COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

2018 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-13-2018

Proposed by Council Member Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Franklin and Davis

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction March 6, 2018

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

The Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment

For the purpose of approving, pursuant to the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County, being also Subtitle 27, Prince George's County Code, as an Act of the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, certain specified minor amendments for certain parcels of land within the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, as set forth herein and proposed via Council Resolution CR-062-2017, in order to realize certain specific transportation policy goals and to facilitate the respective implementation of approved land use and development strategies within applicable comprehensive plans.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority conferred by the Maryland General Assembly upon this local legislative body via the Regional District Act (“RDA”), more specifically, within Titles 21 and 22, Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County (“District Council”), approved the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment via adoption of Council Resolution 080-2013 (“CR-080-2013”) and Council Resolution 081-2013 (“CR-81-2013”), respectively, on July 24, 2013; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with its local zoning procedures, the District Council approved certain comprehensive land use and development policies for the physical development of land within the plan area boundaries via its adoption of CR-080-2013 on July 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as expressly authorized within the local zoning laws, the District Council concurrently approved certain specific zoning proposals to realize the development policy vision within a Sectional Map Amendment ("SMA") for the geographic area of the County included within the plan boundaries via adoption of CR-081-2013, on July 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, prior to its July 24, 2013, approval of the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, on April 2, 2013, the District Council considered and approved certain land use and development policies as to certain land dually sited within the Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan and a portion of the Subregion 5 master plan area; and

WHEREAS, the District Council takes administrative notice that the 2013 Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan states its purpose, which is to respond to public comments at workshops urging that land use and development policies for the Clinton Commercial Core focus areas be updated to address public concerns about poor connectivity, lack of quality retail choices, traffic congestion, and a lack of prior plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the District Council also finds that, in rendering its final decision to approve the Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan, the approved land use and development policy addressed the public’s concerns raised and approved comprehensive goals and implementation strategies to facilitate redevelopment, make vital transportation improvements to promote economic development and better connectivity within the Clinton Commercial Core focus area of the plan; and

WHEREAS, as approved by the District Council, the 2013 Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan further calls for specific strategies to implement the current land use and development policies for the subject properties within the downtown Clinton Commercial Core focus area, including updated zoning and accelerated rezoning in the mixed-use areas of the plan, to realize and redevelop the Clinton focus area with high-quality development and desirable mix of uses; and

WHEREAS, despite the comprehensive development policy approved on April 2, 2013, by the District Council to update the recommendations for the Clinton Commercial Core focus area,
the Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan did not include a concurrent
Sectional Map Amendment, in accordance with the local zoning procedures, to approve detailed
zoning proposals for purposes of realizing the sector plan policy vision; and

WHEREAS, although the Council approved funding for a subsequent Sectional Map
Amendment process to approve specific zoning proposals consistent with the approved 2013
comprehensive plan, to date the Planning Board has not initiated any Sectional Map Amendment
process for the Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan area; and

WHEREAS, as a result, and notwithstanding overlapping area plan designations as to
certain properties dually-situated within the Subregion 5 Master Plan and Central Branch Avenue
Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan areas, the District Council hereby finds that there is a need to
harmonize the development and land use policies within the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and
SMA with those of the 2013 Central Branch Avenue Revitalization Corridor Sector Plan for
certain properties in the general vicinity of Old Branch Road/Woodyard Road, as identified
herein; and

WHEREAS, the District Council further finds that, as recounted in the 2013
comprehensive plan and prior applicable master plans for the Subregion 5 plan area, there are
continuing regional transportation challenges along the US 301 and MD 5 corridors, resulting
from commuter traffic moving both into and returning from Charles County, that continue stymie
the potential for development in the southern area of the County within the master plan area
boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District Council further finds that the 2013 Central Branch Avenue
Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan calls for an expedited rezoning process to achieve parity
between the zoning and land use development policies approved for the subject properties; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2015, and as is permitted pursuant to the its authority set forth in its
local law and the public general laws of the State, including Section 1-207, General Provisions
Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as longstanding precedent established by the
Maryland Courts, the District Council approved a new, limited minor amendment process to the
text of its local laws via enactment of CB-035-2015, which is codified as Section 27-642 of the
Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in order to realize the Central Branch Avenue and Subregion 5 plan visions,
particularly those relevant to transportation improvements in the Brandywine and Clinton areas
of the County, Section 27-642 of the Zoning Ordinance provides a specific process to consider
and approve certain targeted adjustments when justifiable and appropriate—here—to align the
land use and zoning classification for specified land located in the plan area with current County
development policies; and

