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Minutes (approved)
Legislative Work Session
April 26, 2011

The work session was called to order by Chairperson Ball at 4:32 pm in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Jennifer Terrasa (arrived 4:34 pm).

Council Bill 13-2011 – Authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in designated school zones; defining certain terms; requiring that a violation recorded by speed monitoring systems may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning for a period of at least 30 days after the first speed monitoring system is placed in the school zone; setting forth the use of certain fines in accordance with State law; and generally related to speed monitoring systems in Howard County.

The members sought further clarification from Chief McMahon. Matters discussed included: the request for bid for speed monitoring equipment and services, method of payment for contractor services, cost estimates for equipment and staffing, staff training and supervision, enforcement comparison between speed monitoring systems and sworn officers, citation images and usage, lessons learned from other jurisdictions, hours of operations, process and authority to set speed limits and establish school zones, notification and signage of school zones, duration of enforcement event and number of cameras, reporting, other speed monitoring options and appeal rights.

Council Bill No. 9-2011 - Introduced by, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning - Allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 as a permitted accessory use in the RC (Rural Conservation) and the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning Districts under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 and Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning District under certain conditions; defining certain terms; establishing certain criteria related to Farm Wineries Class 1 and Class 2; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

The members discussed a draft amendment by Mr. Fox and Ms. Sigaty with Marsha McLaughlin. The language of the draft amendment is under review by Paul Johnson. Ms. McLaughlin will provide a marked up version of the chart previously prepared by the Department of Planning and Zoning incorporating the changes in the draft amendment.

The work session was adjourned at 6:21pm.

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