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Operating Budget and Legislative Work Session

Web-based Virtual Meeting

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

Monday, May 18, 2020

12:00 p.m.

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:09 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

New Cultural Center – deferred due to allow councilmembers to review information received earlier in the day.

Recreation and Parks – Raul Delerma provided an overview of the proposed operating budget. The Department will be adding staff and programs to Harriett Tubman. There was general discussion about the Recreation and Parks Fund in terms of what has been budgeted versus what has been received and the accuracy of prior projections. Councilmembers asked what has been done to project revenue impacts and losses attributable to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Department of Planning and Zoning – Generally discussed the status of the update to the General Plan.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) - John Peterson for the administration described the six ratified collective bargaining agreements and the increases that were negotiated along with certain other terms.

Council Resolution 85-2020- Councilmembers Rigby and Jones presented a power point discussing expected revenues from proposed Council Resolution 85-2020 and impacts on different home price points and the progressivity of the proposed recordation tax including illustrative examples of applications of tax rates.

The work session ended at approximately 4:15 p.m.