

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-10-2020

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 06/02/2020

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 10-0-1 (In favor: Council Members: Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Abstain: Council Member Dernoga)

The Committee of the Whole met on June 2 to consider CB-10-2020. This legislation was discussed in conjunction with CB-9-2020 and CB-12-2020. After staff overview, Council Member Glaros, the bill's sponsor, informed the Committee that this legislation will facilitate the development of a property in her district near a proposed Purple Line station to include student and employee housing for the University of Maryland community.

The Zoning and Legislative Counsel provided an overview of clarifying amendments contained in a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) prepared at the bill sponsor's request. The additional language in Proposed DR-2 is on page 2, line 13 as follows: after "consisting of land zoned", insert "either R-10 and R-55 or R-10, R-55, and R-18".

The Planning Board submitted a letter dated February 27, 2020 to the Council Chair indicating support of CB-10-2020 with amendments. The Board suggested a more wholesale revision of Section 27-113.04 to further the goals of the adopted Zoning Ordinance regarding streamlining. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) submitted a May 29, 2020 memorandum to the PHED Committee Director offering comments, technical in nature. The ZHE comments were addressed in Proposed DR-2.

The Office of Law reviewed the bill and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment. The County Executive's Liaison to the County Council informed the Committee that the Executive is in support of the legislation.

The University of Maryland and the City of College Park submitted letters to the PHED Committee Chair in support of CB-10-2020.

Thomas Haller, representing Gilbane Development, testified in support of the legislation.

Council Member Dernoga recommended that reference to the Purple Line station or Purple Line

Light Rail Station be consistent throughout the bills.

On a motion by Council Member Glaros, and second by Council Member Davis, the Committee of the Whole voted 10-0-1 on CB-10-2020 as amended in Proposed DR-2 as well as the recommended amendment concerning language consistency in reference to the Purple Line station.