

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Minutes of
FY 2026 Budget Public Hearing
May 21, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
Arundel High School

The County Council meeting was called to order by Chair Hummer at 7:07 P.M. It was opened with the Invocation, given by Mr. Volke, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at Arundel High School in Gambrills, Maryland. There were approximately 50 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
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Shannon Leadbetter	Seventh District

Amanda Fiedler, Fifth District, was absent.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

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

READING OF BUDGET LEGISLATION

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 REMARKS

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, gave an overview of the County Executive’s budget for Fiscal year 2026. (A copy of Mr. Trumbauer’s statement is available in the County Council office.)

Skip Auld, Chief Executive Officer, Anne Arundel County Public Library, spoke on the County Executive’s budget for Fiscal year 2026

Kristina Korona, President of the Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County, spoke on the County Executive’s budget for Fiscal year 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following persons spoke on the Fiscal Year 2026 County Executive’s Budget:

Vanessa Carter, Odenton
Colin Chappell, Baltimore

Amy Canterbury, Severn
Laura Kellman, Annapolis
Shawn Ashworth, Pasadena
Stacey Smith, Edgewater
Tracey Ahern, Odenton
Max Gross, Arnold
Teresa Thomas, Annapolis
Sheen Goldberg, Annapolis
Kurt Svendsen, Arnold
Maria Cote, Gambrills
Stephanie Leuschner, Annapolis
Kevin Kayton, Shady Side
Joy Reider Simpson, Centreville
Nicole Dvorak, Laurel
Donna Kennedy, Pasadena
Will Johnson, Laurel
Chloe Burch, Millersville
Catherine Hall Gray, Annapolis
Doug Bailly, Glen Burnie
Paul Higgins, Pasadena

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

By: Anna Macaulay

/s/ Kaley Schultze

For: Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer