Amendment 4 to Amendment 15 Council Bill No. 21-2023

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Amendment No. 4

(This Amendment changes the conditions for L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation.)

1. On page 2, strike lines 6 through 16 in their entirety. Renumber the section accordingly.

2. On page 2, line 19, after “garage”, strike the period and insert:

3. “;

4. the County recommends project contracts will be awarded to minority business enterprises consistent with the Tax Increment Financing Memorandum of Understanding and creates a system of reporting the percentage to the County Council;

5. the Administration, in consultation with the Howard County Library System, undertakes a public engagement process open to all County residents and stakeholders during which all participants are able to offer their opinions, suggestions, recommendations and priorities regarding the project including its uses, design and other considerations through a full range of methods including in person and hybrid community meetings;

6. the Administration undertakes a competitive bidding process for the site and building design (including architecture and engineering), and construction of the project in consultation with relevant stakeholders consistent with standard procedures for other County capital projects;

7. the County Council will be provided a summary of all design and build proposals and the basis for the final award;

8. the Administration provides to the County Council a report documenting its consideration and analysis of additional uses in the proposed project including (by example only) the combination of capital project C0364-FY2021 New Cultural
Center and the relocation of Arts Council functions including its operation of
maker and artist spaces, which additional uses will be included in the project scope
used in the design and build bid process; and

8. the Administration agrees to meet with the County Council no later than January
31, 2024 to provide an update on the project.

Section 13. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
that the release of funds from Contingency as provided by Amendment 15 to this Act is
additionally conditioned upon the fulfillment of the following obligation for capital project
L0020, New 5 HCLS Central Branch & Relocation: the Administration explores options for
the Community Developer to fund their tenant spaces, and explores how the Community
Developer could fulfill their obligations to their tenants without using parking developed for
the new HCLS Central Branch. In addition, the Administration will provide to the County
Council a report documenting its consideration and analysis of alternative financing and/or
ownership including (by example only) private or quasi-public funding and/or ownership of
the components of the project such as the parking garage including revenue-backed bonds
for all or a portion of the parking garage.”.

On page 2, line 21, strike “Section 13” and substitute “Section 14”.