

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CB-061-2023
Draft No.:	2
Committee:	Government Operations and Fiscal Policy
Date:	06/20/2023
Action:	FAV (A)

REPORT: Favorable as amended 3-0: Council Members Burroughs, Harrison and Ivey. Absent: Fisher and Oriadha

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on June 20, 2023, to reconsider CB-61-2023. CB-061-2023 would amend the Prince George's County Code provisions that regulate the procedure to declare and dispose of County Real Property as Surplus Property.

CB-061-2023 was presented on May 16, 2023, and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee. CB-061-2023 was considered in Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee on June 13, 2023, and was favorably recommended to the County Council. It was reconsidered in Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee on June 20, 2023, due to collaboration with the County Council and Administration, resulting in a proposed Draft 2.

Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Officer, provided comments and explained the edits in the Proposed Draft 2. Ms. Denison explained that Draft 2 looks dramatically different from the initial version, stating that most of the changes are for formatting purposes. It repeals everything currently in the first draft and then puts forth a bill that would, once enacted, become the new law. She further explained that was why everything was underlined. It was not new language, but rather its preexisting law. It is being reentered in the code for formatting purposes, it needed to be underlined.

Ms. Denison explained the new process for establishing an inventory of surplus property. The County Executive will put forth a surplus list via a Bill. According to the statute, the County Executive will also outline designated properties for the RDA to manage and surplus.

Once the Council approves, the list will go to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA). RDA will hold a public hearing for local and government entities soliciting their input on the disposal of surplus properties.

As in the initial legislation, Park & Planning, State, and WSSC will have the first right of refusal to

purchase the surplus property. Once it has been determined how the properties are surplus and to whom, the RDA will submit a Resolution to the Council for deposition approval. The Council will have thirty days to hold a public hearing and take action. If the Council takes no action, it would be deemed approved. The Council can reject the resolution.

The RDA-designated properties would be addressed through the Capital Improvement Projects process.

Ms. Denison indicated that on Page 8, line 21, to add “elderly housing and affordable housing projects” is consistently stated throughout the legislation.

After addressing the amendments, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted CB-061-2023 out favorably 3-0, as amended.