Regular Meeting of County Commissioners

Wednesday September 29, 2021(Legislative Dav)

The meeting of the County Commissioners was convened virtually at 6:10 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner
Bobby Rucci, Vice President, County Commissioner
Gilbert O. Bowling, III, County Commissioner
Thomasina O. Coates, M.S., County Commissioner
Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed., County Commissioner
Mark Belton, County Administrator
Wesley Adams, County Attorney
Jesse Bungcayao, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
(for Clerk to the Commissioners)

Call to Order/Pledge

Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Bowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

A roll call was taken. All Commissioners were present.

Public Hearing: Petition for Indian Head Manor Section One-Inman Utilities

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on the petition for Indian Head Manor Section One-Inman Utilities. Mr. Jason Groth, Deputy Director, Mr. Fahad Hassan, Planner III, Ms. Judy Michael, Property Acquisition Officer and Ms. Gina Markovich, Assistant Property Acquisition Officer, Department of Planning and Growth Management, presented an overview of the petition from residents of Indian Head Manor requesting the County to repair, improve and reconstruct its private community water system which has become increasingly difficult to maintain.

No (0) speakers provided comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to approve the petition with a Resolution, newly numbered 2021-15.

Public Hearing: Petition for Bill 2021-05 Agricultural Reconciliation Committee

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-05 Agricultural Reconciliation Committee. Mr. Wes Adams, County Attorney and Ms. Deborah Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management, presented an overview of the Bill to amend Charles County Code to provide certain selection criteria for the members of the Charles County Agriculture Reconciliation Committee

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No (0) speakers provided comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt the Bill 2021-05.

Public Hearing: Bill 2021-06 Zoning Text Amendment ZTA #21-161 Private Elementary and Secondary School

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-06 Zoning Text Amendment ZTA #21-161 Private Elementary and Secondary School. Mr. Kirby Blass, Planner III, and Mr. Jim Campbell, Planning Director, and Mr. Charles Rice, Assistant Planning Director, Department of Planning and Growth Management, presented an overview of the Bill and Ms. Shante Lane presented to the Commissioners as the applicant to Modify the current Charles County Zoning Ordinance to permit private elementary and secondary schools as a permitted use in the Waldorf Central (WC) zoning district.

Two (2) speakers provided comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt the Bill 2021-06.

Public Hearing: Bill 2021-07 Excise Tax Enactment Applicability

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-07 Excise Tax Enactment Applicability. Mr. Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney and Eric Jackson, Chief of Treasury, presented an overview of the Bill to amend Chapter 249-5 of the Charles County Code to clarify that all new residential development on property within the geographic boundaries of Charles County is subject to the imposition of the excise tax for the funding of school construction.

No (0) speakers provided comments to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the record.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt the Bill 2021-07.

At 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Rucci and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.

Jesse Bungcayao, Executive Assistant

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President