

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 1
January 3, 2022 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jones at 6:05 P.M. Due to continued COVID-19 concerns, in lieu of in-person appearances in the Council Chambers, the meeting was convened via Webex teleconference. The Chair asked the participants to pause for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 47 persons via teleconference in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

TOM QUIRK	FIRST DISTRICT
IZZY PATOKA	SECOND DISTRICT
WADE KACH	THIRD DISTRICT
JULIAN E. JONES	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
CATHY BEVINS	SIXTH DISTRICT
TODD CRANDELL	SEVENTH DISTRICT

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR

At this time the Secretary conducted the annual election of the Council Chair and asked the members for any nominations. Councilwoman Bevins moved to nominate Councilman Jones. Councilman Marks seconded the motion. Councilwoman Bevins and Councilman Quirk commented. There were no further nominations and no further discussion. Councilman Jones was then elected Chairman by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins, Crandell
Nay – None

C. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Quirk the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of December 20, 2021 was waived and accepted unanimously.

D. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairman stated that the following Bills were passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive – Bills 98-21, 99-21, 100-21, 101-21, 102-21, and 104-21 were certified and delivered to the Secretary. Bill 103-21 was enrolled without the Executive’s signature.

E. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 1-22, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2019-2020 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the Maryland Department of Aging.

Bill 2-22, entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2021-2022 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from federal funds and made available to the County through the Maryland Department of Aging along with required County matching funds.

F. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

At this time there were no Bills for Final Reading and Vote.

G. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

1. Lease – H.B. Nothway Limited Partnership – 7 State Circle, Annapolis – Office space - PM

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of a lease with H.B. Northway Limited partnership, for property located at 7 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, to be utilized as office and meeting space. The property is comprised of approximately 1,830 square feet. Debra Shindle testified. Councilman Kach questions Ms. Shindle. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Quirk, Fiscal Matter 1 was unanimously approved.

2. Contract – James Dinh d/b/a Studio Folia – Public memorial – COVID 19 – Lake Roland Park DEWD

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of a contract with James Dinh d/b/a Studio Folia and Baltimore County to create a public memorial to commemorate and honor the lives lost and all those affected by COVID 19, at Lake Roland Park. Leonard Howie testified. Councilman Kach commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Kach, Fiscal Matter 2 was unanimously approved.

3. Contract – Dewberry Engineers, Inc. – On-call potable water pipeline design services - DPWT

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of a contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., to provide potable water pipeline design services on an on-call, as-needed basis for Baltimore County. Tom Flagg testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Quirk, Fiscal Matter 3 was unanimously approved.

4. Contract – C.C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C. – On-call potable water pipeline design services - DPWT

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of a contract with C.C. Johnson & Malhotra, P.C. to provide potable water pipeline design services on an on-call, as-needed basis for Baltimore County. Tom Flagg testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Quirk, Fiscal Matter 4 was unanimously approved.

5. Contract – Beveridge & Diamond PC – Legal contracting services – Potential claim – Environmental Protection Agency – LAW

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of a purchase order with Beveridge & Diamond PC, to provide legal contracting services with respect to investigation and potential claim against Baltimore County by the Environmental Protection Agency. James Benjamin testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Kach, Fiscal Matter 5 was unanimously approved.

6. Contract – McGuire Woods, LLP – Legal counsel services - LAW

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Fiscal Matter of an agreement with McGuire Woods, LLP, to provide legal counsel services in connection with the case captioned Baltimore County Branch of the Nat'l Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People et al. v. Baltimore County, et al., Case No. 1:21-cv-03232- LKG, pending in the United States District Court for the District Court of Maryland, and any and all appeals. James Benjamin testified. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Quirk, seconded by Councilman Jones, Fiscal Matter 6 was unanimously approved.

H. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 1-22 - Approval-Continuation of a State of Emergency-Executive Order No. 2021- 028

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the County Council approving the continuation of a State of Emergency declared by the County Executive on December 27, 2021 (Executive Order No. 2021- 028). James Benjamin testified. Councilman Marks questioned Dr. Branch, as well as Councilman Kach. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Quirk, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Bevins
Nay – Crandell

2. Res. 2-22 - Approve County’s contribution - purchase of certain development rights easements on property

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilwoman Bevins, seconded by Councilman Kach, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas H. Bostwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary