

BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 17
September 22, 2026 6:00 P.M.

A. The meeting was called to order by Councilman Young serving as Chairman Pro Tem at 6:03 P.M. Councilman Young asked the audience to rise for a moment of silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were approximately 55 persons in attendance and the following Councilmembers were present:

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

*Councilman Crandell arrived late to the meeting.

** Councilmembers Ertel and Crandell attend virtually via WebEx video teleconference.

B. APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, the reading of the Journal Entries for the meeting of September 8, 2026 was waived and accepted by the following roll call vote:

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

C. ENROLLMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Young 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 68-26, 69-26, 70-26 and 71-26.

D. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill 89-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2026-2027 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from state funds and made available to the County through the Maryland Office of Overdose Response.

Bill 90-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the 2026-2027 Current Expense Budget, by appropriating to the Gifts and Grants Special Revenue Fund monies derived from state funds and made available to the County through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

Bill 91-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of increasing the compensation of the County Executive for the term of office that begins December 2026; and generally relating to the compensation of the County Executive.

Bill 92-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of changing the compensation of the members of the County Council in accordance with the required recommendation of the Personnel and Salary Advisory Board for the term of office that begins December 2026; and generally relating to the compensation and allowances of County Council members.

Bill 93-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of providing for certain changes to the Baltimore County Classification and Compensation Plans by amending certain pay schedules, adding certain new classifications; amending certain pay grades for certain classifications; amending certain rules and regulations of the Classification and Compensation Plans regarding promotions and premium pay; amending the effective date for the Orphan Court Judges compensation; and generally relating to the governance and compensation of the personnel of Baltimore County Government.

Bill 94-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of modifying the composition of membership of certain boards, commissions, committees, panels, and foundations due to Council expansion; adding term limits to certain boards and commissions; making additional technical changes; repealing certain defunct advisory panels, committees, and councils; and generally relating to boards, commissions, committees, panels, and foundations.

Bill 95-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of increasing the contract expenditure amount, in accordance with Section 715 of the County Charter, that requires approval by the County Council; increasing the value of certain personal property that is required to be sold in an open market or by contract; providing for certain personal property to be conveyed to other governmental or nonprofit entities; and generally relating to the approval of contracts.

Bill 96-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of amending the expenditure amounts for real estate acquisition, exchanges, conveyances, and condemnation; updating the approval processes for real estate exchanges; and generally relating to County real estate acquisition, exchanges, conveyances, and condemnation.

Bill 97-26 entitled An Act for the purpose of updating the amounts for the acceptance of certain cash gifts for governmental purposes; authorizing the Administrative Office to accept gifts and grants for governmental purposes under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the acceptance of gifts and supplemental grants.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. Appointment – Advisory Committee on Public School Capacity – Crystal Mercer

At the direction of the Councilman Young, the Secretary read this correspondence from the County Executive appointing Crystal Mercer, to the Advisory Committee for Public School Capacity, for the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2028. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Jones, this appointment was unanimously confirmed by the following roll call vote:

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

E. CALL OF BILLS FOR FINAL READING AND VOTE

Bill 72-26, CEB – Waterway Improvement Fund, was called. Councilman Jones moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

