



# Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)  
Capital Budget Work Session  
C. Vernon Gray Room  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
8:30 am

The Chairperson opened the work session at 8:40 a.m.

Members Present: Calvin Ball, Chairperson; Jon Weinstein, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jen Terrasa.

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Jim Vannoy, Senior Assistant County Solicitor

Revenue Overview: Holly Sun explained the process for developing revenue estimates and provided an overview of the sources of funding utilized in the capital budget.

Recreation and Parks: John Byrd and Raul Delerme provided updates on various projects and answered questions about changes from last year's budget.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Written clarification on any changes in scope or timing of projects from last year's budget (N3102 *Blandair Regional Park* and all projects where applicable)
- Update on which parks will have water fountain upgrades (N3108 *Park Systemic Improvements*)
- Anticipated possible timing and level of need for dredging of Centennial Lake as well as the viability of utilizing stormwater utility bonds (N3953)
- How much of the appropriation authorized in grants and other sources represents actual funding available (N3958 *Historic Structures Rehabilitation* and all projects where applicable)
- Update on maintenance and lighting improvements that have been made or are planned for the Rt 29 Pedestrian Bridge (N3963 *Pathway and Trial Rehab and Expansion*)
- Update on design for N3973 *East Columbia Library Athletic Field and Site Improvements*, plans for accommodating youth leagues, and plans for clearing brush to improve public safety

Community Renewal (Housing): Tom Carbo explained the U7907-*New Roger Carter Recreation Center* is complete and can be closed.

Agricultural Preservation: Joy Levy provided an overview of the current fund balance and the status of pending applications and other eligible properties that have been scored. Val Lazdins answered questions about the Administration's proposed amendments to the Tiers map.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Electronic versions of the handouts provided
- Calculations to show number of additional potential units projected for proposed changes to development tiers

Fire: Chief Butler and Assistant Chief Dixon provided an overview of the projects and adjustments made to prioritize within the limited funding available. Together with Daryl Paunil, they answered questions about the status of various projects and changes from last year's budget.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Amendment(s) to reflect the out-year funding for various projects where funding has been removed and the intent was to defer (F5973 and all projects where applicable)
- Amendment to reflect anticipated developer contribution for F5973 *Logistics Facility*

General County: Jim Irvin provided an overview of the projects in this category and adjustments made to prioritize within the limited funding available. Clive Graham, Randy Clay, Daryl Paunil, Melissa McDonald, Michael Harrod, Mark DeLuca, and Jack Kavanagh also answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Amendment to C0285 *US 1 Corridor Revitalization* to clarify the change in focus and plans for a new study
- An update on intersection improvements at Route 1 and Bonnie View Lane
- Amendment to clarify transition from C0286 *Bus Stop Improvements* to C0332 *Bus Stop Improvements*
- For C0287 *Community Renewal/Enhancements*, an amendment to correct #5 under Project Status and a timeline for the OMVC study and anticipated improvements
- For C0290 *Courthouse Renovation*, amendment to reflect FY17 expenses for P3 consultant and intent for remaining project funds
- C0290 *Courthouse Renovation*, a timeline of the anticipated process for P3 research, contracting, and construction
- For C0298 *US 40 Corridor Enhancement*, an amendment to add a comment clarifying the limited scope of the project moving forward
- Amendment to C0311 *Public Safety Radio System Enhancements* to reflect source of funds for master lease as bonds
- For C0311 *Public Safety Radio System Enhancements*, an updated breakdown of radios by department

- For C0317 *Systemic Facility Improvements*, an amendment to add a note about air quality studies for schools
- Details on MOU with School System and a list of schools included (C0317 *Systemic Facility Improvements*)
- For C0322 *Central Fleet Systemic Improvements and Fuel System*, an amendment to change “Other Sources” to master lease funding
- Amendment to C0331 *Ellicott City Parking Lot Enhancement* to explain shift in scope of project and funding schedule
- Amendment to C0337 *Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements* to correct the Project Schedule notes
- For C0351 *Harriet Tubman Remediation*, provide a copy of the study on issues which will require remediation

Police: Chief Gardner provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Amendment to project schedule to close P4920 *Mobile Data Police Computers* this year
- For P4926 *Child Advocacy Center*, response to considering the possibility of closing the project and bringing it back as a new capital project if/when needed

Sewer: Jim Irvin, Steve Gerwin, and Daniel Davis provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Response to Auditor’s question about use of ad valorem funds as utility cash (\$6268 and all projects where applicable)
- Detail regarding MDE’s approval of using Bay Restoration Funds for S6269 *Ashleigh Knolls Shared Sewage*

Water: Jim Irvin, Steve Gerwin, and Daniel Davis provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Storm Drainage: Jim Irvin, Mark DeLuca, Steve Sharar, and Mark Richmond provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Response to the possibility of establishing stormwater utility bonds – how much of a reserve would be required; what is a viable timeline to move forward
- For D1171 *Flood Mitigation and Stormwater/Waterway Enhancements*, how much of the \$2.5M committed to the Ellicott City Historic District is left between this project and C0337 *Ellicott City Improvements and Enhancements*

Bridges: Jim Irvin, Steve Sharar, Jay Steimetz, Clive Graham, and Holger Serrano provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Road Resurfacing: Jim Irvin, Steve Sharar, Kris Jagarapu, and Holger Serrano provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Overview of road resurfacing program for the County road network as a whole and evaluation of current road conditions and need
- Response to the viability of using bond funding in the absence of sufficient paygo to prevent incurring higher costs due to deferral
- Response to the possibility of establishing a reserve fund for permanent public improvements

Road Construction: Jim Irvin, Steve Sharar, and Kris Jagarapu provided an overview and answered questions from the Council on specific projects.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Details on the current plans for J4167 *Snowden River/Broken Land Intersection*
- Detailed timeline for projects in J4212 *State Road Construction* and other excise tax projects being deferred
- For J4249 *MD 100 at MD 103*, details of current plans and how bike/pedestrian needs will be accommodated

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.