Regular Meeting of County Commissioners Wednesday December 15, 2021 (Legislative Day)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Commissioners was virtually at 6:04 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

Reuben B. Collins II, Esq., President, County Commissioner Bobby Rucei, 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 Carol A. DeSoto, 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 the Commissioners were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rucci, seconded by Commissioner Coates, and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to make today a Legislative Day.

Public Hearing: Bill 2021-11 Commercial Real Property Improvement and Rehabilitation Tax Credit

The Commissioners conducted a virtual public hearing on Bill 2021-11 Commercial Real Property Improvement and Rehabilitation Tax Credit. Ms. Deborah Hall, Deputy County Administrator; Ms. Kelly Robertson-Slagle, Director, Mr. Taylor Yewell, Redevelopment Manager, Department of Economic Development; Ms. Jenifer Ellin, Director, Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services; and Ms. Elizabeth Theobalds, Deputy County Attorney joined the Commissioners to review this proposed legislation. This Bill would provide a real tax credit to the owners of commercial property in the Priority Funding Area meeting certain criteria; encouraging investment and providing incentives for property rehabilitation in commercial areas; and providing for the duration and amount of the tax credit authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-310 (g) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

There were no public comments given.

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 Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to close the public hearing.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Coates, seconded by Commissioner Bowling and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adopt Bill 2021-11 Commercial Real Property Improvement and Rehabilitation Tax Credit with the sunset language to read June 30, 2027.

RESCHEDULED TO JANUARY 12, 2022 Public Hearing: Ordinance 2021-22 Required County Wide Face Coverings

At 6:16 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Bowling, seconded by Commissioner Coates and passed, with all Commissioners present, voting in favor to adjourn.

Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President