

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2020 Legislative Session

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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 10-0-1: Council Members Turner, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Abstained: Anderson-Walker.

The Prince George's County Council met as the Committee of the Whole on September 9, 2020 to consider CR-085-2020. As proposed CR-085-2020 seeks a partial waiver (50%) of the Public Safety Surcharge for the Atworth Project in College Park. In many ways this project is a prime example of Transit Oriented Development. The project is slated to be built on an old WMATA surface parking lot and is very close to the College Park Metro Station.

The Project will consist of 451 multi-family residential units, 324 structured parking spaces, 79 surface parking spaces, 5,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space and 1-acre public park. It is estimated that the Atworth project will provide a \$123.3 million investment in the College Park area. County revenues are estimated to be \$21,059,924 over the 30-year financing period.

Angie Rodgers, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development, provided a thorough overview of the project. She was joined by Robert Gilbane, Developer, and Eben Smith, 3E Consulting. Mr. Gilbane provided additional information about the project and Mr. Smith spoke about minority and local participation interest. He stated that we are at 10% now and that is just a floor.

Council Members spoke about the importance of this type of development as we seek to foster those projects where our residents can live, work, play and pray.

A PowerPoint presentation is included in the back up information on CR-085-2020.

The Office of Law reports CR-085-2020 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, reported CR-085-2020 out favorably, 10-0-1.