

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2016, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 6
March 21, 2016 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Almond at 6:05 P.M. The Chairwoman asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 75 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

TOM QUIRK	FIRST DISTRICT
VICKI ALMOND	SECOND DISTRICT
WADE KACH	THIRD DISTRICT
JULIAN E. JONES, JR.	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
CATHY BEVINS	SIXTH DISTRICT
TODD K. CRANDELL	SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Quirk, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of March 7, 2016 was waived and accepted unanimously.

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairwoman stated that the following Bills was passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. She certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bills 5-16 and 6-15.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

There were no bills for introduction.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 7-16, CEB - Maryland Children’s Health Program, was called. Dr. Branch appeared. Councilman Marks moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

On page 1, in the fourth line of the purpose paragraph and in the second line of the WHEREAS clause, strike “Medicaid and Medicare”, and substitute “Medicare and Medicaid”; in the fourth line of the WHEREAS clause, strike “addition” and substitute “additional”; and strike “and provide approximately”.

On page 2, in the first line, strike “or” and substitute “for”; and in line 6, strike “Mental Hygiene” and substitute “Human Services”.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and these amendments passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, Bill 7-16, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 8-16, Zoning Regulations - Agricultural Structures, was called. Councilwoman Bevins commented and then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 2, in line 5, strike the brackets “[]” around “50” and strike “25”, and after “line” insert “, EXCEPT THAT FOR A PROPERTY WITH A MINIMUM OF 10 ACRES AND A MIX OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING WHERE THE STRUCTURES ABUT A PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE SETBACK SHALL BE 25 FEET”.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and these amendments passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Quirk, Bill 8-16, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 9-16, Parking Violations, was called. Councilwoman Bevins commented. There being no further discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 10-16, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Bill 11-16, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Bill 12-16, County Budget - Contents, was called. There being no discussion, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay - None

Bill 13-16, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

There were no Fiscal Matters at this time.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during January, 2016.

2. Res. 32-16 - Community Eligibility Pilot Program

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council providing for implementation of a Community Eligibility Pilot Program in the Baltimore County Public School System for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Councilmembers Almond, Kach and Jones commented. Councilman Kach then moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, strike the last WHEREAS clause and substitute the following:

“WHEREAS, in order to implement the Pilot Program, the Baltimore County Food Policy Task Force, with the assistance of the County Auditor, shall study and recommend to the County Council and the School System a plan to improve the current process for the determination of eligibility for the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program; and”

2. On page 2, in the first WHEREAS clause, after the comma in the first line, insert “at the conclusion of the study by the Food Policy Task Force, and subject to its recommendations to the County Council and the School System,”
3. On page 2, in the second WHEREAS clause, after “requested to”, insert “designate the schools that will participate in the Pilot Program and”; and strike “designated herein” and substitute “so designated”

Councilman Crandell seconded the motion and these amendments failed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Kach, Marks, Crandell
Nay - Quirk, Almond, Jones, Bevins

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, Resolution 32-16, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Almond, Jones, Marks, Bevins
Nay - Kach, Crandell

3. Res. 33-16 - Property Tax Exemption - BLIND - Emmajean Harris

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Emmajean Harris, who is entitled to a partial exemption from State and County real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to blind persons under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Quirk, was unanimously approved.

4. Res. 34-16 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Arnold Matthews

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Arnold Matthews, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Quirk, was unanimously approved.

5. Res. 35-16 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Tina M. Szewczyk

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Tina M. Szewczyk, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Quirk, was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 36-16 - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Melvin L. Fields

At the direction of the Chairwoman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the refund of certain real property taxes collected from Melvin L. Fields, who is entitled to an exemption from real property taxes by reason of the exemption afforded to disabled veterans under State law. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilwoman Almond, was unanimously approved.

7. Res. 37-16 - Accept donation - Parkville Rec & Park Council - Northeast Regional Recreational Center

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilwoman Bevins, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.


Thomas J. Peddicord, Jr.