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Capital Budget Work Session
C. Vernon Gray Room
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
8:30 am

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the work session at 8:40 a.m.

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

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

Auditor's Overview
Mr. Glendenning highlighted points of interest from his staff's analysis, summarized comparisons of the proposed FY2018 capital budget to the approved FY2017 capital budget, and answered questions from the Council.
    Council Members requested the following additional information:
- Revenue sources for unspent balances on projects closing out (Attachment #9)

Recreation and Parks
John Byrd and Raul Delerme provided a brief overview and answered questions from the Council.
    Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *N3108 Park Systemic Improvements*
    - How will R&P reimburse for the $2million spent on Timbers of Troy?
    - What are the Systemic Plans for FY 2018? (Detailed lists for N3108 and N3109)
- *N3953 – Centennial Lake*
    - Explore how N3953 might be able to count toward MS4 permit and possibility of stormwater/flood mitigation funds.
- *N3973 East Columbia Library*
    - Provide plan and phasing details similar to what was provided for Troy and Blandair.

- o Is Administration willing to revise project description to include evaluating and mitigating security concerns?

Agricultural Preservation

Valdis Lazdins and Joy Levy provided an update on acquisitions in process and those which have gone to settlement and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *G0163 Agricultural Land Preservation*
  - o Finance to provide the updated Cash Flow.
  - o Administration to provide given the properties included and those scored, what other properties remain?
  - o Administration to provide are there properties in the East that could be included, Ag vs Green infrastructure?

Fire

Deputy Chiefs John Jerome and Dan Merson provided an overview of each project and answered questions from the Council. Daryl Paunil joined them in answering questions.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *F5963 – Emergency Control Signal*
  - o Is there the possibility to have DPW install the emergency control when they fix or replace traffic signals? Can it be added to standard specs?
- *F5976 – North Columbia Fire Station*
  - o With the intent to have several smaller fire stations, what is the impact on C0322 Fleet Systemic and Fuel System Project?

Police

Chief Gary Gardner and Major Luther Johnson provided an overview of each project and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *P4927 - Criminal Investigation Bureau*
  - o Will there be an amendment to remove the out year funding as this project is in Close Out?
- *P4928 – New / Third Police Station*
  - o Provide detailed plans.
  - o Administration to review - The Grempler Building is not in the description, question is, will the description be modified to include it, or will the Grempler renovations be covered under another project?

General County

Jim Irvin, Rebecca Kidwell, and Daryl Paunil provided an overview of the capital projects and answered questions from the Council. Val Lazdins, Randy Clay, Clive Graham, Jack Kavanagh, Trish Schupple, Mark DeLuca, Tom Yeatts, Melissa McDonald , Stan Milesky, and Brook Mamo joined them to answer questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *C0285 – US1 Corridor Revitalization*
  - o Is there money for Revitalization? What will be funded?

- *C0332 – Bus Stop replaces C0286 Bus Stops*
  - Administration to provide list of remaining projects for both projects.
- *C0344 – Southeast Infrastructure*
  - What was the funding from this project reallocated to?
  - What is the history of prior grant applications?
- *C0290 – Courthouse Renovations*
  - Spending Affordability proposed $70 million, why is it now $105 million?
  - Administration to provide consideration of creating a new project.
- *C0333 – Detention Center Renovations*
  - Administration to provide Scope of Project, include square foot, requirements, foot print of back property, anticipated growth, time line, cost, other examples of Detention Centers, etc
  - Administration to provide details on use of renovation appropriation until construction of new detention center.
- *C0301 – Technology Infrastructure Upgrades*
  - Administration to provide feedback on why the County Council network issues are not resolved and justification of funding for project when network issues not resolved.
  - Administration to review BOND funding of projects for Landfill and Fire, provide information on whether these should be funded from the Fire Tax or Landfill Special Revenue
- *C0312 – Enterprise Resource Planning System*
  - Administration to provide when is the next SAP upgrade due?
- *C0315 – Public Safety System Enhancements*
  - Administration to review BOND funding of projects for Fire, provide information on whether these should be funded from the Fire Tax
- *C0338, C0339 and C0340 – Broadband*
  - Administration to correct the Revenue Funding Source. It is listed as OTHER and should be BONDS
- *C0341 - Tower Generator Replacements*
  - Administration to provide clarification of $5 million of OTHER Revenue. As this project is closing, is the appropriation usable for reallocation to other projects?
- *C0317 – Systemic Facilities Improvements*
  - Administration to provide response to whether the cost of the Grempler Building should be reallocated to this project.
- *C0318 – MARC Savage Station Garage TIF Funded*
  - Administration to provide an analysis and reconciliation of the TIF project;
    - Did we spend what was authorized?
    - Analysis of revenue and expenditures?
    - Have we received TIF revenue?
    - Reconciliation of revenue vs debt services
- *C0319 - TIF Projects*

- o Administration to provide:
  - ▪ Detail of where costs for Downtown Columbia TIF are reflected
  - ▪ What are the expenses incurred to date to be reimbursed to Howard Hughes?
  - ▪ Reconciliation of the $50,000 application fee and how that applies to payment of Municap Fees?
  - ▪ What are the consulting fees against this project and who is paying?
- *C0335 – Citizen Services Facility*
  - o Administration to change the title to Community Resources and Services
- *C0353 – Transit Center*
  - o Clarification on how this project is to be financed (from DRRA & TIF discussions)

Sewer

Jim Irvin, Steve Gerwin, and Daniel Davis provided an overview of capital projects and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *S6237 – Patapsco Convey/Treat Facilities*
  - o Administration to provide, when available, the new agreement with Baltimore City.
- *S6699 – On Site Septic System Conversion*
  - o What is the County doing to promote this service?

Water

Jim Irvin, Steve Gerwin, and Daniel Davis provided an overview of capital projects and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *W8331 – Twin Rivers Road Water Main*
  - o Administration to provide more information for all projects to allow County Council ability to share information with constituents and keep them informed. Keep County Council informed of when "shovels in the ground" for these and similar projects that significantly impact constituents and road/lane closures.
- *W8307 – Broken Land Pkwy*
  - o Administration to keep Council and public informed, as this will create reduced travel lane on very busy roadway. Significant Advertising / Press Release will be needed.
- *W8329 – PCCP Study and Failure Mitigation*
  - o How much PCCP is remaining to be replaced? What is the next step?

Storm Drainage

Jim Irvin, Mark DeLuca, Mark Richmond, and Brandon Love provided an overview of capital projects and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:
- *D1140 – Pine Tree / Glen Court Storm Drain*
  - Administration to provide list to the County Council of all land acquisition/easement issues so they can assist by following up with neighbors (for this and all projects with land issues)
- *D1150 – High Ridge Drainage*
  - Administration to follow up with developer to determine if they properly mitigated flood issues. Should there be developer contribution revenue source?
- *D1157 – St Johns Lane Vicinity Drainage*
  - Administration to look at incorporating a street that is one block off the grid, Dado Court, noted in the project. Determine if there is funding available to address the problem. Estimated cost per Administration $100,000.
- *D1159 – Stormwater Management Facility and*
  D1160 – Stormwater Management Retrofits
  - Administration to provide list from Columbia Association of the Ponds and Streams they would like to see included in these projects.
- *D1164 – Community Environment Partnerships*
  - Administration to get input from Jim Caldwell on the status of the READY Program. What is the focus of projects funded by Howard County?
- *D1165 – Flood Mitigation and Stormwater Waterway*
  - Administration to provide list of projects and cost estimates funded by this project.
- *General Stormwater Flood Mitigation Project*
  - Administration to follow up with County Council regarding Mission Road and Allview. How do these Flood Mitigation issues get into the Capital Project pipeline? Can these be added for future projects?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.