

**BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 17
October 20, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ertel at 6:04 P.M. The Chairman asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 35 persons in attendance. The following Councilmembers were present:

PAT YOUNG	FIRST DISTRICT
IZZY PATOKA	SECOND DISTRICT
*WADE KACH	THIRD DISTRICT
JULIAN E. JONES	FOURTH DISTRICT
DAVID MARKS	FIFTH DISTRICT
MICHAEL ERTEL	SIXTH DISTRICT
TODD CRANDELL	SEVENTH DISTRICT

*Attended via WebEx video teleconference

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Young, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of October 6, 2025 was waived and accepted by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

The Chairman stated that the following Bills were passed by the County Council and signed by the County Executive. He certified and delivered to the Secretary, Bills 52-25, 56-25, 57-25, 58-25, 59-25, 60-25, 61-25, 62-25, 63-25, 64-25 and 65-25.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 73-25 entitled An Act for adding to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations the Artisan Manufacturing use, defining Artisan Manufacturing, and establishing the purpose, location requirement, bulk regulations, uses, and limitations for Artisan Manufacturing businesses.

Bill 74-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting an office, including co-working spaces, with an ancillary commercial kitchen in the Commercial, Community Core (C.C.C.) Overlay District of the Business, Major (B.M.) Zone, if located within the Overlea-Rossville Commercial Revitalization District; and generally relating to uses permitted in the B.M.-C.C.C. District.

Bill 75-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of authorizing the Code Official to enforce provisions of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations related to the Livability Code; authorizing the Code Official to enter a structure or premises with the permission of the tenant for the purpose of investigating a complaint of or a reasonable belief of a violation for an unauthorized rooming and boarding house, a failure to maintain certain the minimum fire safety standards, or an alteration to or a discrepancy in the number of bedrooms; and generally relating rental property inspections and enforcement.

Bill 76-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of establishing temporary controls suspending the permitting of energy storage devices east of Pulaski Highway (Route 40) until the earlier of a certain number of days after a report from the Planning Department is submitted to the Council or a certain date; requiring the Planning Department to review the current County regulations regarding bulk and area regulations, landscaping requirements, and noise limitations for energy storage devices and submit a report to the County Council, no later than February 1, 2026, that contains certain recommendations; providing for the retroactive application of this Act to the date of this Act's introduction; and generally relating to data centers and energy storage devices.

Bill 77-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of establishing when a property with an operating septic system can be obligated to participate in the apportionment of costs of the construction of a sewerage line system; and generally relating to the Metropolitan District.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 67-25, Zoning Regulations – Uses Permitted in the Office Building Residential (OR-1) Zone, was called. Councilman Young commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

The Chairman stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony on each item was taken at the Council's work session on October 14, 2025. The witnesses who testified at the work session were available to restate their testimony if needed. If a Councilmember had any questions regarding a particular Fiscal Matter, that item would be discussed as a separate matter. Chairman Ertel then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letters for Fiscal Matters 1 through 4.

1. Contract of Sale – Verizon Maryland, LLC – Acquisition of parcels – 6601 Windsor Mill Road –Windsor Mill Sidewalk Project

A contract of sale with Verizon Maryland LLC, to acquire a parcel of land, a revertible slope easement and a drainage and utility easement, located at Windsor Mill Road, for the Windsor Mill Sidewalk Project.

2. Amendments to Contracts – (3) – DNA & Marijuana Testing Services

An amendment to contracts to provide DNA and marijuana testing services for Baltimore County Police Department.

3. Contract – GMC Contractors, Inc. – Parking lot striping

A contract with GMC Contractors, Inc., to provide parking lot striping for various locations as needed.

4. Purchase Order – Lewis Construction – Lead hazard reduction and abatement services

A purchase order with Lewis Construction, to provide lead hazard reduction and abatement services.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Fiscal Matters 1 through 4 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during September, 2025.

2. Res. 47-25 – Authorize payment in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) – Prescott Square Apartments, LLC

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to authorize the County Executive or other authorized administrative official to amend and restate a written agreement on behalf of the County with Prescott Square Apartments, LLC (the “Owner”) for the payment of stipulated amounts in lieu of regular Baltimore County real property taxes in order to facilitate the development of a rental housing project to benefit eligible persons in Baltimore County. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Res. 48-25 – Accept donation – National Education Center for Agriculture Safety

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to authorize the County to accept a donation of Grain Bin Rescue Training, a Great Wall of Rescue Tube, a Red Rescue Auger and room, meals, and mileage for a trainer, from National Education Center for Agricultural Safety. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Res. 49-25 – Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) – Permit – Days Cove Reclamation Company

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council urging the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to deny the wastewater permit requested by Days Cove Reclamation Company, which operates a rubble landfill on State-owned property at 6425 Days Cove Road, to double its daily wastewater discharge and to initiate a plan to close the site. Councilmembers Marks and Crandell commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved. Councilman Marks then motioned to reconsider Resolution 49-25. Councilman Young seconded the motion and Resolution 49-25 was reconsidered. Councilman Marks then moved to amend this Resolution with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, after the third WHEREAS paragraph, insert “WHEREAS, in light of the amended wastewater permit application recently submitted by the Landfill to MDE, the Council supports the scheduling of a second public hearing in order to facilitate additional public input; and”.

Councilman Ertel seconded the motion and this amendment passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, Resolution 49-25, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – None

5. Res. 50-25 – 2024 CZMP Correction of Issues

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council requesting that the Director of Planning, within 60 days of the passage of this Resolution, amend the official Comprehensive 5th District Zoning Map for Baltimore County and return the zoning of the properties, or portions thereof, that are the subject of the corrective change referenced herein to the zoning classification that existed prior to the commencement of the 2024 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP). Councilman Marks commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 52-25 – Public Disclosure – Dawn Scarpulla

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution concerning the public disclosure of Dawn Scarpulla, an employee of Baltimore County Government who has applied for an administrative variance to construct a detached garage accessory structure at her residence located at 10644 Jones Road, Kingsville, Maryland 21087. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. **Res. 53-25 – Accept a donation of funds – Bureau of Animal Services**

This Resolution was for introduction only.

8. **Res. 54-25 – Local Open Space Waiver Fees**

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.


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Legislative Counsel/Secretary