



# Howard County Council

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Budget Work Session  
Banneker Room  
Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
8:30 am

## Minutes - Approved

The Chairperson opened the work session at 8:46 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

Nonprofit Center: Diane Wilson provided an overview of the Administration's plans for establishing a nonprofit center and answered questions from Council Members. Tom Carbo and Joan Diessen joined her in answering questions from Council Members.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- An analysis of the rent increases nonprofits would face
- An analysis to determine what level of subsidy would be required to enable all nonprofits considering tenancy, including CAC, to maintain or lower their existing rent for a period of at least three years

Board of Education: Jim Vannoy answered questions to clarify the Council's authority to amend the Board of Education's budget. Bev Davis, Joel Gallihue, Renne Foose, Christine O'Connor, Bruce Gist, Ellen Flynn Giles, Camille Jones, Don Kopp, Bruce Gist, Jim Irvin, Sandra French, Cindy Vallaincourt, Ann DeLacy, and Nancy Fitzgerald reviewed written responses which the Board had provided and answered additional questions.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- For response C, a revised chart to reflect:
  - the bottom-line increase needed for FY17, based on the issues discussed
  - home hospital staff disaggregated as a separate group of employees
- For response E, for the breakdown of legal fees by type of case:
  - an additional column to show the number of cases in each category
  - a specific breakdown of cases included in the miscellaneous category

- the amount that has been spent on mold
- For response H:
  - the number of people who responded to the survey
  - a copy of the full report generated by the survey tool
- For response K:
  - how the per unit costs compare to the County's costs through DTCS
  - a copy of the MEEC cooperative purchasing agreement for computers

DPW Fees: Jim Irvin announced the Administration's intent to file an amendment to increase septic hauling fees and answered questions from the Council about other fees and the projected need for future increases.

Funds: Holly Sun and Jim Irvin reviewed responses provided and answered additional questions from Council Members.

Bond Enabling and Master Lease Legislation: Rafiu Ighile provided an overview and answered questions from Council Members.

Tax Increment Financing: Rafiu Ighile offered to answer any questions. Council Members reiterated their request from the previous work session for additional details about the TIF which the Administration plans to propose. Members emphasized that the information should be provided prior to the vote on the budget, not merely prior to the introduction of the TIF.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.