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Subject: **Suggested Council Changes for Administrative and Legislative Matters**

Administrative

1. Define the meaning of "Substantive."
2. "Substantive Amendments" need to be publicized and the Public should have an opportunity to testify on such changes. Amendments should be posted when they are available, not after filing deadline.
3. If there are any Late Filing of Amendments the Public should have the right to view them and testify if "Substantive." These should be placed immediately online and have ample copies for the audience review.
4. The Planning and Zoning Board Rules of Procedures need to be updated. The last time they were updated was 2007 and 2002 respectively.
5. Curfew at Public Legislative Hearings should be no later than 12 AM. An administrative review of the list of sign-ups at the time of the hearing should be made to include an announcement of those who will not be able to testify that night, if cutting off at midnight, should be publicized for a subsequent hearing attendance. As the hearing progresses, another announcement if necessary of known delays of testimony should be made.
6. The order in which Bills will be discussed should be advertised in advance. The order in which people will testify should also be made available. This would reduce the need for people to give up their entire evening for Council legislative hearings.
7. Every piece of legislation regarding Zoning should include what project it affects, and requiring all Council Member sponsors to have to note the projects which are affected. If a proposed piece of legislation has a known project beneficiary that should be publicized, and if not, then DPZ should do an analysis of projects in the pipeline that are affected by the change to publicize.
8. If a Council Member has received over \$500 from "any source related" to a project in their campaign within a year of a requested zoning issue then that information should be noted. If the Council Member has received over \$2000, then recusing from voting should be required.
9. A review of the "tabling" mechanism is needed. Bills and Resolutions should not be a "parking lot" for pending bills or used as a delaying tool.

10. Consider the time savings of waving the rule to read by short title on second and third reading. The Rule should state that by default it will be by short title unless a Council member requests full title.
11. Make use of the projector when considering amendments, reviewing charts, maps, photos or other documents to ensure all are fully aware of the information at hand.
12. Rotate the order of roll call so that the same Council members are not always first or last on a vote.

Legislative

1. Repeal CB71-2018 to correct the oversight which CB16-2018 allowed the questioning of DPZ by audience members and introduce a New Bill to Allow the Public to question DPZ at Planning Board Meetings after their Presentation to include Subject Matter Technical Staff Reports. County Executive Ball and Councilwoman Terrasa both voted in favor of CB71-2018 but were overruled.
2. Repeal CB58-2018 Scenic Roads which County Executive Ball and Councilwoman Terrasa supported but was defeated 3 to 2. The purpose of the Bill was to amend the Howard County Code to amend the requirements for new developments on Scenic Roads
3. To introduce and pass a Resolution to reiterate the importance of showing your constituents that they have your full support for CB8-2017 which was passed unanimously by the County Council and signed by County Executive Kittleman and became effective on April 11, 2017. This Bill authorized the Howard County Office of Law to institute any civil action or other proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.
4. Consider reopening APFO legislation, after the impact fee state enabling legislation is resolved. It is most likely that the Council will have some sort of decision to make shortly thereafter, and the issues tie into APFO, so further strengthening issues should be reconsidered.
5. Please keep in mind that with the upcoming zoning rewrite and next Comprehensive Rezoning, large pieces of legislation are expected. When there are very widespread, multiple issues in one piece of legislation, it should be split up, so that multiple hearing dates and ability to speak on varied topics not all in 3 minutes, should be provided. The Council should always seek to allow enough time to ponder all the details of large pieces of legislation that have multiple parts and large affects.

6. Prohibit development of Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) anywhere in the County. Consider prioritizing the purchase and preservation of TEAs anywhere in the County.
7. Consider better defining vague terms in the R-H-ED zoning. Prime example is "MINIMIZE clearing and grading". The Planning Board accepted the plan that called for only the *possible* preservation of a single tree on land that would then be almost 100% regraded. I would suggest a maximum of 40% clearing and grading to truly protect sensitive lands. This change could possibly be achieved through a ZRA--preferably one put forward by Council member(s).
8. ** Moratorium on Conditional Use Age-Restricted Adult Housing (55+) – Subdivisions of 10 Acres or Less within R-20 Zoning in Howard County Maryland and Improvements to All Age-Restricted 55+ Design Guidelines. (See attachment - "HCCA – Moratorium 10 acre Age 55 over.")
9. ** Eliminate any Fee-in-Lieu option.

Request

If at all possible could we would like the Office of Law or County Representatives contact the BWI DC Metroplex Round Table (RT) Chair before future actions are taken on behalf of the County. Some RT table members may have known about the recent petition filed by Howard County but others were not and this came at a rather inopportune time when the RT was prepared to have a meeting with the FAA and the MAA to discuss the FAA proposals from April. The recent petition caused the FAA to opt out of attending the last BWI RT meeting. Whether they would have shown up or used this as an excuse is unknown.

Note: ** Revised as of 23 Dec