

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 6
March 2, 2026 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ertel at 6:01 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 50 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 video teleconference

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of February 17, 2026 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 5-26 and 6-26.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 22-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2025-2026 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 Health.

Bill 23-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of permitting Housing for the Elderly as a principal use to a property located in the Manufacturing, Light, Restricted (M.L.R.) Zone and Manufacturing, Light (M.L.) Zone of a certain contiguous acreage; establishing certain bulk, area, and setback requirements for such use; establishing a limit on the number of dwelling units for such use; and generally relating to uses permitted in the M.L.R. and M.L. Zones.

Bill 24-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of voting to approve or disapprove the adoption of a structure to the Final Landmarks List within 90 days after the public hearing; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Final Landmarks List.

Bill 25-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of prohibiting panhandle lots in the Perry Hall area, as described in the Perry Hall Community Plan; and generally relating to panhandle lots.

Bill 26-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the County Charter to repeal the provision providing that membership on the County Council shall be considered a full-time position for the purpose of determining compensation; repeal the requirement that revision of Council Districts shall occur after each decennial census of the United States; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Charter.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

3. Appointment – Baltimore County Advisory Committee on Public School Capacity – Sheila Thomas

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from Councilman Patoka appointing Shelia Thomas to the Baltimore County Advisory Committee on Public School Capacity for a four-year term that expires on June 30, 2028. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Patoka, seconded by Councilman Jones, this appointment was unanimously confirmed.

4. Appointment – Baltimore County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board – Barri Uhlfelder-Klein

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive nominating Barri Uhlfelder-Klein to be presented to the Governor for appointment to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this nomination was unanimously approved.

5. Appointment – Baltimore County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board – Henry B. Peterson

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive nominating Henry B. Peterson to be presented to the Governor for appointment to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this nomination was unanimously approved.

6. Appointment – Baltimore County Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board – Albert Zawicki

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive nominating Albert Zawicki to be presented to the Governor for appointment to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this nomination was unanimously approved.

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 8-26, Zoning Regulations – Eco Park District – Transportation Infrastructure Prerequisite, was called. Councilman Marks commented and moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, in the title paragraph, strike “- Transportation Infrastructure Prerequisite”; in the purpose paragraph, in the second line, strike “grading, building, or”; in the third line, after the first “District” strike the semi-colon and substitute “of a certain combined square footage; requiring that all areas in the Eco Park District be considered non-residential use areas for certain purposes;”; in the function paragraph, in the second line, strike “259.19.H” and substitute “259.19.H-I”.
2. On page 2, in line 8, strike “A PERMIT” and substitute “PERMITS”; in the same line, strike “GRADING, BUILDING, OR”; in line 9, strike “STRUCTURE” and substitute “STRUCTURES”; in the same line, strike “PROJECT” and substitute “PROJECTS”; in the same line, after “DISTRICT” insert “OF A CERTAIN COMBINED SQUARE FOOTAGE”; in the same line, after “UNTIL” insert “CONSTRUCTION OF”; in lines 10 and 11, strike “HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR ACCEPTED FOR PUBLIC MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY:” and substitute “HAS STARTED:”; after line 12, start a new line and insert “A. WILL SERVE ANY STRUCTURES OR PROJECTS IN THE E.P. DISTRICT WHOSE COMBINED GROSS FLOOR AREA IS IN EXCESS OF 600,000 SQUARE FEET; AND”; in line 13, strike “A. DIRECTLY CONNECTS” and substitute “B. CREATES ANOTHER CONNECTION BETWEEN”; in line 14, strike “; AND” and substitute “; EITHER THROUGH TANGIER DRIVE OR MORE DIRECTLY AS ILLUSTRATED IN MASTER PLAN 2020 MAP 22.”; strike lines 15 and 16; in line 17, after “THE” insert “WIDENING

OF THE”; in line 19, strike “HAS BEEN WIDENED.” And substitute “THAT WILL: A. SERVE ANY STRUCTURES OR PROJECTS IN THE E.P. DISTRICT; AND B. BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEVELOPER AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. I. SETBACK, BUFFER, AND COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THESE REGULATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, ALL AREAS LOCATED IN THE E.P. DISTRICT SHALL BE CONSIDERED NON-RESIDENTIAL USE AREAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLYING SETBACK, BUFFER, AND COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES.”

