



# Howard County Council

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes (approved)

Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Monday, November 9, 2020

1:00 p.m.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:** Deb Jung, Chairperson; Liz Walsh, Vice Chairperson; Opel Jones; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann.

**Staff Present:** Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Ed Shulder, Deputy Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant

### **I. Complete Streets Progress -** Participants: Bruce Gartner, Administrator, Office of Transportation,

Mr. Gartner provided a briefing of Complete Streets Implementation Team work to date and noted that the next step is to complete the design manual due October 2021. The Office of Transportation also plans to review subdivision and land development regulations for updates and develop performance measures. In response to Council questions Mr. Gartner indicated that there are 30 Complete Streets projects underway and that the Office of Transportation is now doing monthly development reviews with the multi-modal review board.

### **II. Financial Update on Revenues and Spending Affordability Committee -**

Participant: Holly Sun, Administrator, Budget Office

Ms. Sun provided an update on COVID impacts on revenues. In response to questions about how the State of Maryland will address public school enrollment in funding decisions, Ms. Sun indicated that to her knowledge that had not yet been determined.

Ms. Sun also indicated in response to Council questions that COVID impacts on the assessable base are expected to be seen over multiple years. Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation projections are expected in January.

Ms. Sun discussed the establishment authorization, composition and appointment of the Spending Affordability Advisory Committee. Ms. Sun also indicated that the County Executive determined not to request appointees from the Council this year as some are returning appointees. Chair Jung requested that Ms. Sun provide a paragraph to the Council clarifying participation qualifications on the Committee.

- III. DTCS Work on Website** – Director Ganz provided the Council with a briefing on work that is being done to create a new website that meets current design standards. Needs a decision from the Council as to whether the council should have a page on the website and if the council site should be redesigned as part of this effort. The Council Administrator is to poll the councilmembers.
- IV. Councilmanic Redistricting Update** - Participant: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator – a brief update was provided.
- V. Reports –**
  - a.** Chair provided report on upcoming events; work of staff
  - b.** Councilmember Rigby provided updates on MACo
  - c.** Council Administrator reported on Racial Equity Training and the Racial Equity Task Force and an initial draft 2021 calendar was provided.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.