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Legislative Work Session
Monday, September 25, 2017
C. Vernon Gray Room
3:00 p.m.

Minutes (approved)

The Chairperson opened the work session at 3:04 p.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; John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor

APFO-related Legislation

Steve Snelgrove provided an overview of the growing capacity needs at Howard County General Hospital and answered questions from the Council.

Carl DeLorenzo and Jeff Bronow gave a presentation on school capacity utilization and development trends. Renee Kamen joined them in answering questions from the Council. Cindy Vaillancourt joined the discussion of school system data regarding new students from new construction and resales of existing homes.

Bess Altwerger, Kirsten Coombs, Chirstina Delmont-Small, and Mark Blom joined Ms. Vaillancourt and Ms. Kamen in answering questions about the Board's requested amendments.

Mr. DeLorenzo discussed a comparison of impact fees and excise tax rates to other jurisdictions. Josh Greenfeld, Mr. Bronow, and Jamie Fraser joined him in answering questions from the Council.

Dr. Lei Zhang discussed models for testing the adequacy of transportation facilities. Chad Edmondson, Mr. Greenfeld, and Mr. Fraser joined him to answer questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Versions of the charts from the presentation on school capacity utilization and development trends showing the data from 2013
- Revised versions of the charts to add regional and countywide capacity utilization percentages
- Total school capacities for every school and any programmatic/administrative reductions

- Changes in school capacity since 2009 with explanation of changes (program changes, space evaluation, etc.)
- Waterfall chart showing total school system enrollment for the past two years and new students entering the system as well as students leaving
- For the capital funding chart, provide a revised version including columns for actual dollars and source of funds
- Average size of a residential unit in Howard County including single-family attached and multi-family
- Full copy of the DLS report in which the comparison between jurisdictions was published
- Current figures for the cost of a seat and student generation rates per unit (based on unit type)
- DPZ to provide a clean apples-to-apples comparison of impact fees across jurisdictions

Council Bill 60-2017 (ZRA 180)

Val Lazdins and Amy Gowan gave a presentation on proposed amendments to CB60-2017 and answered questions from the Council. Jeff Dannis joined them in answering questions from the Council. Bob Orndorff and Justin Brendel, two MDE natural wood waste recycling permit holders, answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Annotated version of the PowerPoint presentation providing page and line citations for where the described changes can be found in the redline
- Updated comparison charts to include columns for impact of proposed amendments
- Map to show impact of proposed amendments
- Updated map showing all existing or proposed residential development in M-1 and M-2 showing distance from possible composting and natural wood waste recycling facilities

TIF-related Legislation

John DeWolf and Mr. DeLorenzo answered questions from the Council about the background of discussions around the TIF parking garage. Mr. DeLorenzo presented a comparison of the TIF programs as proposed during the consideration of CB56-2016 and as currently planned. Keenan Rice, Mr. DeWolf, and Greg Fitchitt joined him in answering questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Breakdown of budget changes by improved estimates, changes in the planned improvements, and/or addition of developer fee
- Clarification on timing of construction of the improvements that are already built
- Update tab 4 chart w/ addition of new columns to reflect current plan & explanation of basis for not qualifying in original program (and rationale for qualifying now, if applicable)
- Map depicting details of all improvements included in current plans
- Direct comparison of original parking agreement to current little garage agreement
- Impact of changes on future phases of TIF and MOU obligations associated with them
- Implications for public parking garages in future phases

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.