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Minutes (approved)
Legislative Work Session
September 24, 2012

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Sigaty at 4:35 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. 28-2012 - Introduced by Jennifer Terrasa, Cosponsored by Calvin Ball -
Establishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on real property equipped with certain types of accessibility features, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.

The members discussed various issues, including the annual limit of \$100,000, whether to include other eligibility criteria (income, non-deductibility, priorities), whether to gather data on the program, and whether to sunset the credit. Ms. Terrasa circulated draft amendments for consideration.

Council Resolution No. 134-2012 - Introduced by, Courtney Watson, Cosponsored by Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa - Requesting the Public Service Commission of Maryland investigate the reliability of the electric power supply for certain areas in Howard County and require electrical utility providers doing business in Howard County to disclose outage information to Howard County after 24 hours; and directing certain other actions by certain County officials.

The members discussed an amendment to include additional neighborhoods in the resolution and to allow the County Solicitor to intervene in Case No. 9021 before the Public Service Commission.

Council Resolution No. 142-2012 - Adopting a revised schedule of fees for parking meter rates.

Steve Lafferty explained the rationale for the parking management program and the proposed fees with reference to the Desmond Study. He also summarized the public process. Mr. Lafferty also summarized the revenue projections.

At 6:09 p.m., Ms. Sigaty moved to go into closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) to discuss a personnel matter . The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and passed on a unanimous vote of the full council.

Following the closed session, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.