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Minutes (Approved)
County Council Work Session
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Via WebEx and live-streamed

Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

Attendees:

Councilmembers – Chair Liz Walsh; Vice-chair Opel Jones; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann

Staff – Theodore Wimberly, Acting Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, Solicitor; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; and Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

Council Bill 17 – 2021 Solar Zoning Regulation Amendment Discussion – Invited guests: Joshua Feldmark, OCS; Cathy Hudson; Amy Gowan/Geoff Goins, DPZ; Ted Mariani; Stu Kohn; Francis Yuhas; Sharon Kenny; Ann Jones

Mr. Yungmann stated that he asked for CB17 to be placed on the Work Session agenda because it is such a substantial change to the Ag/Pres program. The following issues were discussed:

- Accessory versus Ancillary use of solar panels on preservation parcels and what is the appropriate maximum percentage for solar use on preservation parcels.
- Ground Mount solar panels and their proximity to residential uses.
- That only community solar facilities, capped at two megawatts, should be allowed on preserved land.
- Glare studies.

Council Bill 21 – 2021 Historic Office Zoning Regulation Amendment Discussion – Invited guests: Kimberly Kepnes, Petitioner; Amy Gowan/Geoff Goins, DPZ;

Ms. Kepnes Summarized the rationale for filing this ZRA. She stated that the ZRA was needed to increase the viability of historic properties in the Ellicott City area. The following issues were discussed:

- The redevelopment of the Courthouse and how this ZRA could assist in the future redevelopment.
- The definition of a “Country Inn”.... and the community's concern about Country Inns opening throughout the zoning district.

Chair Walsh adjourned the meeting at 3:21pm.