On page 1, in the third line of the title paragraph, strike “Program” and substitute “Fund”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Bill 72-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 73-26, The Fire Prevention Code of Baltimore County, was called. Councilman Jones moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 29, in line 20, strike “existing” and substitute “RENOVATED”; in lines 20 and 21, strike “unless specifically exempted under subsection (3) below”; strike lines 23 and 24.
2. On page 30, strike lines 1 through 2 and substitute “(A) NFPA 13 CLASS IV COMMODITIES IN SOLID PILES PROTECTED FOR THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE STORAGE HEIGHT FOR THE BUILDING OR UP TO A MAXIMUM STORAGE HEIGHT OF 12 FEET FOR AN EXISTING HISTORIC BUILDING, DEFINED AS A BUILDING THAT IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES OR IS SUBJECT TO A MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DEED OF EASEMENT, THAT IS AT LEAST 500,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE; (B) NFPA 13 CLASS IV COMMODITIES IN-RACK STORAGE WITH 8 FEET AISLES WITH NO IN-RACK SPRINKLERS; AND (C) NFPA 13 GROUP “A” PLASTICS USING IN-RACK SPRINKLERS AND DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 300 GPM AT THE BASE OF THE RISER.”; strike lines 11 through 16.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Bill 73-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 74-26, Procedures for Tenant Notice When a Court Has Issued a Warrant of Restitution, was called. Councilman Jones moved to amend this Bill with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, in the fifth line of the purpose paragraph, after “restitution;” insert “repealing certain language regarding the abandonment of property after the proper execution of a warrant of restitution; requiring certain County agencies to engage external parties and develop recommendations regarding tenant’s property after eviction by a certain date;”.
2. On page 5, strike lines 3 through 5; in line 14, insert “SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of Law shall engage with external stakeholders, including tenant advocacy organizations and housing providers, to develop recommendations on the disposition of a tenant’s personal property, by December 31, 2026. Recommendations shall be issued to the County Executive and County Council.”; in line 15, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Patoka, Bill 74-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 75-26, Rental Housing Licenses – Advertising, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Patoka, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 76-26, Permits, Licenses, and Business Regulations – Electricians – Licensing and Registration, was called. Councilman Marks moved to amend this Bill with the following amendment:

1. On page 17, in line 13, after “Multi-service” insert “DISCONNECT”; in line 14, before “A single” insert “1.”; beginning in line 15, strike “FOR ALL BUILDINGS, EITHER SINGLE TENANT OR MULTIPLE TENANT, WITH MULTIPLE SERVICES”; in line 17, insert “2. WHERE NEW BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS ARE SUPPLIED BY MULTIPLE UTILITY SERVICES AND THE SERVICE DISCONNECTION MEANS ARE NOT GROUPED AS REQUIRED BY THE CURRENT ADOPTED EDITION OF NFPA 70, AN EMERGENCY DISCONNECT CONTROL SHALL BE PROVIDED AT EACH SERVICE LOCATION. OPERATION OF ANY EMERGENCY DISCONNECT CONTROL SHALL SIMULTANEOUSLY DISCONNECT ALL NORMAL BUILDING POWER SOURCES.”.

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Patoka, seconded by Councilman Jones, Bill 76-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 77-26, This Bill was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Bill 78-26, Office of the Inspector General – Technical Definition and Clarification, was called. Councilman Ertel commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Ertel, seconded by Councilman Marks, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 79-26, Data Centers – Extension of Temporary Controls Enacted Under Bill 3-26, was called. Councilmembers Mangione, Marks, Jones and Ertel commented. Councilman Marks motioned to suspend the rules to allow consideration of an amendment from the floor to Mr. Marks’s amendment that was published on the Council’s webpage prior to the meeting. Councilman Patoka seconded the motion and the motion to suspend the rules passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Following further discussion, Councilman Marks withdrew his amendment.

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Patoka, seconded by Councilman Marks, Bill 79-26, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 80-26, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the M.L.R. Zone – Commercial, Retail, Institutional, Or Service Uses, was called. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Mangione, seconded by Councilman Marks, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 81-26, Zoning Regs. – Uses Permitted in the Residential-Office (R-O) Zone – Beauty and Wellness Services, was called. Councilman Jones commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Mangione, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 82-26, Surplus Commodities – Alternative Disposition Methods for Public and Nonprofit Entities, was called. Councilman Marks commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Mangione, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Bill 83-26, Property Tax Credit – Fraternal Order of Police, was called. Councilman Marks commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

F. APPROVAL OF FISCAL MATTERS

Councilman Young stated that the Council would now consider Fiscal Matters. Extensive testimony was taken at the Council’s work session on September 15, 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. Councilman Young then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letter for Fiscal Matters 1 through 4. Fiscal Matter 5 was discussed as a separate matter.

1. Amendment to Contract – Mission Critical Partners, LLC – Technical expertise – Engineering equipment design -Upgrade – 911 Back Up Center

An amendment to the contract Mission Critical Partners, LLC, to provide technical expertise to engineer the equipment design for the upgrade to the 911 backup center.

2. Contract – KC Lanz Industries, LLC – Moving services – Portable dental equipment

A contract with KC Lanz Industries, LLC, to provide moving services for portable dental equipment and related supplies needed for school-based dental sealant services, provided to the children in Title 1 elementary schools located in Baltimore County.

