

**Minutes
Public Hearing
January 19, 2010**

County Council Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.
Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Rt. 108, Ellicott City, MD

Council Members Present: Courtney Watson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, and Jen Terrasa.
Staff Present: Steve LeGenre, Debbie Bloom, Diana Coll, Meredith Beach, and Theo Wimberly.

Honorary Resolution for Restaurant Week presented to Tourism

- I. Approve Minutes - Council/Board of Education Meeting - January 5, 2010 Courtney Watson moved to approve Minutes Council/Board of Education Meeting - January 5, 2010, seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Courtney Watson, Mary Kay Sigaty, Calvin Ball, and Jen Terrasa.

ABSTAIN: Greg Fox.

- II. The following legislation was introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

A. Appointments

1. Council Resolution No. 2-2010 - Approving a list of Howard County residents to be sent to the Governor, in accordance with State law, so that the Governor may choose one of the residents from the list to fill a vacancy on the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board

Jinna Kim called to speak.

2. Council Resolution No. 3-2010 - Confirming the appointment of Guillermo A. Birmingham to the Human Rights Commission

Mr. Birmingham was called to speak and noted Mr. Birmingham was called out of the Country and could not attend this evening.

3. Council Resolution No. 4-2010 - Confirming the reappointment of William Neault to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board

Angie Beltram called to speak.

B. Financial

1. Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 11-Fiscal 2010 - Transferring \$380,000 from the Grants Fund, contingency Reserve to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Economic Development Initiative Special Project Grant

Stacey Spann called to speak.
Harry Schwartz called to speak.

2. Council Resolution No. 1-2010 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Board of Education - Approving a transfer between capital projects in the Board of Education capital budget for Fiscal Year 2010 in order to transfer \$1,000,000 to capital project E-0980 (Systemic Renovations) from capital project E-1008 (Elkridge Elementary School)

Ken Roey called to speak.

3. Council Bill No. 1-2010 - For the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,000,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of Capital Project No. E-0980 (Systemic Renovations), more particularly described in the County's 2010 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

Jennifer Sager called to speak

C. General

1. Council Bill No. 2-2010 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission - To repeal and enact a new Section 5.200 "Annual Salary" of Subtitle 2 "Compensation" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to set the annual salary of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2010
2. Council Bill No. 3-2010 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission - To repeal and enact a new Section 6.100 "Annual Salary" of Subtitle 1 "Compensation of the County Executive" of Title 6 "County Executive and the Executive Branch" of the Howard County Code to set the annual salary of the members of the Howard County Executive for the term beginning in December 2010

Steve Sass called to speak.
Howard Rensin called to speak.
Ed Priola called to speak.

3. Council Resolution No. 5-2010 - Approving the source, amount and manner of spending certain funds received by the Board of Education pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 subsequent to the adoption of the Board's Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget.

Ray Brown called to speak.

D. Tabled Legislation

1. Amended Council Bill No. 58-2009 - Introduced by The Chair at the request of General Growth Properties - Adopting the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping Downtown Columbia; providing for a process to evaluate what education resources, including school sites, will be needed as the result of the revitalization and redevelopment of downtown Columbia; and generally relating to the Downtown Columbia Plan, a General Plan Amendment. (Extended life 30 days & tabled 12/7/09 - Removed from table & substantively amended 1/4/10)
2. Amended Council Bill No. 59 – Introduced by: The Chair at the request of General Growth Properties Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to create a new Downtown Columbia revitalization process in the New Town District; defining new terms; establishing a new residential density for Downtown Columbia; establishing new land use percentages for open space in Downtown Columbia; establishing an affordable housing provision for Downtown Columbia revitalization; requiring that a certain minimum percentage of the dwelling units permitted under the Downtown Columbia revitalization process be moderate income housing units; specifying the application of this Act to property currently improved pursuant to certain types of approved development plans; providing that the obligation to provide a Community Enhancement, Program or Public Amenity is not triggered by the development of arts, cultural, and community uses, or by development of a parcel consisting only of up to a certain size of commercial floor area; establishing new off-street parking requirements for Downtown Columbia revitalization; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district. (Extended life 30 days & tabled 12/7/09 - Removed from table & substantively amended 1/4/10)

E. Draft Amendments to CB58-2009 as amended were read by Mary Kay Sigaty

1. Draft Amendment A clarifies language relating to Symphony Woods.
2. Draft Amendment C clarifies the table of contents of the attachment.
3. Draft Amendment D clarifies alternative financing mechanisms.
4. Draft Amendment F clarifies language relating to the Mall.
5. Draft Amendment G clarifies a preference for public streets in Downtown.
6. Draft Amendment H clarifies that references to General Growth Properties are intended to include its affiliates and any successors, assigns or purchasers.
7. Draft Amendment I clarifies critical lane volume requirements.
8. Draft Amendment J replaces the existing Downtown Revitalization Phasing Plan found on page 41 with the attached revised Downtown Revitalization Phasing Plan.
9. Draft Amendment K changes the maximum building heights
10. Draft Amendment L clarifies language relating to bicycle routes and adds language relating to the path between Blandair and Howard County General

11. Draft Amendment P requires the petitioners for Downtown Revitalization to submit Site Development Plans to the Design Advisory Panel prior to review by the Planning Board.
12. Draft Amendment Q replaces the current CEPPA chart with the attached revised chart
13. Draft Amendment M adds certain requirements to preserve the former Rouse Company Headquarters building.
14. Draft CB58 Amended CB58 Amendment R incorporates certain documents necessary for environmental restoration projects, clarifies the types and timing of environmental restoration projects to be performed, clarifies the link between the Sustainability Program and design guidelines and clarifies the role of the Environment and Sustainability Board

F. The following individuals were call to speak on Draft Amendments to Amended CB58-2009 and Amended CB59-2009:

Russ Swatek	Grace Kubofcik	Sherman Howell
Mark Thompson	Toby Orenstein	Michael Davis
Bridget Mugane	Andrew Carmer	Phil Kirsch
Barbara Russell	Roderick Barr	Laura Mueller
Jeremiah O'Donovan	Mark Cissell	Joan Lancos
Sarah McGee	Linda Odum	Phillip Engelke
Frank Martin	Del Karfonta	Lindel Eagan
Alan Davis	Susan Lorentz	Duane Carey
David Barrett	Brian England	Justin Carlson
Emily Lincoln	Cynthia Coyle	Rhoda Toback
Kristi Simon	Pamela Klahr	Bob Russell
Steve Sachs	Dave Bittner	Jay Bostingl

III. The Council will continue this public hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.