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Minutes (Approved) Legislative Work Session March 18, 2013

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Terrasa at 8:14 p.m. in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball; Greg Fox; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jennifer Terrasa; and Courtney Watson.

Council Bill No. 8-2013 - Establishing a Watershed Protection and Restoration fund as a dedicated, non-lapsing, enterprise fund; specifying the purposes of the fund and allowing certain revenue to be deposited into the fund; allowing the fund to be used for certain purposes; establishing a Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee; establishing the method, frequency and enforcement of the collection of the Fee; setting forth certain provisions specific to particular types of properties; creating a certain credit and reimbursement program to adjust the amount of the Fee that certain properties will pay; allowing for certain adjustments; allowing for a certain Assistance Program; allowing certain appeals; authorizing the adoption of certain regulations; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; providing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Program in Howard County.

Council Resolution No. 21-2013 - Approving schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee including the impervious unit rate and the amounts for certain credit, reimbursement and assistance programs.

The members discussed the legislation with Josh Feldmark, Mark DeLuca, Jim Caldwell and AMEC representatives Jean Haggerty and Elizabeth Treadway. The AMEC representatives summarized their work since October, 2011 and made a power point presentation. Topics of discussion included level of service options for the 5 year period, a proposed amendment from the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, projected new 5 year program costs, the option for holding the rate steady for the first 3 years, best practices, a demonstration of the APP that is still under development for calculating the fee, the similar maintenance and administration costs associated with the different fee options, the credit process (includes credits on private property), the Denver model utilizing impervious surface ratio groups, and planned communications and implementation. The work session will continue on March 21, 2013 at 4:30

pm. The Council requested a list of potential credits and the draft credit policy for the next work session.

The work session was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.