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Minutes (approved) Legislative Work Session June 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 pm in the Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City.

Members present: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, Greg Fox and Courtney Watson (departed 5:58 pm)

Discussion: The members discussed the following items related to the following bills:

Council Resolution No. 54-2009 – Adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

Joel Gallihue explained some of the reasons for changes in the annual chart, and offered to revisit the analysis. There was a discussion of the potential impacts in the Rte. 1 corridor and the benefits from reserving school sites.

Council Resolution No. 53-2009 - Adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2010 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

Vic Broccolino summarized a report and data on Ambulance Diversion as relates to Howard County General Hospital and discussed pending expansion projects and triage procedures. There was also a discussion of State Regulatory procedures related to expansions based on need.

The Council requested input from Marsha McLaughlin concerning the possible transfer of allocations from the Senior East Region to MIHU.

Resolution No. 50-2009 – Approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between Sierra Woods Limited Partnership and Howard County, Maryland for a multi- family rental housing project known as Sierra Woods.

Council Resolution No. 51-2009 - Approving the acquisition and rehabilitation of an affordable housing project known as Sierra Woods Apartments in Columbia, Maryland to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Department's Community Development Administration.

Stacy Spann and Tom Carbo presented a revised fiscal analysis of the PILOT.

Council Bill No. 29-2009 (ZRA-102) – Introduced by The Chair at the request of the Wilde Lake Business Trust - Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow the owner of any portion of a Village Center in the New Town zoning district to petition to amend certain approved development plans for the owner's property; establishing public notice, information, and justification requirements for such petitions; establishing standards to be used by the Zoning Board in evaluating and considering such petitions; and generally relating to the New Town zoning district

Paul Johnson offered answers to a series of written questions. There was a discussion of various issues, including private covenants, architectural guidelines, affordable housing, economic impacts, master planning, gatekeepers, boundaries and density. Additional work session(s) will be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.