PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-70-2017

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 9/19/2017

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 6-0. (In favor: Council Members Davis Franklin, Glaros, Lehman, Taveras and Turner) (Absent: Council Members Harrison, Patterson and Toles)

The Committee of the Whole convened on September 19, 2017, to consider CR-70-2017. The County's Zoning and Legislative Counsel provided an overview of the legislation, stating that CR-70 is a resolution to approve waivers for 13 procurements subject to the County-based small business set aside requirements set forth in Subtitle 10A of the County Code. The procurements included within CR-70 are for various maintenance contracts for County facilities, services, and equipment, including risk management services, with a contract value of \$500,000.00 or less. Roland Jones, Director of Central Services, Cydnee Phoenix, Executive Director of Central Services, and Leslie Jackson-Jenkins, Associate Director of Central Services provided additional insights as to the specific circumstances that gave rise to the need for the waivers. Council Member Turner inquired about proposed Attachment A-7 and the efforts that have been made to find local towing businesses, while Council Member Turner expressed concerns about proposed Attachments A-10 and A-12, for Veterinary Services and 24-Hour Locksmith Services, respectively, and recommended that the executive branch consider a modification to the legislation, perhaps even to remove the proposed waivers. The Director of Central Services responded that there is agreement that the approval is only for the initial two (2) year fixed term of the agreements and not the extensions. The Associate Director of Central Services additionally explained to the Committee that any extension would have to come back before the Council unless it is held by a qualified business. Council Member Toles expressed concern about certain businesses that are not domiciled in the County being able to operate notwithstanding the set aside requirements in the County Code. After further discussion and questions by members, the Committee of the Whole voted 6-0 (Council Members Harrison, Patterson and Toles were absent from vote) for a favorable report and recommendation as to CR-70-2017.