WHEREAS, the District Council finds that the proposed changes in the Clinton
Commercial Core focus area will augment efforts to facilitate a public-private partnership to
funds millions in transportation improvements, especially the improvement of the MD-223/Old
Branch Avenue/Brandywine Road intersection in downtown Clinton, as approved in the current
Capital Improvement and Operating and Expense Budgets for the County, more specifically, CIP
No. FD660002, Brandywine Road & MD 223 Intersection; and

WHEREAS, as approved by the District Council within the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan
and Sectional Map Amendment, the land use and development policies for the area of the plan
described as the “Brandywine Community Center” call for a “mix of residential and commercial
land uses”; and

WHEREAS, District Council also finds that, in accordance with the prescriptions of the
Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the current General Plan for the County, Plan
Prince George’s 2035, designates the plan area that includes the Brandywine Community Center
as “Town Center” with a corresponding mix of residential and commercial uses, which is not
consistent with the prescriptions governing the uses of land and requirements for development
under the current zoning classification for the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed land use brings the subject properties into conformance with the
both the generalized future land use recommendation for the area within the current General
Development Plan for the County, Plan Prince George’s 2035, and the 2013 Subregion 5 Master
Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, which respectively call for mixed use zoning and land use
for the area of the subject properties known as the Brandywine Community Center; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017, pursuant to its comprehensive planning and zoning authority
conferred by the Maryland General Assembly upon this local legislative body via the RDA, Land
Use Article, and Section 1-207, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as
well as the provisions of its local zoning laws, namely Section 27-642 and Part 13 of the Zoning
Ordinance, the District Council unanimously adopted Council Resolution CR-062-2017, thereby
initiating certain proposed minor amendments to the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and
Sectional Map Amendment; and

WHEREAS, as required by the procedures specified at law, CR-062-2017 included a
statement of the date for a joint public hearing to occur on October 10, 2017, to receive public
comments and other testimony in a record of joint public hearing testimony on the eight (8)
proposed minor amendments to the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map
Amendment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the applicable prescriptions of state and local law, the
District Council and the Prince George’s County Planning Board of the Maryland-National
Capital Park and Planning Commission conducted a duly-advertised joint public hearing on
October 10, 2017, in order to seek testimony and other public comment as to the proposed minor
amendments within a record of joint public hearing testimony; and

WHEREAS, after the close of the joint public hearing record on October 20, 2017, the
Planning Department technical staff prepared a digest of the testimony within the hearing record
for presentation of its analysis to the Prince George’s Planning; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2017, the Planning Board conducted a public work session to
review the testimony within the public hearing record as well as associated technical staff
recommendations thereon; and

WHEREAS, after completing its review of the hearing record, the Planning Board
transmitted the public hearing record of testimony, together with its recommendation and the
assessments prepared by the Technical Staff on November 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on January 30 and February 27, 2018, respectively, the Council held public
meetings, convened as the Committee of the Whole, to be briefed by the Council’s Zoning and
Legislative Counsel and the Planning Department Technical Staff regarding the testimony and
other exhibits within the joint public hearing record; and

WHEREAS, after respective procedural and substantive presentation by legal counsel to the
Council and Planning Board technical staff, as well as questions and other discussion regarding
the record of hearing testimony for the proposed minor amendments, the Council noted specific
support within several exhibits within the record of joint public hearing testimony that support
the proposed zoning changes for the properties that are the subject of proposed Minor
Amendments Four and Five and, in contrast, only general opposition within the hearing record for Amendments Four and Five; and

WHEREAS, at the February 27, 2018, meeting of the Council convened as Committee of the Whole and, having reviewed the testimony within the joint public hearing record in light of applicable comprehensive plans for the area, the Council further noted the existence of current applicable land use and development policies calling for mixed use residential and commercial development for properties within Brandywine Community Center, which must facilitate the critical transportation improvements in the Brandywine area; and

WHEREAS, upon concluding its discussion regarding the eight (8) proposed minor amendments to the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, the Council voted unanimously 7-0 to direct staff to prepare a Resolution of Approval as to proposed Minor Amendments Four, Five, and Six, respectively; and to expressly reject the remaining proposed minor amendments within CR-062-2017 by Disapproval of proposed Minor Amendments One, Two, Three, Seven, and Eight, respectively; and

WHEREAS, it is the additional finding of the Council that the approval of the subject proposed Minor Amendments 4, 5, and 6 shall not, by way of such modifications to zoning classification, be deemed to supplant or otherwise exempt potential future development proposals for the affected properties from conformance with all land use and development regulations imposed by the Zoning Ordinance, particularly, all required public participation and entitlement processes including, but not limited to, any applicable preliminary plan applications, site plan applications, and association notification procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that, in accordance with provisions of the Land Use Article and the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County, being also Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, the proposed Minor Amendments Four, Five, and Six to the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, as recited below, be and the same are hereby APPROVED.
MINOR AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR:

