

**PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 12-22
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

July 10, 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Legislative Session Day 12-22 was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by Council Vice President Richard Slutzky with all Members present except Council President William K. Boniface.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Slutzky.

OPENING PRAYER – The Opening Prayer was delivered by Council Member Guthrie.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZEN INPUT – None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of LSD 12-21 (June 19, 2012), PH (June 19, 2012) and Budget Work Sessions (April 17, 2012, April 18, 2012, April 19, 2012, April 24, 2012, April 25, 2012, and April 26, 2012) were approved by general consent.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 17-12 (Community Investment Tax Credit Program – Harford Community Action Agency) was introduced by Council Vice President Slutzky at the request of the County Executive:

A RESOLUTION expressing the County Council's approval of a project to provide the Harford Community Action Agency with \$50,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits to help fund the GED Plus program through State tax credits granted under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Neighborhood Revitalization's Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC) program.

Resolution 17-12 was approved on motion made by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Ms. Lisanti, and carried with unanimous votes of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

Resolution No. 18-12 (Community Investment Tax Credit Program – FISH) was introduced by Council Vice President Slutzky at the request of the County Executive:

A RESOLUTION expressing the County Council's approval of a project to provide West Harford County FISH with \$50,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits to assist those in need in Harford County through State tax credits granted under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Neighborhood Revitalization's Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC) program.

Resolution 18-12 was approved on motion made by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Ms. Lisanti, and carried with unanimous votes of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

Resolution No. 19-12 (Community Investment Tax Credit Program – Humane Society of Harford Co.) was introduced by Council Vice President Slutzky at the request of the County Executive:

A RESOLUTION expressing the County Council's approval of a project to provide the Humane Society of Harford County with \$50,000 in Community Investment Tax Credits to help fund the Capital Campaign for the proposed new shelter through State tax credits granted under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Neighborhood Revitalization's Community Investment Tax Credits (CITC) program.

Resolution 19-12 was approved on motion made by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Mr. Woods, and carried with unanimous votes of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

Resolution No. 15-12 (Smiths Detection MEDAF Loan 2012) was approved on motion made by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Mr. Guthrie, and received approval by a majority vote (5-1-1) with Mr. Woods voting no and President Boniface absent.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS – None

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS – None

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS – None

ENROLLMENT OF BILLS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

a. **Charter Amendment Ballot Language**
Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-28

Vacancy of the County Executive

To Amend the Harford County Charter by requiring the County Council to fill the position of County Executive within 30 days with a qualified voter of the same political party as the immediately preceding County Executive. In the event a vacancy is filled 90 days or more prior to the next congressional primary election, the position of County Executive will appear on that ballot. The appointed or elected County Executive shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-29 As Amended

Posting Requirements for Public Notices

To Amend the Harford County Charter by requiring public notices be posted in one newspaper widely circulated in Harford County and on an official site.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-30

Filing Dates of Annual Budget

To Amend the Harford County Charter by allowing an additional 15 days for the budget to be submitted by the County Executive and adopted by the County Council.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-31

Post Council Employment

To Amend the Harford County Charter by allowing County Council Members after they leave office to have the ability to apply for employment with Harford County Government.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-32

Eligibility for Redistricting Commission

To Amend the Harford County Charter by expanding eligibility for appointment to the Redistricting Commission for any political party with at least 15% of the total registered voters and a representative not a member of any political party already represented.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-33 As Amended

Definition of a Pending Zoning Case

To Amend the Harford County Charter by defining a pending zoning case as a current case filed and/or pending with the Zoning Hearing Examiner, County Council, Circuit Court for Harford County and/or Court of Appeals.

Harford County Ballot Question Regarding Bill 12-34 As Amended

Exempt Employees

To Amend the Harford County Charter to modify the list of exempt personnel positions to be consistent with the pay and classification plan.

Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve the Charter Amendment Ballot Language as introduced, seconded by Ms. Lisanti and carried with unanimous votes of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

b. Executive Appointments:

- I. **Commission on Disabilities** – Matthew Combs was appointed to the Commission on Disabilities after a motion by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. McMahan and receiving unanimous vote of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.
- II. **Department of Social Services** – Phillip B. Hunter was appointed to the Department of Social Services after a motion by Mr. Guthrie, seconded by Mr. McMahan and receiving unanimous vote of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

- III. **Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board** - Ms. Mary Lou Olszewski, Mr. John J. Kane, Jr., and Mr. H. Leroy Whiteley, Jr. were appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board after a motion by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Mr. Woods and receiving unanimous vote of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.
- IV. **Harford Center Board of Directors** – Rose Ann Eimer, John C. Bowman, Helen A. Chapman and Walter L. Littlefield were reappointed to the Harford Center Board of Directors after a motion by Mr. McMahan, seconded by Mr. Woods and receiving unanimous vote of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.
- V. **Harford County Traffic Safety Task Force** – Vice President Slutzky asked for general consent from the Council for the appointment of Susan Kelly, Director of Harford County Health Department and Pastor Carol Taylor, Harford County Youth Commission. Motion was passed with general consent.

BUSINESS FROM THE PRESIDENT –

Dr. Leonard Wheeler, Superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, Mr. Jim Jewell and Mr. Ed Fields of Harford County Public Schools requested the approval of three Budget Transfers and two Certifications from the Council. Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Lisanti with unanimous vote of aye (6-0-1) with President Boniface absent.

BUSINESS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Remarks were offered by Council Members Guthrie, Woods, McMahan, Shrodes, Slutzky and Lisanti. Vice President Slutzky asked for and received general consent from the Council to cancel the July 17, Legislative Session.

COMMENTS FROM ATTENDING CITIZENS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session Day was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. by general consent.

APPROVED Richard C. Slutzky 7/4/12
 Vice President Date