



Howard County Council

George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

COUNCILMEMBERS

Deb Jung, Chair
District 4

Liz Walsh, Vice Chair
District 1

Opel Jones
District 2

Christiana Rigby
District 3

David Yungmann
District 5

Minutes - Approved

Operating Budget Work Session #5

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and WebEx)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
10:00 a.m.

Chair Jung opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Council members present: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Lisa Geerman, Acting County Auditor; Lori Buchman, Auditor; Rebecca Gold, Auditor; Amanda Mihill, Office of Law; Isaiah Anderson, administrative support; and Rozonna Hightower, administrative support.

Administration staff: Noted below.

Agenda

Police Department

Chief Der gave an introduction and summary of the Departmental operating budget which proposes an approximate 9% overall increase. The Department responded to questions from the Council on officer overtime and future vacancies; the compensation packages that are currently before the Council; the starting salary for officers; timing for the next recruiting class; percentages of budget increases, particularly chargebacks; Non-Departmental expenses for mobile data computers, the indoor firing range, moving costs, and ammunition purchase; the abolishment of positions; recruitment and retention bonuses; speed cameras; school bus camera fund; and Merriweather overtime.

Non-Departmental Expenses

The Administration responded to questions from the Council on how does a request end up on the Non-Departmental list; Boys and Girls club transportation; Child Support pilot program; Climate Action Plan Implementation; Club Wilde Lake; Community Ambassador Program;

Economic Assistance and Emerging Needs program; Environmental Land Banking Program; Equipment purchases; Francis Scott Key Bridge – Economic Impact and Needs; guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program; Howard County Tourism Council; Howard County EcoWorks; Innovation and Modernization Fund; Reproductive Health Program; Route 1 Redevelopment Initiative; Sheppard Pratt; Shock Trauma funding; Traffic Calming Pilot Program; and Volunteer Fire Stations.

Department of Finance

Director Ighile gave an introduction of the Department and summary of their operating budget. The Department responded to questions from the Council on Grants Writing Non-Departmental expense; Hagerty Consultants; ARPA funding for “Live Where You Work” program; and property tax assessment appeals.

Technology and Communications

Director Mayotte gave a presentation of the Department and summary of their operating budget (7% increase). The Department responded to questions from the Council on GTV; IT Chargeback structural deficit; and costs of software licenses.

Department of Recreation and Parks

Director Mooneyhan gave an introduction of the Department and summary of their operating budget. The Department responded to questions from the Council on negative fund balance; cost of living increases and staffing levels; Recreation Special Services fund, specifically golf; Pre-school Camps; Camp Ilchester; and “drop in” programming.

Department of Public Works

Director Kebede gave a presentation of the Department and summary of their operating budget (10% increase). The Department responded to questions from the Council on vacant positions, hiring, and overtime costs; one-time expenses; surplus property; Climate Action Plan; Stormwater ponds and HOAs; Accident Safety Panels; Apprenticeships Programs; Court Expenses; Reclassification study; Sludge; and Morale.

Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits

Director Frances gave a presentation of the Department and summary of their operating budget. The Department responded to questions from the Council on commercial mechanical inspectors; factors for decrease in inspection times; and plan reviews, and digitizing.

Continuation of General County Capital

Mr. Delorenzo stated that they were still awaiting repricing for the New Cultural Center. Mr. Delorenzo and Emily Metzler then discussed the new TIF model and compared it to last year’s

model. The Administration responded to questions from the Council on the TIF revenue changes.

Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Council requested follow up:

- *Chair Jung requested the starting salaries of officers in the Big 7.*
- *Chair Jung requested a breakdown of the public safety recruitment and retention bonuses.*
- *. Chair Jung requested the figures of Merriweather overtime.*
- *Councilmember Yungmann asked for historical funding and name of the current Economic Assistance and Emerging Needs program. Chair Jung would like to know the parameters of the program.*
- *Chair Jung requested a list of past Innovation and Modernization fund recipients.*
- *Chair Jung requested for the schedule of when the 16 beds at Sheppard Pratt will be available.*
- *Council Member Walsh asked that the Youth Engagement Programming Initiatives be expanded to Elkridge.*
- *Chair Jung and Councilmember Yungmann requested a list of other jurisdictions that have contributed to Shock Trauma.*
- *Councilmember Rigby asked for a list of the top 5 jurisdictions that use Shock Trauma.*
- *Chair Jung asked that the Administration reach out to each Councilmember about top priorities for traffic calming.*
- *Council Member Walsh and Chair Jung requested a written explanation of "Indirect Costs" from Finance.*
- *Councilmember Jung asked the Department of Finance for a cost for Hagerty consultants.*
- *Councilmember Jung asked the Department of Finance for details of the Live Where You Work program.*
- *Chair Jung asked for a copy of the High Ridge property deed from DPW.*
- *Chair Jung requested a list of Courthouse expenses from DPW.*
- *Chair Jung requested the dollar amount for DPW's Equity funding from Budget.*

5/15/2024 Operating Work Session Attendee List:

Budget Office

Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
Norman Schnobrich
Caitlin Nardolillo
James Kwak
Paul McIntyre

Police

Greg Derr
Sean Hollywood
Justin Baker
Terrance Benn
Thomas Ehart
Cory Zirk
Gary McLhinney
Jayson Janowich

Technology and Communications

TJ Mayotte
Sandra Tello

Recreation and Parks

Nick Mooneyhan
Nicola Morgal
Mike Milani
Bill Eckart
Brian Moody

Public Works

Yosef Kebede
John Seefried
Silvia Gould
Kris Jagarapu
Sharon Walsh
Mark DeLuca
Mark Richmond
Lindsay DeMarzo
Ross Beschner
Amy Hart
Maria Madison
Daniel David

Inspection, Licenses and Permits

Bob Frances
Bob Firmani
Don Mock

Non-Departmental

Circuit Court
Jennifer Keiser

Corrections

Margaret Chippendale
Greg Smith
Scott Tilton

County Administration

Brandee Ganz
Robert Phillips
Timothy Lattimer
Mark Miller

DCRS/CSP

Jacqueline Scott
Cheryl Mattis
Kellie Brown
Rose Burton
Megan Godfrey

Inspections, Licenses and Permits

Bob Frances
Bob Firmani
Don Mock

DPW

Yosef Kebede
John Seefried
Silvia Gould
Sharon Walsh
Kris Jagarapu

DPZ

Lynda Eisenberg
Laura Boone
Jessica Bellah
Mary Kendall

EDA

Jennifer Jones

Housing

Kelly Cimino
Tom Wall

Police

Gregory Der
Sean Hollywood
Gary McLhinney
Terrence Benn
Thomas Ehart
Jayson Janowich

Recreation and Parks

Nick Mooneyhan
Bryan Moody
Dawn Poholshy
Bill Eckert
Mike Milani

Sheriff

Marcus Harris
Mark Verderaime
Nancy Nguyen

Transportation

Clarence Dickerson
David Cookson

Finance

Rafiu Ighile
Angela Price

DTCS

TJ Mayotte
Sandra Tello
Donna Richardson

Finance

Rafiu Ighile
Angie Price
John Vu

New Cultural Center (C0364)

Carl Delorenzo
Peter Engel
Alastair Smith

TIF (C0319)

Carl Delorenzo
Jeff Bronow
Emily Metzler

Community Services Partnerships Grant

Jacqueline Scott
Cheryl Mattis
Kellie Brown
Rose Burton
Megan Godfrey

Visit the Council's website (<http://cc.howardcountymd.gov>) to view legislation, send written testimony, and sign-up electronically to testify at public hearings.

Persons needing accommodations to fully participate in the meeting, please contact the Council Office, 410-313-2001.