



# Howard County Council

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FY2021 Capital Budget and Legislative Work Session  
Cultural Arts Center, Capital Budget Items Carryover from 4/25  
CB15-2020  
Virtual Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2020  
1:00 p.m.

### Minutes (approved)

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 1:02 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;

#### Cultural Arts Center (C0364)

Participants: Raul Delorme, Carl Delorenzo, Janet Irvin, Nicole Griffith, Jim Irvin, Mark Stromdahl, Holly Sun, Jen Sager, Rebecca Kidwell, Emily Metzler, Scott Armiger, Bob Desantis, Peter Engel, Alistair Smith, Hal and Toby Orenstein, Mark Minnick

Carl Delorenzo gave a presentation providing an overview of the project. Councilmembers asked how the project would expand currently provided programs. Participants and Councilmembers generally discussed sources of revenues to cover projected costs of construction and operations, including Recreation and Parks projected revenues and proposed tax increment bond financing. Councilmembers asked about the impact of the pandemic on the fiscal model assumptions and anticipated Recreation and Parks Revenues.

The Council discussed the proposed parking garage and how it would be split between the residential and non-residential components of the greater downtown project.

Council Vice Chair Walsh requested the “all-in” numbers for the project including utilities, maintenance, etc. Council Chair Jung asked for information on how financial consultant, Municap, has taken the current pandemic situation into consideration.

#### County Projects (worksession items not completed on 4/25)

C0317 – *Police lease* - DPW Director Jim Irvin and Engineering Manager Mark Stromdahl stressed the need to proceed with the project as the police headquarters facilities are in a bad

situation. Captain Lampe indicated that the proposed lease improvements and renovations would address police needs for the next decade. Councilmembers expressed concerns about costs.

*C0348, C0351, C0354, C0356, C0358, C0256, C0299, C0313, C0336* – Council generally reviewed projects with DPW representatives. Councilmember Rigby would like information on how C0356 (Rehabilitation Treatment Center) relates to the operating budget and on the phasing for compost facility relating to C0299.

*C0331, 337 and D1165 – Ellicott City Parking and Ellicott City Improvements* - DPW Deputy Director Mark Deluca generally described how funding has been used. Council Vice Chair Walsh expressed concerns over the lack of funding in this year's proposed Capital Budget for Ellicott City improvements and requests a summary of money spent on Ellicott City projects in the past year along with what work and repairs are planned for the coming year. Council Vice Chair Walsh expressed concern that C0331 is for one of the areas that is the worst pinch point for drainage and the potential consequences of not proceeding with the project. Deputy Director Deluca discussed the construction of the North Tunnel, which Council Vice Chair Walsh noted has a long lead time until it is completed and that ground has not been broken on projects to divert water.

#### Storm drainage, Sewer and Water

The Council generally reviewed the drainage, watershed and utilities projects with DPW staff. DPW staff provided utilities projects information on important water and sewer maintenance items, valves maintenance, and plans for mapping of the system.

CB15-2020 - Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive - AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to amend the minimum education and experience requirements for employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

Chief Anuszewski explained the bill is needed because candidates are not meeting the requirements or are not applying to promote. Richard Ruhl, President, Howard County Professional Fire Fighters Association indicated that he does not have an issue with CB15 but that for the health of the agency, the education requirements should be reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.