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County Council Legislative Work Session
Monday, October 28, 2019
C. Vernon Gray Room
10:00 a.m.

Agenda

- **Council Bill 42-2019** - Introduced by Christiana Mercer Rigby and Deb Jung; Co-sponsored by Opel Jones and Liz Walsh - AN ACT to alter the school facilities surcharge in accordance with Chapter 744 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019; and generally relating to the school facilities surcharge. (*Expires 11/12/19; 12/17/19 if extended; or 01/21/20 if extended twice.*)
- **Council Bill 50-2019** - AN ACT defining certain terms such as disability income, disability income housing unit, low income and low income housing unit; providing for Disability Income Housing Units as an optional method of providing moderate income housing units in certain instances; providing for certain numbers of units when Disability Income Housing Units are used; adding a unit type and size for studio units that are used as a Moderate Income Housing Unit offered for sale or rent; amending certain prohibited transfers to allow that certain types of entities that are formed to receive low income housing tax credits may use optional or alternative methods; amending the fee in lieu to clarify the basis for the computation of square footage used to determine the rate; clarifying when the fee in lieu will be paid; providing that the fee in lieu can be used for grants to the Housing Commission or local nonprofits; amending how many days the Department shall use when calculating the prevailing interest rate; providing that the Department shall establish rental rates for Disability Incoming Housing Units that shall be based on monthly income; clarifying that sales prices shall be based on certain square footage; establishing the pricing for the subsequent sale of previously occupied Moderate Income Housing Units, under certain conditions; providing for certain fines and penalties; adding certain qualifications to be eligible to purchase or rent; including employees of the Housing Commission as those who will receive certain priority; providing that purchasers who do not reside in their unit shall be subject to certain penalties; requiring that Regulations contain certain criteria; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to moderate income housing in Howard County. (*Expires 12/16/19; 1/20/20 if extended; or 2/24/20 if extended twice.*)
- **Council Bill 54-2019** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving the Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Delta-Greenwood, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for 28,511 square feet of space at 8869 Greenwood Place, Savage, Maryland, to be used by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities; authorizing the County Executive to enter into the Agreement and to make changes to the Agreement before executing it, under certain conditions; and generally

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relating to a multi-year lease of certain premises by Howard County from Delta-Greenwood, LLC. (*Expires 12/16/19; 1/20/20 if extended; or 2/24/20 if extended twice.*)

- **Council Resolution 132-2019** - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2021 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction. (*No expiration date*)
- **Council Bill 55-2019** - Introduced by David Yungmann - AN ACT establishing the temporary Commercial Solar Facility Conditional Use Interim Development Act; temporarily prohibiting certain Conditional Use petitions for proposed Conditional Use approvals for Commercial Solar Facility; finding that such petitions, if approved under the current Zoning Regulations, could lead to development incompatible with surrounding agricultural uses; finding that the potential incompatibility represents a threat to the sustainability of the agricultural industry and its impact on public health, safety and welfare; providing that the purposes of this Act are to provide the Commercial Solar Facilities Task Force with time to study the deficiencies in the Commercial Solar Facility Conditional Use, investigate alternatives and make recommendations for improvement and give the County Council time to act on the recommendations; providing that this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect after a certain period; and generally relating to zoning and land use. (*Expires 12/16/19; 1/20/20 if extended; or 2/24/20 if extended twice.*)
- **Council Resolution 133-2019** – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION creating a Task Force to study commercial solar facilities on agricultural land preservation parcels. (*No expiration date*)
- **Council Bill 51-2019** - AN ACT prohibiting the use of pesticides on any County controlled, managed, or owned buildings and grounds unless the use complies with County policy; and generally related to pesticide/herbicide use on County property. (*Expires 12/16/19; 1/20/20 if extended; or 2/24/20 if extended twice.*)