

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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

DATE: June 18, 2020

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Multi-Function Printer Purchases

The FY20 Budget contains \$73,300 for replacement copiers. The Information Technology Department determined that four existing copiers are at the manufacturer end of life and need to be replaced. The City will piggyback on Fairfax County Contract #44000008896 to purchase Konica Minolta copiers from Meridian for a total cost of \$61,861.72. The devices to be purchased are:

Bizhub C658	– City Manager’s Office	\$16,497.07
Bizhub C450i	– City Manager’s Office	\$13,238.50
Bizhub C658	– Police Department	\$16,063.07
Bizhub C658	– Public Works	\$16,063.07

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Meridian for \$61,861.72.

2. Virtual Stakeholders Meeting– Bowie Town Center Basic Plan Amendment (#A-8589-04)

On Tuesday, June 16th, a virtual Stakeholders Meeting was held to review the above referenced application to redevelop the Sears Property in the Bowie Town Center. In addition to the presenters, a total of 24 individuals participated. The owner/applicant, Seritage SRC Finance, LLC, is requesting that the cap of residential dwelling units be increased by a maximum of 800 units for development on the 10.8-acre site, located in the M-A-C (Major Activity Center) zone. An increase in the limit of commercial/retail space, from 1,225,000 sq. ft., is not being requested. Seritage plans on constructing: up to 800 residential dwelling units (multifamily, townhouses (not to exceed 150 units) and/or beds in an assisted living facility); retail uses (including restaurants and shops); a hotel use (maximum of 150 rooms); and/or, office uses on the property. The Basic Plan Amendment is the first step in a multi-step development review process. Subsequent

applications will include: a Comprehensive Design Plan (CDP) revision; revised Preliminary Plan of Subdivision; and, Specific Design Plans. The City will receive referrals for each one of these applications, and will conduct public hearings on them:

Questions from attendees included:

-What will be the standards applied for building energy efficiency and dealing with greenhouse gases?

-What are the plans for on-site parking? If there is structured parking, will it be located above retail uses? What will be the appearance of the building?

-How will the new dwelling units impact the local public schools? Will the project be subjected to the County school surcharge?

-When will site work commence?

-How will the residential component of this project compare with The Bowen, and what will be the projected unit rents?

-Does Seritage have plans to purchase additional property in the Bowie Town Center?

-What will be the impacts on local traffic? Will the development tie into Emerald Way?

-What will be the percentage of minority-owned businesses used in the site development and construction phases? Are there requirements to use local contractors?

A more detailed summary of the Stakeholders Meeting is included in the staff report, scheduled to be released on June 18th.

Virtual public hearings regarding this application will be held by the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 PM, and by the City Council on Monday, July 6th at 8:00 PM.