

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

The Howard County Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 18, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Administration Center. Those in attendance included Vice President Jim Papacek, and members Stan Ortman, Les Ellison, Jeff Stout, John Roberts, and Dwight Singer. Also in attendance were County Attorney Alan Wilson and Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Papacek and conducted by Mr. Papacek. Councilman Jeff Stout led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Papacek offered a word of prayer.

**IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Councilman Stan Ortman stated that the council has passed a one year budget for 2018. Mr. Ortman asked to begin working on the 2019 Budget and to address the Rainy Day Fund.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-HCCO-37 AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING A TAX ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING PONT (“PSAP”):**

Auditor Martha Lake read Ordinance No. 2017-HCCO-37 An Ordinance of the Howard County Council Implementing a Tax on Adjusted Gross Income for Public Safety Answering Point (“PSAP”). Mr. Papacek noted that the money available for PSAP from charges on landlines has decreased over the past several years, and that this ordinance would help pay for equipment and upkeep. A question was asked about how much money this would raise. Auditor Lake stated that this would raise about one and a half million dollars. A question was asked about proper advertising of the Special Session Meeting. Auditor Lake responded that this meeting was properly called and advertised per emails from the DLGF Budget Director Fred Van Dorp. Mr. Ortman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-HCCO-37 as read, Mr. Ellison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Ellison, which was seconded by Mr. Ortman, and the motion carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER PRESIDENT

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

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LESLIE W. ELLISON, MEMBER

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STANLEY E. ORTMAN, MEMBER

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JEFFREY A. STOUT, MEMBER

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, MEMBER

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DWIGHT V. SINGER, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR  
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