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and these amendments 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 Patoka, Bill 8-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 10-26, CEB – Continuum of Care - 38 Slot, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 11-26, CEB – Smart Policing Initiative, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 12-26, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the R.C.5 zone – Riding Stable, was called. Councilman Kach, Marks and Ertel commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Kach, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 13-26, Zoning Regulations – Signs – Placemaking Signs, was called. Councilman Marks commented. Councilman Patoka questioned the Administration representative Brad Kroner. Councilman Marks moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, in the title, strike “Placemaking” and substitute “Regional Destination”; in the first line of the purpose paragraph, strike “placemaking” and substitute “regional destination”
2. On page 2, in line 17, strike “PLACEMAKING” and substitute “REGIONAL DESTINATION”; in the same line, strike “350” and substitute “400”; in line 23, strike “OR”; in line 24, strike “BUSINESSES,”.
3. On page 3, in line 5, strike “PLACEMAKING,” and substitute “REGIONAL DESTINATION,”.
4. On page 4 in lines 1, 3, 6, 15, and 18, strike “PLACEMAKING” and substitute “REGIONAL DESTINATION”; in line 4, after “SERVICES,” insert “AMENITIES,”; in line 9, after “CENTER” insert “, WHICH INCLUDES A VARIETY OF RETAIL, RESTAURANT, AND RECREATIONAL/ENTERTAINMENT USES,”; in line 22, strike “A” and substitute “AN ELECTRONIC”.

Councilman Jones seconded the motion and these amendments 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 Patoka, Bill 13-26, 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 February 24, 2026. 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 7.

1. Contract – National Medical Services, Inc. – Testing services – Marijuana samples

A contract with National Medical Services, Inc., to provide testing services of marijuana samples.

2. Contract – WGL Energy Services, Inc. – Electricity supplier services

A contract with WGL Energy Services, Inc., to provide electricity supplier services.

3. Contracts – (3) – Audio visual hardware and services

Three contracts to provide audio visual hardware, and services necessary to install and configure the hardware for optimal use.

4. Purchase Order – Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership – Training/technical support – Office of Housing Mobility Program

A purchase order with Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, to provide training and technical support designed to increase the efficacy of the Baltimore County Office of Housing Mobility Program, to formalize the processes and training needed to allow the Program to operate successfully.

5. Contract – Image Asphalt Maintenance – Parking lot striping services

A contract with Image Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., to provide parking lot striping services.

6. Contract – Arcadis U.S., Inc. – Asset management services – Water and sanitary sewer assets

A contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc., to provide asset management services for water and sanitary sewer assets.

7. Contracts – (2) – Legal counsel services

Two contracts with Saxena White P.A. and Pomerantz, LLP, to provide the County with representation in class action lawsuits.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, Fiscal Matters 1 through 7 were unanimously approved.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Res. 7-26 – Accept donation of services – Oregon Ridge Woodland Garden project

At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to authorize the County to accept a donation of services, goods, and materials in the approximate amount of \$15,000. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

2. Res. 8-26 – Baltimore County Water Supply and Sewerage Plan – Cycle 43

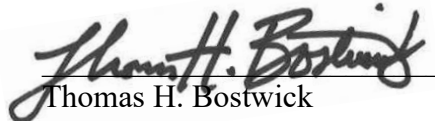
At the direction of the Chairman, the Secretary read this Resolution to amend the Baltimore County Water Supply and Sewerage Plan. Lisa Eichholtz appeared. Councilman Marks, Kach and Jones questioned Ms. Eichholtz. Councilman Jones motioned to defer Resolution 8-26. Councilman Crandell seconded the motion and this Resolution was deferred by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Patoka, Kach, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell

Nay – None

It will now be discussed in-person only at the Work Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 and Final Reading and Vote to occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, March 16, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Kach, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.


Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary