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Legislative Work Session
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
C. Vernon Gray Room
11:00 a.m.

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the work session at 11:07 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; John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor

APFO-related Legislation

Chief Gary Gardner discussed the Police Department's internal planning process for responding to growing needs and the relationship between police facilities and level of service and answered questions from the Council. Chief John Butler discussed the planning process for the Department of Fire and Rescue Services and answered questions from the Council. Jeff Bronow joined them in answering questions from the Council.

Mark DeLuca and Chad Edmondson discussed how stormwater, water and sewer, and solid waste are addressed through development regulations and the design manual and answered questions from the Council.

Renee Kamen, Christina Delmont-Small, and Jeff Bronow discussed the feasibility study and capital planning process, data that goes into the open/closed chart projections, and how proposed changes to the schools test would be implemented and answered questions from the Council. Carl DeLorenzo and Mark Blom joined them to review follow-up information provided in response to earlier Council requests.

Carl DeLorenzo and Chad Edmondson discussed potential amendments to specify which road mitigation projects developers are responsible for completing and the exemption for subdivisions of four lots or fewer. Josh Greenfeld, MBIA, joined them in answering questions from the Council. George Martin, DILP, clarified discrepancies between square footages for the excise tax and school facilities surcharge as opposed to SDAT assessments.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- updated chart that shows how issues are addressed and managed in other locations in code, development regulations, design manual, etc.
- percentage of households that have children in schools
- land use map showing anticipated growth
- for the capacity chart, add another column with regional programs
- for the capacity chart, add another column for portables and villas
- annual report on portables
- from the PPT chart for 2016 actual elementary capacity – for each of the schools in red, notes on how we got there and what could have been done differently
- Board to respond with additional information on and impact of various programs that create fluctuation in the number of students physically in high schools
- background data for calculating excise tax comparisons to other jurisdictions
- update maps based on current high school numbers

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.