

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

The Howard County Council met Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those present included Council President Richard Miller, Council Vice President James Papacek, Council Members Dwight Singer, Stan Ortman, Leslie Ellison, and Jeffrey Stout. Also in attendance were County Attorney Larry Murrell and Auditor Ann Wells.

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

The minutes of the August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> meetings were reviewed. Page nine (9), under **Economic Development Organizations**: "A motion was made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Ortman to approve the Commissioners' recommendation. When put to a vote there were three yes votes and three no votes. Council President Miller vacated the chair to cast the deciding vote. The motion was carried on a vote of four yes and three no." The paragraph has been changed to read as follows:

*"A motion was made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer to approve the Commissioners' recommendation. When put to a vote, Mr. Singer, Mr. Papacek, and Mr. Ellison voted yes; Mr. Stout, Mr. Ortman, and Mr. Pencek voted no. Council President Miller vacated the chair to cast the deciding yes vote. The motion was carried on a vote of four yes and three no."*

The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion made by Mr. Stout and seconded by Mr. Papacek.

Mr. Miller circulated a "letter of appreciation" from Fire Chief, Dave Duncan, regarding the funds that were donated for the purchase of the Accelerant Detection Dog.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-58 - ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-58 was read in full by an Auditor's Office representative and acted upon as follows:

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED:**

<b><u>001</u></b>	<b><u>Howard County General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>REQUESTED</u></b>	<b><u>APPROVED</u></b>
<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff</u>		
01119.07	Overtime Deputies	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
03220.00	Utilities	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
	<b>Total Sheriff Department</b>	<b>\$ 134,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 115,000.00</b>

Sheriff Talbert presented his requests before the Council. Captain Napoleon Leal informed the Council that the Sheriff's Department would like to reduce the request for overtime from \$39,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The request for overtime money comes from the fact that several deputies have been called to active duty, by the National Guard, to help with hurricane relief, and one deputy is on sick leave. With regard to the utility fund request, with a record number of inmates in the jail, more utilities are used, with more money needed. The large sum request is to reimburse accounts where transfers have been previously made.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Singer, and carried to approve \$20,000.00 in line item 01119.07, Overtime Deputies, and \$95,000.00 in line item 03220.00, Utilities. It is noted that Mr. Papacek expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's Department, for their efforts to keep fund requests to a minimum. Sheriff Talbert responded by informing the Council, of Captain Vincent's suggestion to house inmates from other counties, when our jail population was low, several months ago. Payment for the keeping of the inmates has been received in the amount of about \$16,000.00, helping to balance requests for additional funds.

<u>009</u>	<u>Coroner</u>		
02321.00	Gas, Oil & Lube	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	<b>Total Coroner</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>

Council Member Jeff Stout presented Coroner Brad Bray's request for \$1,000.00 in Gas, Oil & Lube. He believes this amount will pay current bills and be sufficient for the rest of the year.

On a motion made by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Ellison, the request for \$1,000.00 in 02321.00, Gas, Oil & Lube, was approved. Be it noted that Council Member Jeff Stout abstained from voting.

		<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
<u>017</u>	<u>Voter Registration</u>		
01114.00	Part Time	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 19,200.00
	<b>Total Voter Registration</b>	<b>\$ 19,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,200.00</b>

Mrs. Carol Shallenberger and Ms. Shirley McCoy were in attendance to present their request for additional funds. Mr. Miller reminded the Council of Voter Registration's previous address to the Council (*please refer to page 7 of the minutes dated August 23, 24, 25, and September 7, 2005, "In The Matter Of Voter Registration Issues"*).

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Stout, and carried to approve \$19,200.00 in line item 01114.00, Part Time.

<b>Total General Funds</b>	<b>\$ 154,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 135,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 154,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 135,200.00</b>

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2005-HCC-24 - TRANSFERS:**

Auditor Ann Wells presented Resolution No. 2005-HCC-24, which was read in full by an Auditor's Office representative and acted upon as follows:

	<b>TRANSFER FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>ALLOWED</b>
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>			
<u>032</u>	<u>Howard County Soil &amp; Water Conservation</u>			
01114.00	Tech Part Time	01115.00 Resource Conservationist	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,360.00

Soil & Water Conservation Director, Mrs. Renee Weaver, presented the request for transfer. The former Conservationist resigned; in order to fill the full time vacancy, additional funds are needed. The District Board decided to transfer part time funds to the Full Time line and discontinue part time help for the remainder of 2005. The Soil & Water Board agreed to pick up the additional deficit of \$500.00.

The transfer of \$1,360.00 from 01114.00, Tech Part Time to 01115.00, Resource Conservationist, was approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer.

**IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-59 - AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2005:**

Salary Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-59 was read in full by an Auditor's Office representative and acted upon as follows:

		<b>REQUESTED:</b>	<b>APPROVED:</b>
<u>001</u>	<u>Howard County General Fund</u>		
<u>005</u>	<u>Howard County Sheriff Department</u>		
01119.07	Overtime Deputies	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<u>017</u>	<u>Howard County Voter Registration</u>		
01114.00	Part Time	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 19,200.00

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek to approve Salary Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-59 with the correction of \$20,000.00 in Howard County Sheriff Department, line item 01119.07, Overtime Deputies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellison and carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE:**

Auditor Ann Wells presented the 2006 Salary Ordinance for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, in the amount of \$14,889,600.00. The Salary Ordinance for budget year 2006 was approved on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2005-HCC-33:**

Attorney Larry Murrell and Information Systems John Templin presented Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-33, a fee ordinance establishing fees for tax and assessment information provided electronically. This is a joint Ordinance with the Board of Commissioners (Ordinance No. 2005-BCC-32). The base fee is \$250.00 for the DVD that is updated annually, after tax rates have been calculated. There will be an additional fee of \$25.00 per hour for additional information to be extracted. This Ordinance does not apply to information available on the Internet. Any request must be accompanied by a request form to be signed and kept on file. This information cannot be used for commercial gain; a separate ordinance clarifies how the information can be used.

A motion was made by Mr. Papacek, seconded by Mr. Ortman, and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2005-HCC-33.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Papacek and seconded by Mr. Singer.

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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RICHARD H. MILLER, PRESIDENT

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JAMES PAPACEK, VICE PRESIDENT

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DWIGHT SINGER, JR., COUNCILMAN

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LESLIE ELLISON, COUNCILMAN

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STANLEY ORTMAN, COUNCILMAN

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JEFFREY STOUT, COUNCILMAN

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JOE PENCEK, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

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ANN WELLS, AUDITOR

County Council Minutes, September 27, 2005