

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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

DATE: September 10, 2020

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

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1. Parks and Grounds Contract Tree Trimming

The adopted FY21 budget has appropriated \$50,000 for contract tree trimming within the City rights-of-way. In FY20, the City piggybacked on an existing Prince George's County contract with Lewis Tree Service, Inc. with satisfactory results. That contract has been renewed as S16-077A "Tree Trimming and Removal Service" on County contract: #4400001832. All terms and conditions of the previous contract remain in place.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Lewis Tree Service, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for these services.

2. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular meeting via MS Teams Wednesday morning and discussed their meeting schedule (second Wednesday of each month, with exceptions) and topics for future discussion. In October they will hear from County EDC and industry experts about data centers (one of the County's targeted computer technology business sectors). In November they will discuss workforce services in light of COVID. In January 2021 they will evaluate additional computer science and technology businesses for Bowie recruitment. They will also try to schedule updates from Bowie Town Center and Seritage. The next EDC meeting is Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 7:30 AM. The November EDC meeting is moved to Wednesday November 18, 2020 at 7:30 AM.

3. Water and Sewer Plan Amendment, Chiaramonte Property

A request to amend the Prince George's County 2018 Water and Sewer Plan (#20/W-01) has been filed for a property in the Bowie area. The Chiaramonte property is a 18-acre, triangular property located at the southeastern corner of US 301 and Mill Branch Road.

The property is located outside the City limits, lies within the County's "Established Community" (and not the Rural Preservation Area) and is within the approved Sewer Envelope. The development proposal is for nine single-family detached lots in the existing R-A (Residential Agriculture) zone. The application is to change from Categories W-5/S-5 to W-4/S-4 to allow the applicant to move forward with a subdivision plan. Since the proposed project is outside the City, complies with existing zoning and already has access to public water and sewer and, given City Council's past practice, staff recommends that the City not review the plans to develop this property.

4. Planning Board Results

At today's virtual meeting of the Prince George's County Planning Board, Basic Plan Amendment #A-8589-04 was heard. This application was the subject of two City Council virtual hearings: the first on August 3rd; and, the second on September 8th, when the Council recommended approval. At today's Planning Board hearing, City staff read into the record one condition and three considerations, emphasizing the importance expressed by the Council that each has on the influence of the redevelopment of the subject property (Lot 6). Specifically, these included:

Condition: A maximum of 600 units may be provided within the development on Lot 6.

Considerations:

1. Workforce housing is to be included as part of the project on Lot 6. The percentage of workforce housing units within the development on Lot 6 will be established at the time of Comprehensive Design Plan review.
2. The development of Lot 6 shall utilize a high-quality design that fully integrates the proposal with existing uses within the retail component of the Bowie New Town Center, including the application of multi-modal and place-making techniques, green and open space and the use of local and native plant species.
3. The Applicant shall consider the viability of active adult housing on Lot 6 at the time of Comprehensive Design Plan review.

A.3t the conclusion of today's hearing, the Planning Board voted to approve Basic Plan 3Amendment #A-8589-04, including the above condition and considerations. Motion for approval, made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Geraldo, passed unanimously.