Amend the zoning classification for property located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Piscataway Road and Brandywine Road, from the C-S-C, C-O, and R-80 Zones, respectively, to the M-X-T Zone, as follows:

Lot 2 Tax Account Nos. 0975334, 0975342; Parcel 225 Tax Account No. 0906164;
Parcel 212 Tax Account No. 0906172; Parcel 213 Tax Account No. 0906180; Parcel 226 Tax Account No. 0906198; Parcel 85 Tax Account No. 0906214; Parcel 59 Tax Account No. 0975276; Parcel 47 Tax Account No. 0912592; Parcel 46 Tax Account No. 0906156; Parcel 48 Tax Account No. 0864934; Lot 1 Tax Account No. 0912980; Parcel 56 Tax Account No. 0912972; Parcel 57 Tax Account No. 0915991; Lots 1-3 Tax Account No. 0911578; Parcel 58 Tax Account No. 0852731; Parcel 26 Tax Account No. 0888776; Parcel 83 Tax Account No. 0975300; Parcel 60 Tax Account No. 0874289; and Parcel 61 Tax Account No. 0883843.

MINOR AMENDMENT NUMBER FIVE:

Amend the zoning classification for property located on the east side of Old Branch Avenue, approximately 1,100 feet north of its intersection with Piscataway Road/Woodyard Road (MD 223) and north side of Woodyard Road (MD 223) from the C-S-C, C-O, R-55, and R-80 Zones, respectively, to the M-X-T Zone, as follows:

Parcel 37 Tax Account No. 0975268; Parcel 198 Tax Account No. 0983858; Parcel 149 Tax Account No. 0980540; Parcel 191 Tax Account Nos. 0872051 and 3245958; Parcel 187 Tax Account No. 0872044; Parcel 151 Tax Account No. 0980557; and Lot 1 Tax Account No. 0872077.

MINOR AMENDMENT NUMBER SIX:

Amend the zoning classification for property located on the west side of MD 5/US 301, approximately 1,900 feet north of its intersection with Chadds Ford Drive from the R-R to the M-X-T Zone, as follows:

Parcel 21, Tax Account No. 1182377; and Parcel 23, Tax Account Nos. 1180801 and 1180793.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with provisions of the Regional District Act, Division II, Land Use Article and the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as Part 13 of the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George's County, being also
Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, proposed Minor Amendments One, Two, Three, Seven, and Eight, as proposed via the District Council's adoption of CR-062-2017 on July 18, 2017, be and the same are hereby DISAPPROVED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in accordance with the prescriptions of Section 27-642 of the County Zoning Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Resolution, since the same would have been enacted or adopted without the incorporation in this Resolution of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

Adopted this 6th day of March, 2018.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: [Signature]

Dannielle M. Glaros
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council
Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 3/6/2018
Reference No.: CR-013-2018
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Franklin
Sponsor(s): Franklin and Davis
Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SUBREGION 5 MASTER PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT for the purpose of approving, pursuant to the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as the Zoning Ordinance for Prince George’s County, being also Subtitle 27, Prince George’s County Code, as an Act of the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George’s County. Maryland, certain specified minor amendments for certain parcels of land within the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, as set forth herein and proposed via Council Resolution CR-062-2017, in order to realize certain specific transportation policy goals and to facilitate the respective implementation of approved land use and development strategies within applicable comprehensive plans.

Drafter: Karen T. Zavakos, Zoning and Legislative Counsel
Resource Personnel: Karen T. Zavakos, Zoning and Legislative Counsel
Brendon L. Laster, Chief of Staff/Legislative Aide, Council District 9

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Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that the Council Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the immediate adoption of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras and Turner

Absent: 1 Toles

03/06/2018 County Council adopted
Action Text:
A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member
Franklin, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Patterson, Taveras and Turner

Nay: 1 Lehman

Absent: 1 Toles

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:
This Resolution will approve three (3) specified minor amendments (known as Minor Amendments Four, Five, and Six in CR-062-2017) to the 2013 Subregion 5 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, for purposes of aligning current land use and development policies approved for the affected properties with the approved comprehensive plan vision applicable to these properties approved by the District Council’s within the Central Branch Avenue Corridor Revitalization Sector Plan in April 2013, as well as the current General Development Plan for the County, Plan Prince George’s, approved by the Council in May 2014. As styled, the Resolution also necessarily rejects five (5) specified minor amendments (known as Minor Amendments One, Two, Three, Seven, and Eight in CR-062-2017) as disapproved.