



# Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)  
Legislative Work Session  
January 23, 2012

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Sigaty at 4:34 pm in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City.

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

Council Bill No. 2-2012 (ZRA -137) - Introduced by Courtney Watson - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit Community Swimming Pools to send density under the Neighborhood Preservation Program in the R-ED, R-20, and R-12 zoning districts, under certain conditions; establish a reduced rear setback of 15 feet on R-ED zoned lots that adjoin an open space lot; and generally related to Community Swimming Pools and rear setbacks.

Marsha McLaughlin summarized the history of the neighborhood preservation program with reference to a chart. There was a discussion of both sending parcels and receiving subdivisions. The program limits the exchanges to the same planning area. There was also a discussion of the proposal for a reduced rear setback on R-ED lots adjoining open space.

Council Bill No. 57-2011 - Introduced by, The Chair based on the recommendation of the Redistricting Commission - Repealing and reenacting Subtitle 3 "Councilmanic Districts" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to adopt redistricting maps and council district descriptions which will establish new council districts for Howard County in accordance with Howard County Charter Section 202(f) "Redistricting"; and generally relating to Redistricting.

Melissa Whipkey summarized the parameters applicable to the redistricting plan under Charter Section 202(f). The members discussed alternative proposals as well as the schedule for adoption of a plan.

The work session adjourned at 6:02 pm.