

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM  
City Manager

DATE: November 21, 2019

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The EDC held their regular meeting Wednesday and elected Ms. Alicia Stukes as Secretary. The Vice Chair initiated a discussion of the October bus tour and members discussed their impressions and thoughts on mixed-use developments seen. A second bus tour to look at Bowie is being planned for early 2020. The next regular meeting is Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

2. County Council Results – November 19, 2019

On Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Prince George's County Council conducted public hearings on the following two bills: CB-45-2019; and, CB-17-2019. CB-45 was a bill to permit mixed-use development, including multi-family and townhouse dwelling units, which may include age-restricted senior residential dwellings, in the Commercial Shopping Center (C-S-C) Zone, under certain circumstances. The Bowie City Council conducted a public hearing on this bill on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and recommended approval. At the County Council hearing, the City spoke in favor of this legislation. No one else spoke during the public hearing. At the conclusion of the County's public hearing, the County Council voted to enact CB-45-2019. A motion for approval was made by Council Member Derrick Leon Davis and seconded by Council Member Rodney Streeter. The motion passed by a 9-0-2 vote. (Council Members Monique Anderson-Walker and Thomas Dernoga abstained.)

CB-17 was legislation to permit townhouse and one-family detached dwelling use in the Residential Agricultural (R-A) Zone, under certain circumstances. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Bowie City Council conducted a public hearing on CB-17, and voted to oppose this bill. At the County Council hearing, Mayor Timothy Adams and City staff spoke in opposition to the bill. Twenty-six other speakers addressed the County Council. Of those 26 speakers, 18 expressed their opposition to CB-17. At the conclusion of the

public hearing, Council Member Derrick Leon Davis offered an amendment to the bill, which was deemed to be a clarifying amendment, not substantive. A motion to include that amendment was approved. Thereafter, Council Member Davis moved to enact CB-17; his motion was seconded by Council Member Calvin Hawkins. The motion passed 7-4. (Voting in opposition were Council Members Todd Turner, Monique Anderson-Walker, Thomas Dernoga and Dannielle Glaros.)

ADL: lfr