

**BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 20
December 1, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ertel at 6:10 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 Young, seconded by Councilman Crandell, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of November 17, 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 73-25, 74-25, 75-25 and 77-25.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 91-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of defining an electric vehicle center; permitting an electric vehicle center in certain areas of the M.L.-I.M. District under certain circumstances; establishing a minimum number of off-street parking spaces for an electric vehicle center, and generally relating to electric vehicle centers and uses permitted in the M.L.-I.M. District.

Bill 92-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of defining certain terms; establishing the Towson University Housing District; prohibiting the issuance of new rental housing licenses in certain areas under certain circumstances; providing criteria and requirements for evaluating and issuing new rental housing licenses in certain areas; requiring the County to maintain a public map and database of certain information related to rental housing licenses in a certain area; permitting the County to issue regulations; and generally relating to rental housing licenses.

The Chairman then called upon the secretary to amend the agenda to allow the introduction of Bill 93-25 that was not circulated prior to the meeting. Councilman Crandell commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel to amend the agenda for the addition of Bill 93-25, seconded by Councilman Jones, the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 93-25 entitled An Act for the purpose of establishing an exemption from the County’s development impact surcharge and development impact fee for affordable housing developments that receive County financial support or that have been awarded an allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code from the State of Maryland; and generally relating to development impact surcharges and fees.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 79-25, Personnel Law of Baltimore County, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 80-25, CEB – Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 81-25, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the Business, Major (B.M.) Zone – Animal Boarding Place, Class B, was called. Councilman Jones motioned to suspend the rules to allow consideration of an amendment that was not published on the Council’s webpage prior to the meeting to the amendment that was published on the Council’s webpage prior to the meeting. Councilman Ertel seconded the motion and the motion to suspend the rules passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Jones then moved to amend this Bill with the following amended amendment:

1. On page 1, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “if” insert “a property is”; in the second line of the purpose paragraph, strike “or” and substitute “and is zoned with”.
2. On page 2, in line 11, after “IF” insert “A PROPERTY IS” and after “IN” strike “A” and substitute “THE REISTERSTOWN”; in line 12, strike “OR” and substitute “AND IS ZONED WITH”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Bill 81-25, as amended, 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 November 25, 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, and 3 through 6. Fiscal Matter 2 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

1. Purchase Order – Mitchell & McCormick, Inc. – Installation, data migration, testing & support – Red Hat server upgrade

A purchase order with Mitchell & McCormick, Inc., to provide for the installation, data migration, testing and support for the Red Hat server upgrade.

2. Contract – Urban Development Solutions, Inc. – Prisoner transportation services

This Fiscal Matter was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

3. Contract – Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc. – Compressed tank recycling services

A contract with Safety Tank of Maryland, Inc., to provide compressed tank recycling services for containers discarded at their facilities.

4. Contracts – (3) – Snow removal and deicing services

Three contracts to provide snow removal and deicing services.

5. Amendments to Contracts – (2) – Life and LTD insurance administration services

Two amendments to the contracts with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and Life Insurance Company of North America, to provide life insurance administration services.

6. Amendment to Contract – Bolton Partners, Inc. – Employee benefit advisory services

An amendment to the contract with Bolton Partners, Inc., to provide employee benefit advisory services.

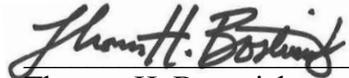
There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, Fiscal Matters 1, and 3 through 6 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 62-25 – Approval of FY25-26 Agricultural Preservation Easement Purchases

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to approve the County's contribution toward the purchase of certain development rights easements on property in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 5, Agriculture Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Article 24 Land Preservation, Baltimore County Code. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Kach, seconded by Councilman Marks, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24P.M.


Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary