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Work Session Agenda Minutes (approved)

Monday, November 23, 2020

Virtually (via Webex)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>
1:00 p.m.

Meeting opened at 1:04pm

Councilmembers in attendance: Deb Jung, Chair; Liz Walsh, Vice-Chair; Opel Jones; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, Council Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant

Administration Staff Attending: Maureen Arthurs and Jennifer Sager

TAO1-FY2021 - AN ACT transferring a total of \$54,652,000 from C0214, Category Contingency Fund, to capital project C0364, New Cultural Center, for Fiscal Year 2021. (*Expires 12/14/20; 1/18/21 if extended; or 2/22/21 if extended twice.*)

Administration staff in attendance for this item included Director of Policies and Programs Carl Delorenzo; Budget Administrator Holly Sun; Finance Director Rafiu Ighile; Nikki Griffith and Parks and Recreation Director Raul Delerme.

Mr. Delorenzo, for the Administration, provided an overview of the documents provided the day before and described the financing structure proposed for the project. Due to the late arrival of certain documents, there was no other discussion of the content of the documents.

Craig Glendenning, County Auditor provided an overview of the Auditor's Fiscal Analysis. Appraisal. General discussion and questions about the appraisals followed.

The item is to be continued pending receipt of the project term sheet.

Council Bill 63-2020 – Introduced by: Opel Jones - AN ACT providing that County employees shall take, or refrain from taking, specified actions with respect to the immigration status of specified individuals; prohibiting certain discrimination based on immigration status; requiring that certain information related to citizenship status be kept confidential; providing a procedure whenever specified provisions may be preempted by other law; requiring specified officials to take actions under certain circumstances; and generally relating to human rights in Howard County. (*Expires 1/11/21; 2/5/21 if extended; or 3/12/21 if extended twice.*)

Administration staff in attendance included Police Chief Lisa Myers; Community Resources and Services Director Jackie Scott; Housing and Community Development Director Kelly Cimino; and Major Mark Verderaime from the Sheriff's Office.

Non-county participants included Michael Mitchell and Joe Moravec of FIRM; Elizabeth Alex and Nick Katz of CASA; Rebecca Niburg; Joe Spielberger of ACLU

Councilmember Jones provided an overview of Council Bill 63 -2020. In response to Councilmember Walsh questions, Councilmember Jones described potential amendments that were being worked on including for contractors, existing agreements versus mutual agreements and enforcement.

There was general discussion of the application of Council Bill 63-2020 to Task Forces. Chief Myers discussed the role of officers on Task Forces for criminal enforcement purposes and not immigration, and Councilmembers discussed the application of Council Bill 63-2020 to Task Forces.

Councilmembers and Directors Cimino and Scott discussed housing and food stabilization assistance and immigrants.

Councilmembers, with input from representatives from CASA and the ACLU, discussed amendments to CB9-2017 that were not included in CB63-2020 including related to gang activity, as well as whether or not any grant funding was at risk if the legislation is adopted.

Councilmembers asked about how CB63-2020 could apply to non-county agencies and the County Solicitor advised that he would review the question. Discussion included prohibiting use of any county provided resources to assistance with federal immigration policies.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.