



Howard County Council

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Minutes – Approved

Operating Budget Work Session #4
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and WebEx)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
10:00 a.m.

Council Members present: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christinia Rigby, Deb Jung, David Yungmann.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator; Theo Winberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Rozanna Hightower, Administrative Support; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; Nick Rinehart, Legislative Analyst; Christopher Ashman County, Auditor; and Gary Kuc, County Solicitor.

Administrative Staff: noted below:

Chair Walsh started the meeting at: 10:04

Agenda

County Executive

Angela Cabellon and Flix Facchine appeared before the Council to discuss the budget for the Office of the County Executive. There was a general discussion regarding data processing services including an update on the inventory of DTCS equipment. There was dialogue between Council and Ms. Cabellon and Mr. Facchine about PayGo for the “Federal Impacts and Emerging Needs” project. Specifically, what would happen with the remaining million dollars from FY25 and where American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are located in the County’s budget.

County Administration

Brandee Ganze the County Administrative Officer appeared before the Council and provided a presentation on the County’s Offices and Administrative funds. Council members asked questions about the Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund, how grant funding is awarded and distributed, and the Administration’s proposed cost saving measures including the “Energy Savings Days” for certain county buildings.

Inspector General

County Administrator Brande Ganze walked through the Office of Inspector General budget request. Ms. Ganze noted that the Office of the Inspector General is a new county office, and the budget includes salaries for the various new positions under the office. Council members asked questions about how the salaries for the various positions were determined and the timing of hiring the inspector general and the requisite staff.

Finance

Director of Finance Rafiu Ighile, Angie Price, and Angela Moore appeared before the Council to present the budget for the Department of Finance. Council members asked questions regarding how citizens can submit payments to the county and about Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts.

Office of Law

County Solicitor Gary Kuc appeared before the Council. He discussed Advantage Sentencing Alternative Program (ASAP) home detention program and litigation which the County is a party to.

Economic Development Authority

Jennifer Jones and Laura Just presented the Council with an overview of the Economic Development Authority including efforts to grow business development and make the County more self-sufficient and not as reliant on the federal government. Council members asked about the expenditures of various funds and what funds will be fully spent by the end of FY 25.

Technology & Communication

Director TJ Mayotte provided the Council with a presentation regarding initiatives within the Department. There was general discussion about inventory and the effect of tariffs on purchasing.

Housing & Community Development

The Department offered brief opening remarks before the Council asked about how fund balances are being maintained, what funds are used to pay employee salaries, and the county's homelessness services.

Chair Walsh closed meeting at: 2:33 pm

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

5/14/2025 Operating Work Session Attendee List:

Budget Office

Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
James Kwak
Lori Buchman
Andrew Galarza
Norman Schnobrich
Paul McIntyre
Caitlin Nardolillo

County Executive

Angela Cabellon
Felix Facchine

County Administration

Brandee Ganz
Anju Bennett
Raul Delerme
Jamar Herry
Timothy Lattimer
Lindsay DeMarzo
Dean Hof
Robert Phillips
Dawn Tinker
Lakeisha McClendon
Stephanie Adibe
Safa Hira
James Zoller
Patrick Pope
Jennifer Sager

Inspector General

Brandee Ganz
Felix Facchine

Finance

Rafiu Ighile
Angie Price
Angela Moore

Office of Law

Gary Kuc

Economic Development

Jennifer Jones
Laura Just

Technology & Communications

TJ Mayotte
Sandra Tello
Lisa Harold

Housing & Community Development

Kelly Cimino
Tom Wall

Debt Services

Rafiu Ighile
Angie Price

Pay-Go-Funds

Brandee Ganz
Angela Cabellon
Felix Facchine

Non-Departmental

Budget Office
Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
James Kwak
Lori Buchman
Andrew Galarza
Norman Schnobrich
Paul McIntyre
Caitlin Nardolillo
Finance
Rafiu Ighile
Angela Price

Contingency Reserves

Budget Office
Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
James Kwak
Lori Buchman
Andrew Galarza
Norman Schnobrich
Paul McIntyre
Caitlin Nardolillo