

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: February 26, 2015

1. Melford Village Conceptual Site Plan Appeal Hearing

On Monday, February 23rd, the Prince George's County District Council held an oral argument hearing on the appeal of the County Planning Board's approval of CSP 06002/01 for Melford Village. The appeal was filed by the Sierra Club (Martha Ainsworth), Patuxent Riverkeeper Fred Tutman, Lauren Ragsac, the Sherwood Manor Civic Association (Bruce Pletsch), and Sally Mitchell. The opposition argued that the plan does not honor the recommendations of the Bowie and Vicinity Master Plan and Plan Prince George's 2035, which establish the property as an employment center, that it is not smart growth and that the development will have adverse impacts on the environment. Attorney Robert Antonetti and St. John Properties' Andrew Roud argued against the opposition. City staff spoke in support of the Planning Board's approval. Numerous District Council members expressed questions or concerns. At the conclusion of the hearing, Council Member Todd Turner asked that the case be taken under advisement. The District Council has 60 days from the date of the hearing to render a decision on the appeal. Pursuant to the County Zoning Ordinance, if no decision is made by April 24, 2015, the Planning Board's decision is automatically affirmed.

2. Wal-Mart Special Exception 4734 Appealed

Last Friday, the attorney for Wal-Mart, Mr. Andre Gingles, filed an appeal of the Zoning Hearing Examiner's decision of denial in S.E. 4734 with the District Council. The appeal letter was filed on the last possible day an appeal could be noted. According to the Zoning Ordinance, the District Council must take action within 150 days of the issuance of the Zoning Hearing Examiner's decision (in this case June 22), or the application shall be considered to have been denied. Scheduling of a hearing date depends on the number of pending cases needing to be heard and the wishes of the Council Member in whose district the subject property lies. According to the Clerk of the Council, there are very few pending cases, so it is likely the oral argument hearing will be held by the end of April.

3. Replacement of Police Vehicle #91/591

On January 17, 2015, a Police Department vehicle was involved in an accident. As a result, vehicle #91/591 (2014 Ford Police Interceptor) has been deemed a total loss by LGIT. The City has received payment from LGIT for the full vehicle cost, less our

\$1,000 deductible. The cost to replace the vehicle is \$31,609.60:

- \$28,487.00 for the purchase of a replacement 2015 Ford Police Interceptor from Apple Ford Lincoln (piggybacking on State of Maryland Purchase Order #BPO 001B5400280);
- \$3,122.60 for the removal of electronics, lights and accessories from the totaled vehicle and reinstallation into new vehicle (work to be completed by Priority Install, LLC).

Section 62 of the City Charter allows for cooperative bidding between COG members. This notice will serve as the seven-day notice to City Council of the intention to make such a purchase.

4. Bowie Election – November 3

Today, Craig M. Muckle filed his candidacy paperwork for District 4 Councilmember.