3. Contract – Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – On-call utility infrastructure pipeline inspection & cleaning services

A contract with Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc., to provide on-call utility infrastructure pipeline inspections and cleaning services.

4. Contract – Atlantic Lining Company, Inc. – Installation and repair of geosynthetic liners – County landfills

A contract with Atlantic Lining Company, Inc., to provide for the installation and repair of geosynthetic liners at the County's landfill locations.

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

At the request of Councilman Patoka, Fiscal Matter 5 was discussed as a separate matter. Councilman Young then called upon the Secretary to read the cover letter for Fiscal Matter 5.

5. Contract – Wheelabrator Baltimore, L.P. – Municipal solid waste disposal

A contract with Wheelabrator Baltimore, L.P., to provide for municipal solid waste disposal services.

Councilmembers Ertel, Patoka, Jones and Crandell commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Bill passed by the following roll call vote:

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

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - Non-Competitive Awards

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

2. Res. 27-26 – Amendment to the Growth Tier Map for Baltimore County – 4122 Sweet Air Road

At the direction of Councilman Young, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to adopt an amendment to the Growth Tier Map for Baltimore County. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

3. Res. 28-26 – Extension of Sanitary Sewer System – Middle River Area

At the direction of Councilman Young, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council to approve the extension of the sanitary sewer system of Baltimore County in the Middle River Area, Fifteenth Election District and Fifth Council District of Baltimore County. There being no discussion, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Ertel, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

4. Res. 29-26 – Amendment to PILOT – Turner Station Preservation LLC

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

5. Res. 30-26 – Endorsement of designation of the proposed Lutherville Station TOD

At the direction of Councilman Young, the Secretary read this Resolution endorsing the designation of the proposed *Lutherville Station* transit-oriented mixed-use development and the associated 12.77± acre site, located at 130 W. Ridgely Road, under the State of Maryland’s Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Designation Program. Councilman Mangione commented. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Councilman Mangione, seconded by Councilman Jones, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. Res. 31-26 – Review of policies and procedures – Traffic calming devices and measures in rural areas

At the direction of Councilman Young, the Secretary read this Resolution of the Baltimore County Council requesting that the Departments of Planning and Public Works and Transportation: review the County's policies and procedures regarding the installation and use of traffic calming devices and measures in rural areas; hold a public hearing, either in online or in-person, on rural traffic issues; review and evaluate best practices for rural traffic calming from other jurisdictions; consider alternative testing methods to improve rural road safety or the creation of a rural traffic pilot program; and submit to the County Council, by March 1, 2027, a report with specific recommendations for future legislation or adoption in the County's capital improvement program. Councilmembers Marks and Mangione commented. Councilman Marks moved to amend this Resolution with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, after the first RESOLVED paragraph, insert "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report and recommendations shall: (1) incorporate and expound on any recently-completed studies, reports, or other work that may be relevant; and (2) make specific recommendations for: the Cromwell Bridge Road area at Cub Hill Road and Satyr Hill Road; Glen Arm Road between Harford Road and Hartley Mill Road; Harford Road at Long Green Pike; Mount Vista Road, west of Belair Road; and Manor Road; and".

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

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

Councilman Mangione moved to amend this Resolution with the following amendment:

1. On page 2, after the first RESOLVED paragraph, insert "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report and recommendations shall: (1) incorporate and expound on any recently-completed studies, reports, or other work that may be relevant; and (2) make specific recommendations for: Cuba Road; and Hess Road; and".

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

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

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilman Marks, seconded by Councilman Mangione, Resolution 31-26, as amended, passed by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Res. 32-26 – Approval – Extension of Sanitary Sewer System – Parkville area

This Resolution was for introduction only.

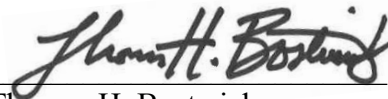
9. Res. 33-26 – Authorize payment in lieu of property taxes (PILOT) – Ridgedale 9, LLC

This Resolution was for introduction only.

10. Res. 34-26 – Request for dedication of Campbell Boulevard honoring Robert Joseph Romadka, Sr.

This Resolution was for introduction only.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, upon motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Marks, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.


Thomas H. Bostwick
Legislative Counsel/Secretary