

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-46-2022

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: May 31, 2022

Action: FAV/A

REPORT: Favorable with amendments 10-0: Council Members Hawkins, Burroughs, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Medlock, Streeter, Turner, and Taveras. Absent: Franklin.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on May 31, 2022, to consider CB-46-2022 (DR-2).

CB-46-2022 (DR-2) is a Charter amendment bill that amends Section 603 of the Charter of Prince George's County pertaining to competitive bidding.

The purpose of the bill is:

1. to amend the requirements regarding public notice for bids or proposals;
2. to consider best value in bid selection including technical requirements, diversity of suppliers, and costs, as defined in the County Code; and
3. to provide for bonding relative to competitive bidding.

CB-46-2022 (DR-2) provides that such purchases and contracts shall be advertised on a publicly available website designated by the County Purchasing Agent, and in any other manner determined in the County Code.

CB-46-2022 (DR-2) requires the consideration of best value in in bid selection.

“Best Value” Procurement

Under County Code Section 10A-101, “Best Value” is defined as: “[T]he basis for awarding contracts which optimizes weighted factors such as quality, cost, diversity, and performance, among responsive and responsible offerors. Such basis shall reflect, whenever possible, objective, and quantifiable analysis and "best value" criteria shall be prescribed and predetermined in the Request for Proposals.”

CB-46-2022 (DR-2) provides for the consideration of diversity of suppliers in determining best value.

CB-46-2022 (DR-2) provides that a County Code requirement for security or bond for the performance of work as determined by the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County Code may be required for purchases and contracts.

A copy of this Act shall be transmitted to the County Executive for publication and that a copy also be transmitted to the Prince George's County Board of Elections for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters of this County at the 2022 General Election pursuant to Section 1105 of the Charter. The question of adoption of the proposed Charter Amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the County at the General Election occurring on November 8, 2022.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council sitting as the Committee of the Whole, reported CB-46-2022(DR-2) out favorably with amendments, 10-0.