County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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Resolution No. 160 -2024

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance to Howard Community college - Approximately 4.848 Acres – 10650 Hickory Ridge Road

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that 4.848 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located at 10650 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to Howard Community College; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

| Introduced and read first time | By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator |
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| Read for a second time at a public hearing on Nov 16 | , 2024. |
| | By order Michelle Harrod, Administrator |
| This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted, Adopted with aron Dec 2, 2024. | Mushell Hoerran |
| | Certified By Michelle Harrod, Administrator |

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

| WHEREAS, Howard County, Maryland (the "County") is the owner of certain property consisting of 4.848 acres being Parcel 30 on Tax Map 35, being more particularly described as Parce F as identified on the Plat entitled "Columbia Town Center, Section 8, Area 4, Parcels D and F" (the |
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| "County Property"), recorded as Plat No. 4804 among the Land Records of Howard County. Maryland and as shown in the attached Exhibit A; and |
| WHEREAS, the County Property was acquired on August 24, 1989, for space for Howard Community College (the "College") programs and for the use by various County departments and the deed was recorded among the Land Records for Howard County, Maryland in Liber 2045, folio 545, on August 25, 1989; and |
| WHEREAS, on or about October 25, 2000, the County and the College entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and Intent for the Hickory Ridge Building (the "MOU"), which detailed the arrangement between the parties for the use and renovation of the County Property; and |
| WHEREAS, the MOU further explained that the County Property was acquired by the County using general obligation bonds issued in 1990 and was renovated with additional general obligations bonds in 1994; and |
| WHEREAS, the County agreed to transfer the County Property to the College after the last of the outstanding bonds financing the County Property had been retired and, accordingly, the Department of Finance confirmed that there are no longer any open bonds for the acquisition or renovation of the County Property under C-0220, M-0516, or M-0535; and |
| WHEREAS, as the conditions of the MOU have been met, the County desires to transfer the County Property to the College for the College's continued use; and |
| WHEREAS, Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, "Disposition of real property", authorizes the County Council to declare that property is no longer needed for public purposes and |

| 1 | authorizes the County Council to waive advertising and bidding requirements for an individual |
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| 2 | conveyance of real property upon the request of the County Executive; and |
| 3 | G 11 Learnesized a request from the County Executive to |
| 4 | WHEREAS, the County Council has received a request from the County Executive to |
| 5 | waive the advertising and bidding requirements in this instance for the conveyance of the County |
| 6 | Property to the Board. |
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| 8 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, |
| 9 | Maryland, this 2 day of December, 2024, that the County Property containing |
| 10 | approximately 4.848 acres located at 10650 Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia, as shown on the |
| 11 | attached Exhibit A, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes and may be conveyed |
| 12 | to Howard Community College. |
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| 14 | AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, having received a request from the County |
| 15 | Executive and having held a public hearing, the County Council declares that the best interests of |
| 16 | the County will be served by authorizing the County Executive to waive the usual advertising and |
| 17 | bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code for the conveyance of the |
| 18 | County Property to Howard Community College. |
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| 20 | AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the County Executive finds that the |
| 21 | County's interest in the County Property should not be terminated, he is not bound to terminate |
| 22 | the interest in accordance with this resolution. |

