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Minutes
Capital Budget Work Session
April 16, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
Banneker Room

Howard County Council Chairperson Calvin Ball called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

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

Ray Wacks, Budget Director, and Marsha McLaughlin, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning noted that there is no additional funding authority for agricultural preservation in FY 2015, that all current requests have been satisfied from prior years' funding, and that funds in this category could be used in the east as well as the west.

Ms. McLaughlin further commented on capital projects in the "General County Projects" portion of the capital budget, as follows: C 0337, C0331, C0285, C0286, C0289, C0287, C0298, K5066, T7107.

A comprehensive list of follow-up questions to be answered follows at the end of these minutes.

Chris Merdon, Director of the Department of Communication and Technology Services, described three \$10 million enterprise accounts related to the broadband project. He noted that the Department will not spend from this authority until they are assured of revenues from non-county sources. The discussion included an explanation of the need to segregate enterprise spending from county spending to avoid imposition of a 17% tax.

Ray Wacks discussed the master lease program, a short-term instrument of financing funded within the limits of recommended bonded indebtedness. Mr. Wacks noted that the Director of Finance recommends the financing vehicle for various projects, based on the most attractive costs, the length of life of the item acquired, and other factors. He noted that projects funded with dedicated revenues are not paid with bonds.

Mr. Merdon described the following additional projects: C0414, explaining the source of non-Howard County funds that supplemented the prior years' authorized County spending; C0301, C0311, C0312, C0315, C0327, and C0341.

Jim Irvin, Director of the Department of Public Works highlighted new and significant projects, including C0333, design for upgrades to the detention center; C0182, enclosing the police firing range; C0290, the courthouse addition and renovation, including a garage. He provided comment on the

following additional projects: C0282, C0290, C0299 (joined by Mark DeLuca; C0309; C0313 (joined by Daryl Parnell, new Bureau Chief, Facilities); C0313; C2316; C0318 and C0319; C0322; C0334.

Don Lieu, Bureau of Utilities and Mark Richmond, Stormwater Management joined for a discussion of the following sewer projects: S6293, S6175, S6203, S6268, S6275, S6280, S6269, S6290.

Steve Gerwin joined Don Lieu for a discussion of the following water projects: W8326, w8248, W8265, W8297, W8289, W8307, W8306, W8307, W8323, W8320, and W8324.

Mark DeLuca and Mark Richmond joined for the discussion of storm drainage projects: D1112, D1124, D1148, D1140, D1150, D1158, D 1159, D1160, D1164.

Jay Stiemetz, Project Engineer, joined for a discussion of bridge projects: B3831, B3850, B3858, B3859, B3863.

Kris Jagarapu, Traffic Engineering, joined for the discussion of the following road resurfacing projects: H2014, H2016. Mr. Irvin noted that the resurfacing need would require approximately \$20 million per year. He also noted that Howard County anticipates approximately \$430,000 for pothole repair from State funds, which will be amended into a supplemental appropriation ordinance for FY 2014.

Road construction projects J4110, J4121, J4157, J4167, J4202, J4212, J4224, J4234, and J4238 were highlighted.

Mr. Irvin also discussed the following sidewalk projects: K5034, K5035, K5040, K5043, K5054, and K5061, and K5064.

The following intersection improvements were highlighted: T7087, T7089, T7094, and T7106.

The following questions were posed for follow-up by the appropriate department representatives:

DPZ:

- C. Watson: Total acreage in three Pfefferkorn farms (ag. pres)
- J. Terrasa: What sites in east are potential ag. pres. Sites?
- C. Watson: Project C0337: what has been spent of the \$3 million
- J. Terrasa: What is the cost of making a bus stop ADA compliant?
- C. Watson: C0298, What is the 3rd project in this project (Rt. 40 streetscape)
- J. Terrasa: K5066: Provide list of candidate projects
- G. Fox: Status of funds on project grants (relates to all projects anticipating developer funding for completion, including T7107, Patuxent Trail connection)

Technology

- M.K.Sigaty: Did we spend (on C0414) funds we haven't yet recovered? What funds did we use?
- M.K.Sigaty: C0312, Wants a look at long-term projections, what is the timeframe now (SAP)

DPW

- G. Fox, C0282: Provide numbers on actual sales prices of county properties sold
- M.K. Sigaty, C0299: Provide elaboration of new MDES requirements for groundwater treatment
- C. Ball, C0318 and C0319: Provide numbers on the costs associated with the closing of C0318 (Savage, MARC train project)
- J. Terrasa, S6280: Provide maps to locate project
- J. Terrasa, W8324: Send map to locate Swan Point
- J. Terrasa, D1124: Provide more information about process
- J. Terrasa, J4110: Provide accounting of racetrack impact funds received and use
- C. Watson, Provide a list of areas where sound barriers will be funded
- J. Terrasa, K5035: Provide list of work on school transportation list
- J. Terrasa, K5061: Provide copy of candidate projects; summary of list and updates