

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 12
May 21, 2026 10:00 A.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ertel at 10:07 A.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 95 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

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

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Young, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of May 4, 2026 was waived and accepted unanimously.

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 29-26, 30-26, 31-26, 32-26, 33-26, 34-26, 35-26, 36-26 and 37-26.

D. BUDGET MESSAGE

Chairman Ertel presented the Baltimore County Council Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2027.

E. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 64-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of requiring the County Code to have gender-neutral terms; directing the publisher of the County Code to correct certain gender-specific language to gender-neutral language after a certain approval; and generally relating to gender-specific terms in the County Code.

Bill 65-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the definition of “food truck” to broaden the types of propulsion for a food truck and include food trucks that operate on water; repealing certain prohibitions for food trucks relating to trailers or other accessory attachments; and generally relating to food trucks.

Bill 66-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of repealing the designation of the Honeygo Gateway Commercial Revitalization District as a Design Review Area for residential development; and generally relating to Design Review Areas.

F. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 38-26, Property Tax, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Patoka, seconded by Councilman Young, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 39-26, Personnel Law of Baltimore County, was called. Councilman Ertel motioned to extend the Bill to be discussed at the Work Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 and Final Reading and Vote to occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, June 1, 2026. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and Bill 39-26 was extended by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 40-26, The Employees’ Retirement System, was called. Councilman Ertel moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 3, in line 2, strike “on OR BEFORE” and substitute “WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS OF”; in line 3, strike “SECOND” and substitute “FIRST”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, Bill 40-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 41-25, Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Baltimore County, was called. Councilman Young moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 18, in the fifth appropriation, after “Among” insert “Baltimore County Communities Grant”.
2. On page 31, in the second appropriation under the Community Development category, before “Fund Appropriation” insert “Housing Opportunities”.
3. On page 36, in the tenth appropriation, strike “Fire Department” and substitute “Operational”; in the same line, after “Buildings” insert “– Fire”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, Bill 41-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 42-26, Refuse Disposal Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 43-26, Community College Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 44-26, Public Works Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 45-26, Parks, Preservation and Greenways Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Crandell, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 46-26, School Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 47-26, Agricultural and Rural Land Preservation Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 48-26, Community Improvement Project Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 49-26, Waterway Improvement Program Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 50-26, Operational Buildings Borrowing Ordinance, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 51-26, CEB – Health Management Associates Grant, was called. Councilman Jones moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, in line 10, strike “June 3,” and substitute “May 21,”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Bill 51-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 52-26, County Charter – Charter Review Commission – Membership – Technical Update, was called. Councilman Marks commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 53-26, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses – Dangerous Weapons Prohibited, was called. Councilman Ertel commented and moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, in the first line of the purpose paragraph, after “trade,” insert “or”; in the same line, strike “, use, carrying or possession”.
2. On page 2, in line 8, after “TRADE,” insert “OR”; in line 9, strike “, USE, CARRY, OR POSSESS”; in line 17, strike “ONE YEAR” and substitute “6 MONTHS”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, Bill 53-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 54-26, Designation of Design Review Areas – Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District, was called. Councilman Marks commented and moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, in the second line of the purpose paragraph, after “Panel;” insert “directing the Department of Planning to add the Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District map, as amended, to the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies;”.
2. On page 2, in line 17 insert “SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Department of Planning shall add map of the Cowenton-Ebenezer Commercial Revitalization District, as amended, to Division IV, Section G of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies.”; in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, Bill 54-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 55-26, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the M.L. Zone – Service Garages, was called. Councilman Jones commented. Councilman Marks questioned Mr. Jones. Councilman Jones moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, in line 15, strike “APPURTENANT” and substitute “EXISTING” and strike “CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF THE SITE” and substitute “AN ADJACENT PARCEL”; in line 16, after “R.C.4” insert “, PROVIDED THE R.C.4 ZONED PARCEL IS WITHIN THE COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF THE M.L. ZONED PARCEL AND DOES NOT EXCEED ONE-THIRD OF AN ACRE”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Young, Bill 55-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Young, Jones, Marks, Ertel, Crandell
Nay – Patoka

Bill 56-26, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the R.C.2 Zone – Natural Burial Grounds was called. Councilman Jones commented. Councilman Patoka questioned Mr. Jones. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Marks, this Bill was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

G. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

The Chairman stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony was taken at the Council’s work session on May 12, 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 letter for Fiscal Matter 1.

1. Budget Appropriation Transfer – Department of Public Works and Transportation - \$6,875,000

A budget appropriation transfer from the Department of Public Works and Transportation, in the amount of \$6,875,000.00.

There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, Fiscal Matter 1 was unanimously approved.

H. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

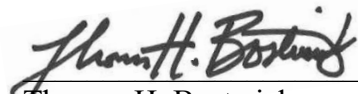
1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

At the direction of the Chair, the Secretary read the correspondence from the Office of Budget and Finance listing the non-competitive awards made during April 2026.

2. Res. 17-26 – Authorization for Expenditure of Nonlocal Funds – Baltimore County Board of Education

This Resolution was introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Crandell, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 A.M.



Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary