

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2016

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Richard Miller, Vice President Jim Papacek, and members Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, Jeff Stout, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Steve Rogers and conducted by President Richard Miller.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 9, 2015, Regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried.

At this time President Richard Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Jim Papacek offered a word of prayer. Before the prayer Mr. Papacek quoted from President John Adams as follows: *“We have no government armed with the power capable of containing human passions, unbridled morality, and religion. Our constitution was made only for the moral and religious people and is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”*

IN THE MATTER OF 2016 COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION:

A motion was made by Mr. Singer to nominate Mr. Richard Miller for the office of Council President for the year 2016. Mr. Ellison moved that all nominations be closed. That motion was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried. The motion to nominate Mr. Miller as President was seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried. Mr. Richard Miller is the Council President for the year 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Stout to nominate Mr. Jim Papacek to the office of Vice President for the year 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried. Mr. Jim Papacek is the Council Vice President for the year 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-03 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-03 – Additional Appropriations in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

		AMOUNT	
		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1112</u>	<u>HOWARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV FUND</u>		
03227.00	North Central Ind RPC	\$ 63,917.00	\$ 63,917.00

As the Regional Planning Council President, Commissioner Tyler Moore spoke to this request and to the 2015 activities of this five-county regional planning council. He distributed copies of the 2015 report and informed the Council that 2016 would include Clinton County. The \$63,917.00 fee is based on the population per capita, and Howard County is the largest county in the regional planning council.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the appropriation of \$63,917.00 to line item 03227.00, North Central Ind RPC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

<u>4906</u>	<u>Howard County Delphi Rainy Day Loan Fund:</u>		
04721.00	P-25 Radio Upgrade	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00

Commissioner Paul Wyman requested the appropriation of \$100,000.00 from the Rainy Day Loan Fund to be put toward the P-25 Radio Upgrade project this year. This is a complete re-vamping of the Emergency Communications System first responders for the County, City, volunteer first responders, and 911; it includes the entire 911 communications backbone, portables, and mobile radios. The County has applied for a grant to help with the costs, and it was decided that this project would be an appropriate use for the Rainy Day Loan Fund. The Commissioners plan to use all of the Rainy Day Fund money for the project. Mr. Wyman fielded several questions from the Council members, specific to this project, and spoke of the benefits to the safety of the county this project will afford.

A motion was made by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Ellison, and carried to approve the appropriation request of \$100,000.00 to line item 04721.00, P-25 Radio Upgrade.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-HCCR-03 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Lake read Resolution No. 2016-HCCR-03 – Transfers in full one time and it was acted upon as follows:

	Transfer From:	To:	REQUESTED:	ALLOWED:
<u>1176</u>	<u>Howard Co Motor Vehicle Highway Fund</u>			
11130.03	Drainage Engineer	12160.00 Part-Time	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00

Highway Superintendent / Engineer Ted Cain reminded the Council that last year both Drainage Engineers retired and one position has been filled with a qualified college graduate with no prior experience. He has not found a qualified person to fill the second vacancy. Mr. Cain has asked one of the retirees to come back to work part time, three days a week, and help train the new employee. That employee has agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve the transfer of \$24,000.00 from line item 1113.03, Drainage Engineer, to line item 12160.00, Part-Time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stout and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-04 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2016:

Auditor Martha Lake read Salary Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-04 – Amending Salary Ordinance for 2016 in full one time, and it was acted upon as follows:

		REQUESTED:	APPROVED:
<u>1176</u>	<u>Howard County Motor Vehicle Highway Fund</u>		
11130.00	Drainage Engineer	\$ -24,000.00	\$ -24,000.00
12160.00	Part-Time	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Ortman to approve Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-04 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Singer and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE HOWARD COUNTY POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN:

Sheriff Steve Rogers submitted and distributed copies of the Second Amendment to the Howard County Police Retirement Plan, amending Section 8.02, Death Benefits Before Retirement. During discussions with McCready and Keene it was brought to the Sheriff’s attention that the Retirement Plan did not include the Death Benefits Before Retirement plan to an officer who was unmarried at the time of death. This amendment is cost neutral and based on what is available for payment at the time of death. A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Roberts and carried to approve the Second Amendment to the Howard County Police Retirement Plan as submitted, and authorize President Miller to sign the document on behalf of the County Council.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-02:

Commissioner Paul Wyman submitted Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-02 as a Joint Ordinance of the Howard County Board of Commissioners and the Howard County Council eliminating certain salary appropriations. This Ordinance shall apply to the appropriated salaries of all county employees except:

1. Howard County Sheriff Department Merit Deputies
2. Howard County Sheriff Department Corrections Officers
3. Kinsey Youth Center Youth Managers and Shift Supervisors
4. Howard County Community Corrections Case Managers and Field Officers
5. Elected Officials

This applies to all full-time employee terminations occurring on or after January 1, 2016. Mr. Wyman explained the discussions that were a part of determining this course of action. He also spoke to the employee policy changes that were approved by the Board of Commissioners at their December 21, 2015 meeting. Comments, questions, and discussion ensued and at its conclusion a motion was made by Mr. Stout to approve Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-02 and to review the Ordinance in July and December of this year to receive feedback from the Department Heads and Elected Officials. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. A vote was taken as follows:

Aye Votes
John Roberts
Jeff Stout
Jim Papacek
Stan Ortman

Nay Votes
Dwight Singer
Les Ellison
Richard Miller

The vote carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-HCCO-05:

On behalf of Public Defender Steve Raquet, Chief Deputy Public Defender Andrew Vandebosch submitted Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-05, an ordinance to establish the Supplemental Public Defender Services Fund. A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2016-HCCO-05 as submitted.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL PTABOA APPOINTMENTS:

County Assessor Mindy Heady submitted her recommendations for the Council's appointment to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals as follows:

Ralph Reddersdorf	Republican
Linda Koontz	Republican
Mark Hornstein	Democrat

A motion was made by Singer to re-appoint Mr. Ralph Reddersdorf, Ms. Linda Koontz, and Mr. Mark Hornstein to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Papacek and carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOWARD COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

County Attorney Larry Murrell submitted the recommendation of Mr. E. P. Severns, Jr. and Mr. Bradley R. Newton as the Council appointments to the Howard County Redevelopment Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Ortman, seconded by Mr. Stout and carried to re-appoint Mr. E. P. Severns, Jr., and Mr. Bradley R. Newton to the Howard County Redevelopment Commission.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. on a motion made by
Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

STAN E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

ATTEST:

DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR
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