

Mr. Volke acknowledged the hard work of the employees in the Audit Department and apologized for a state he made on the June 9th meeting.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Volke, 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 seventy-three submissions of written testimony received through the online testimony tool for Budget Bills, as amended, which were shared with the Council and posted on the County Council website.

CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

BILL NO. 33-25

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

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

Ms. Fiedler asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Amendment Nos. 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, and 70.

On motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Council voted to take Amendment Nos. 55 through 76 as a block, by the following roll call vote:

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

Amendment Nos. 55 through 76

The Administrative Officer read Amendment Nos. 55 through 76.

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

Ms. Leadbetter asked to be added as a co-sponsor on Amendment Nos. 69 and 70.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Volke, the Council voted to adopt Amendment Nos. 55 through 76 by the following roll call vote:

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

(Amendment Nos. 55 through 76 are attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

RECESS

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rodvien, the Council recessed at 10:17 A.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 10:24 A.M. with all members present.

Amendment No. 78

The Administrative Officer read Amendment No. 78.

Mr. Trumbauer explained the amendment.

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, Amendment No. 78 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

(Amendment No. 78 is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

The Chair called Bill No. 33-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Anne Arundel County; and the Administrative Officer read a portion of the title.

The Council thanked all who worked on the Budget.

Bill No. 33-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 34-25

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

Mr. Trumbauer explained the background and purpose of Bill No. 34-25.

The Chair called Bill No. 34-25, as amended, An Ordinance concerning: Tax Levies – Special Community Benefit Districts, Shore Erosion Control Districts, and Waterways Improvement Districts; 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.

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

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

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

Bill No. 34-25, as amended, was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 35-25

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

Bill No. 35-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 36-25

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

Bill No. 36-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 37-25

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

Bill No. 37-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 38-25

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

Bill No. 38-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 39-25

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

Bill No. 39-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 40-25

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

Bill No. 40-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 41-25

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

Bill No. 41-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 42-25

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

Bill No. 42-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 43-25

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

Mr. Trumbauer explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 43-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 44-25

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

Mr. Trumbauer explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 44-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

BILL NO. 46-25

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

Mr. Trumbauer explained the background and purpose of the bill.

Bill No. 46-25 was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay – None

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Volke, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer