

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

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

DATE: December 17, 2020

SUBJECT: ***Status Report***

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1. Information Technology - Computer Equipment Purchase

The FY21 Budget contains funding in the Information Technology budget to replace staff computers. The City is seeking to purchase 22 laptops, and 14 docking stations and monitors. After a careful analysis, it was determined that the City would utilize the State of Maryland Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet 2015 Master Contract (060B5400007) to purchase the equipment. Requests for quotes were sent to the 36 authorized State of Maryland Dell vendors and 3 responses were received.

Data Networks, Inc.....\$53,108.00

DSR Inc.....\$57,806.00

Staples\$75,602.52

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 Data Networks, Inc. in the amount of \$53,108.00.

2. BAPB Vote for Mill Branch Crossing

On Tuesday, December 15th, the Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) conducted a virtual public hearing on the Mill Branch Crossing Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (#4-19050). The proposal is to create 21 parcels for the development of: 77,635 sq. ft. of retail/commercial space; a 150-room hotel; 193 townhouse units; and 347 multifamily units. A total of four residents spoke during the public hearing and one other resident submitted a letter with specific questions. At the conclusion of the public hearing, a motion was made by Ms. Deidre Trass and seconded by Ms. Lisa Avery to not support the staff recommendation of approval because of remaining questions concerning traffic and safety, stormwater management and impacts of other potential developments. That motion failed by a vote of 3-3-1 (Rogers, Schuettler and Byrd against; Skotz abstained). A second motion was made by Vice-Chair Carl Schuettler and seconded Mr. Ron Skotz to accept the staff recommendation and conditions, as amended, because the project

meets the Adequate Public Facilities test and other criteria to approve a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. The second motion passed 4-3 (Trass, Avery and Golato against). After the vote, there was a brief discussion among Board members regarding continuing development in and around Bowie, and the impacts on traffic, open space and the quality of life. This application is scheduled for a City Council public hearing on January 4, 2021.

ADL: lfr