



Howard County Council

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Minutes (approved)
Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2016
8:30 a.m.

C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor

Spending Affordability Committee Report

Steve Sachs, Steve Hunt, Ryan Frederic, and Ellen Flynn Giles were in attendance to present and discuss the Spending Affordability Committee's report and recommendations for fiscal year 2017. Steve Sachs provided an overview of the committee's charge, its work over the course of six meetings and its recommendations. Holly Sun joined the committee members in answering questions from Council Members. Council members requested additional information including the following:

- Data presented to the committee on which assumptions were based
- Details on authorized but unissued bonds and tracking that amount from year to year

Budget Update

Dr. Sun referred to the economic outlook section of the spending affordability report. She also reported that she and her staff are working on the FY2017 budget including several improvements to the format of the budget books to include information to assist the Council in its review.

Council Member Reports

Dr. Ball reported that he will be working with Mr. Fox and Mr. Glendenning to provide the Council with a summary of the bond rating agency meetings they attended. For the Patuxent River Commission, Ms. Sigaty reported that the Commission held its last meeting of the session and approved its annual action plan. For NACO, Mr. Fox indicated that he will email an update.

Staff Reports

Ms. Feldmark referred to her written report and requested approval of the Council's proposed FY2017 budget. Mr. Weinstein made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Dr. Ball

seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa, and Weinstein; Nay: Council Member Fox.

Mr. Glendenning referred to his written report and reported his staff is wrapping up pending reports before shifting their attention to budget. Mr. Fox asked if the report on the Sherriff's office had been provided to the State and asked Mr. Kuc if the Council has any obligations based on the findings of the report. Mr. Kuc stated that his office is reviewing the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.