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Minutes (approved) Legislative Work Session February 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm in the Board Room, Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City.

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

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

Transfer of Appropriation Ordinance No. 2-Fiscal 2009 – Transferring \$3,262,000 to capital project N3960, Robinson Property Nature Center, from various capital projects in the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009

Gary Arthur, Director of Recreation and Parks, submitted documentation consisting of a letter of support from David Graboski, Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Board, the layout for the Cedar lane entrance and a budget sheet. He explained the rationale and cost increase for moving the access from the north to the south and other cost increases associated with LEEDS Platinum Certification, additional square footage, and pro rata share of inspection by the Department of Public Works. He also provided the sources of funding. Finally, he agreed to provide the most recent access traffic study.

Council Bill No. 8-2009 – Introduced by Courtney Watson, Councilperson/Co-sponsored by Greg Fox, Councilperson - Amending the Howard County Code to allow an additional revision during 2009 of the phasing schedule for a residential development, under certain conditions; to allow unphased projects to become phased projects in 2009; and providing that this Act shall be null and void after a certain date; and generally relating to phased residential developments

Ms. Watson summarized the amendment to be offered jointly with Mr. Fox. Marsha McLaughlin, Director of Planning and Zoning, described the effect of the bill on the allocation process and agreed to keep the Council informed of the results under the legislation.

Council Bill No. 5-2009 (ZRA-106) – Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' CAC zoning district to add a provision to permit apartment and single-family attached uses within a Route 1 Corridor development project of less than two acres, if the property is contiguous to a CAC development which has received an approved sketch plan or site development plan, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the CAC zoning district.

Andrew Robinson, the petitioners' attorney, presented amendments. Ms. McLaughlin continues to favor a map amendment but acknowledged that the petitioners' amendments limit the applicability of the legislation.

Council Bill No. 6-2009 (ZRA-107) – Amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' Limited Outdoor Social Assemblies conditional use to alter the road access requirement for Limited Outdoor

Social Assemblies conditional use.

Ms. Sigaty explained the intent of the shared driveway amendment. Following a discussion of the options for enforceability, staff was directed to prepare additional language.

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(7) of the State Government Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Ms Sigaty moved to close the meeting to obtain legal advice from the County Solicitor concerning pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fox and passed unanimously.

The work session adjourned at 6:20 pm.