

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-030-2024

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Date:** 4/30/2024

**Action:** FAV

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 9-0-1(In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Dernoga, Fisher, Franklin, Vice Chair Harrison, Council Members Hawkins, Olson, and Watson. Abstain: Council Member Oriadha)

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on April 30, 2024, to consider CR-030-2024.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Director gave an overview of the resolution. CR-30-2024 is a resolution to approve, by legislative action of the District Council in accordance with State law, an Affirmation and First Amendment to Agreement between CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a Verizon Wireless and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) transmitted the resolution for the County Council's consideration to approve the proposal as required by the Annotated Code of Maryland, Land Use Article §17-204(a)(2). The Land Use Article requires M-NCPPC property lease agreements for more than 20 years to be approved by the Prince George's County Council. The request is for the CELLCO Partnership (doing business as "Verizon Wireless") to enter into an Affirmation and First Amendment to Agreement ("First Agreement") with M-NCPPC for the use of land at Prince George's Stadium, 4101 NE Crain Highway in Bowie, Maryland. The M-NCPPC lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the parcel expired on December 21, 2021, but the parties are operating as if the Agreement is still in place on a month-to-month status.

Verizon Wireless operates a wireless telecommunication equipment pad and related apparatus used by the public, consistent with park purposes. Verizon requests to amend the lease agreement to have four (4) additional extension terms of five (5) years each or twenty (20) years beyond the original term so that the Agreement expires on December 1, 2041. The Planning Board recommended approval of the First Amendment on July 21, 2022, subject to the final decision of the County Council.

On a motion by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, the Committee voted 9-0-1 favorably on CR-30-2024.