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Legislative Work Session
Monday, July 22, 2019
10:00 a.m.
C. Vernon Gray Room

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present: Christiana Mercer Rigby, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Liz Walsh; David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Senior Administrative Analyst

Council Bill 36-2019

Val Lazdins presented an overview of the bill and answered questions from the Council. Chad Edmondson joined him in answering questions from Council Members. Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Identify how many properties in the two watersheds would be eligible for this provision and their locations.
- Select examples of developments to show the impact of this bill in comparison to current law.

Council Bill 38-2019

Ms. Walsh presented an overview of the bill and explained timeline concerns to ensure that proposed changes can take effect before the expiration of the Watershed Protection Act. Mr. Lazdins indicated that he was not prepared to address questions regarding open space and forest conservation requirements at this work session. Ms. Walsh answered questions from other Council Members. Mr. Lazdins and Mr. Edmondson answered additional questions from Council. Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Provide a comparison to show the impact of the proposed changes as compared to current law for the Court Hill Apartments redevelopment project.
- Provide clarification on calculation of open space requirements, reforestation requirements, and afforestation requirements.

The work session concluded at 11:49 a.m.