



# Howard County Council

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County Council Legislative Work Session  
Monday January 27, 2020  
C. Vernon Gray Room  
9:30 a.m.

### Minutes (Approved)

Council Chairperson Jung convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Council Members Present: Deb Jung, Chair; Opel Jones; Christiana Rigby (from 11:15 on); Liz Walsh; Vice-chair Dave Yungmann

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator, Theodore Wimberly, Council Administrative Manager; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Norman Parker, Deputy County Solicitor

**Council Bill 1-2020** – Introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT altering the number of consecutive years a project or phase of a project must be retested if a project fails one or more components of the school capacity test of the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County. (*Expires 3/16/20; 4/20/20 if extended; or 5/25/20 if extended twice.*)

- Discussion Participants included: Vicky Cutroneo, Howard County Board of Education: Christina Delmont-Small; Jennifer Bubenko, HCPSS, Planning Specialist; Daniel Lubely, HCPSS; Amy Gowan, DPZ; Jeff Bronow, DPZ
- The Department of Planning and Zoning presented information on how housing allocations are made and the overall purpose behind growth management and adequate public facilities and that charts are updated as plans are approved.
- The Department of Planning and Zoning described factors that can affect overcrowding in schools, including redistricting; changes in occupancies in existing housing stock; birth rates; resales; housing turnover; changes in decisions on class size; and that on average 1 school/year has been constructed.
- Representatives of the Board of Educations discussed reporting provided by other counties, calling out the form of Baltimore County's reporting on adequate public facilities.
- General discussion of why the waiting period is four years under the existing law.

**Council Bill 4-2020** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving the Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Micros Systems, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Oracle America, Inc., a Delaware corporation for approximately 32,028 square feet of space at 7031 Columbia Gateway Drive; authorizing the County Executive to enter into the Agreement and to make changes to the Agreement before executing it, under certain conditions; and generally relating to a

multi-year lease of certain premises by Howard County from Micros Systems, Inc. (*Expires 3/16/20; 4/20/20 if extended; or 5/25/20 if extended twice.*)

**Council Bill 5-2020** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving an Eighth Amendment and Renewal of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Symphony Woods, LLC, for the lease of approximately 1,653 square feet of space located at 5950 Symphony Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland; authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Amendment, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Amendment; and generally relating to the Amendment. (*Expires 3/16/20; 4/20/20 if extended; or 5/25/20 if extended twice.*)

- Council Bills 4 and 5 were discussed together
- Discussion Participants included: Jim Irvin, DPW; Chief Myers; Mark Stromwell; Captain Lampe; and Melanie Bishop, Real Estate Services
- There was general discussion about the needs for the new office space and overcrowding in current space, the footprint of which has not expanded since 1994. Also discussed how the existing Symphony Woods lease meets department needs. The Council Chair asked about why existing County property such as the Ascend Building could not be used to meet the County needs. There was general conversation about the proposed rents and escalation clauses. The Department's consultant indicated that the rents and escalation provisions are market rate and reasonable.
- Councilmembers expressed interest in seeing an overall inventory of County Property and inquired as to a strategic plan for county space needs.

The Council recessed from 11:30 to 11:50 to participate in Human Trafficking awareness event.

**Council Bill 3-2020** - AN ACT permitting a publicly accessible electric scooter sharing system for short-term electric scooter trips on certain County rights-of way; requiring certain information in support of an application for a permit; requiring permit fees as part of the permit; and generally related to electric scooters on public rights-of-way in Howard County. (*Expires 3/16/20; 4/20/20 if extended; or 5/25/20 if extended twice.*)

- Discussion Participants included: Bruce Gartner, Office of Transportation; Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation; Will Burns, Spin; Milton Mathews, CA; Gregg Fitchitt, Howard Hughes (left before speaking); Barbara Nicklas, Brookefield; Jessica Bellah, CA
- Industry representative generally discussed the business model and that scooters are helpful for last mile and first mile of trips and augment the transit system. Scooters are unlocked and rented via in app system.
- Discussed some of the concerns of scooters management and presence in congested areas and how to manage and make available within the Columbia area and in accordance with Columbia Association requirements.
- Safety aspects of scooters was discussed including speed and that in DC and Virginia there is a requirement that scooters not exceed 10mph.

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- Discussed whether 18.207 needs to be changed and the limited number of permits. Also discussed enforcement and the industry representative discussed a fine system on “problem riders.”
- Council and participants discussed how dockless scooters work in other jurisdictions.
- Department of Transportation described general regulatory process to occur through the terms of permits that are to be issued.

**Council Resolution 14-2020** – A RESOLUTION adopting WalkHoward, the Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan and authorizing the Office of Transportation to publish WalkHoward. (*No expiration date*)

- Discussion Participants included: Bruce Gartner, Office of Transportation and Chris Eatough, Office of Transportation
- Discussed the list of priority projects and how projects make the priority list

Adjourned at 11:40.