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Minutes (Approved) Budget Work Session 5/9/2013

The Chair called the worksession on the operating budget to order at 2:05 p.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room.

Members Present: Jen Terrasa, Chairperson; Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson; Calvin Ball; Greg Fox; Courtney Watson

Council Staff Present: Sheila Tolliver, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, Auditor; Audit Staff: Susan Powers, Ali Shirazie, Lisa Geerman; Legislative Assistants: Jeff Meyers, Meredith Beach; Special Assistants: Karen Knight, Jtab Siddiqui

Budget Staff: Ray Wacks, Director; Gale Benson, Deputy Dir.; Don Stitely, Analyst; Brook Mamo, Analyst

Office of Law Staff: Jim Vannoy

Topics Discussed:

Community Services

Recreation and Parks: John Byrd, Director; Bill Eckert, Budget Manager; Al Hardin
Follow-up: Greg Fox asked for pro-forma information re: volleyball court lease

Mental Health: Donna Wells, Director

Social Services: Karen Butler, Director; Chris Nwaukwa, budget staff

University of Maryland Extension: Rick Walter, Regional Representative, Howard Co.

Citizen Services: Lois Mikkila, Director; Dayna Brown, Office on Aging; Dale Jackson, Deputy; Cheryl Mattis, Budget

Hearing – General Budget

At 11:00 a.m., the Chair called for testimony at the hearing on the general budget. There being no one to testify, the work session resumed at 11:05 a.m.

Transportation Services: John Powell, director

Health Department: Maura Rossman, Director; Veronica Worth; Rona Goethainer, Deputy Director

Follow-up: Evidence of effectiveness of HEAL and other programs funded from fund balance (Department)

Detail on food hub (Department)

Detail on School Health (Department)

Follow-up: Jim Vannoy is to get the Office of Law's definition of "non-recurring costs"

Community Partnership Grants: Kristin Weschler, Human Services Specialist, Citizen Services; Vidia Dhanraj, Grants Administrator, Citizen Services; Lois Mikkila, Director

Follow-up: Gilcrest Hospice, want information on possible funding

Non-Departmental Funds: Ray Wacks

Follow-up: Ray to get more information on the Downtown Arts and Culture Commission to include by-laws and other information concerning its establishment, authority, etc.

Pay as You Go Capital Funds

Contingency Reserves

Non-Departmental Expenses

OPEB: Ray Wacks reported on a long-term plan to add \$5 million per year to the General Fund allocation to OPEB (other public employee benefits) so that the fund is estimated to be a full annual required contribution by 2020

Follow-up: Craig will document progress of comparable Md. Counties in meeting the ARC

Housing: **Follow-up**: Hold question on chargeback forgiveness for Tom Carbo

Revenue: **Follow-up**: Hold questions on internal service funds for Gen. County work session (Wed.)

Fees: **Follow-up**: Do fees with General County (Wed) or Pending Issues (Thurs)

Statements

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.