PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-21-2019
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Action:	FAV

REPORT: Favorable, 4-1 In Favor: Council Members Davis, Dernoga, Hawkins, Streeter. Oppose: Anderson-Walker.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee convened on March 14, 2019, to consider CR-21-2019. CR-21-2019 revises the County's policy for the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other financial tools and incentives to fund economic development initiatives within the County.

Revisions proposed in CR-21-2019 further refine the County's TIF policy being used to evaluate the appropriateness and necessity of applying TIF and other financial incentives to help fund economic development projects. The proposed legislation seeks to allow the County's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Compliance Manager to determine if documentation must be provided to support certain TIF requirements, and it also increases the County's minimum employment goal of County residents from 30% to 40% for projects receiving TIF and other financial incentives. Certain acronyms are being changed such as LMBE is being replaced with CMBE (County Based Minority Business Enterprises) throughout the revised policy criteria.

The inclusion of a five percent 5% County minority resident equity ownership participation clause is being added to reach certain TIF policy compliance requirements. The proposed legislation also requires the submission of a certain acceptable written Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Plan as a requirement to receiving a TIF.

The meeting began with Chair Todd Turner providing an in-depth overview of the proposed legislation. This was followed by a presentation by Mirinda Jackson, the County's Minority Business Compliance Manager.

During the discussion members agreed that the Council needs to revisit the policy for all the County's financial incentives.

The Office of Law finds CR-21-2019 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that the legislation should not have an adverse impact on the County as the proposed legislation changes the TIF policy. However, there may be an economic or fiscal impact to the Count when a TIF agreement is approved. The impact would be based upon the agreed upon terms of the agreement.

After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted CR-21-2019 out favorably 4-1.