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(Approved)
FY 2016 Budget Work Session
May 19, 2015
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Wynne Case Update: Margaret Ann Nolan, Gary Kuc, and Holly Sun provided an update on the Supreme Court's decision in favor of the Wynnes and its financial implications for the County and answered questions from the Council. Ms. Sun explained that although the decision will have a negative impact for the County, that potential impact was already assumed in determining the revenue projections for the FY 2016 budget.

County Council Budget: Members discussed the proposed budget for the County Council and asked the Administration to ensure that the total number of positions is corrected in the final budget book.

Howard County Public School System: Renee Foose and Beverly Davis provided additional information regarding fund balances and health fund projections and answered questions from the Council. Dr. Foose and Ms. Davis also agreed to review the amendments which had been filed regarding the School System's budget and provide any feedback they have.

Amendment Review: Members reviewed each prefiled amendment. Holly Sun, Jennifer Sager, Jim Irvin, Rebecca Kidwell, Chris Eatough, and David Cookson presented Administration amendments and answered questions on behalf of the Administration.

Scheduling: Based on the number of outstanding questions and potential amendments to amendments, members agreed to cancel the legislative session scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 20 and plan to adopt the budget at the legislative session scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on May 22. May 20 at 11:00 a.m. will be held as a possible time for an additional work session if needed.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.