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Capital and Operating Budget Work Session

Web-based Virtual Meeting

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

Friday, May 1, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager

Administration Staff Present included: Jim Irvin; Mark Deluca, Mark Richmond, Tom Butler, Brandon Love, Kris Jagarapu, Art Shapiro, Ross Beschner, Daniel Davis, Amy Hart; Holly Sun; Brook Mamo

Capital Budget –

- Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Jim Irvin provided an overview of drainage and watershed projects and DPW staff responded to Councilmember questions relative to priorities and status of various projects. Chairperson Jung asked to have the County's NPDES Permit program as a monthly meeting agenda item.
- DPW Director Irvin and staff provided an overview of Water and Sewer projects and discussed the pipeline capacity augmentation and upgrades program.

Revenues Overview

Budget Director Holly Sun provided an overview of revenues, expected revenue shortfalls attributable to COVID-19 and the inclusion of revenue enhancement measures related to the proposed budget. Income tax losses alone related to the state of emergency are expected to exceed \$35 million.

Board of Education – Both Capital and Operating Budgets were taken up at work session. Participants from the Board of Education and HCPSS included Mavis Ellis, Chair, Vicky Cutroneo, Vice Chair, Dr. Martirano, Superintendent, Jahantab Siddiqui, Darin Conforti, Scott Washington, and Daniel Lubeley.

- Discussed that FY19 end of year actuals were used due to the uncertainty of end of year balance and difficulties with projecting given the State of Emergency.
- Discussed whether there would be impacts if increase to recordation tax was not to be adopted. Discussed that it would be helpful to see in one chart all revenues and decreases and the estimates when it comes to decreased revenues
- Board of Ed/HCPSS introduction was presented by Dr. Martirano and Chair Mavis Ellis.
- General discussion about HCPSS operations during COVID-19 and plans for online learning.
- Scott Washington provided an overview of Capital Budget and status of current projects
- General discussion about what would happen if there was to be a change in proposed.
- Discussed modernizations/renovations vs. new construction.
- David Larner presented an overview of personnel costs in the Operating Budget.
- School Management and Instructional Learning – Anissa Dennis and Bill Barnes discussed Continuity of Learning Plans and Recovery of Learning Plans.
- There was general discussion about impacts of COVID-19 on expenses and sources of funding to cover impacts.

The Work session concluded at 6:16 p.m.