



Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)
Legislative Work Session
June 22, 2015
4:30 p.m.
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

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

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

The Chair opened the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Marsha McLaughlin introduced Valdis Lazdins, the incoming Director of DPZ, to the Council.

CR104-2015 and CR105-2015: Jeff Bronow and Joel Gallihue answered questions from the Council regarding the housing unit allocations chart and the schools open/closed charts.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- A list of projects waiting for housing allocations
- A list of projects waiting to retest for schools

CB17-2015: Lonnie Robbins, John Byrd, and Maura Rossman answered questions from the Council regarding CB17-2015 and its anticipated impact on the Administration. Nikki Highsmith Vernick of the Horizon Foundation also answered questions from the Council.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- Details on the Department of Corrections' commissary contract
- The fiscal impact of the bill for the Department of Corrections
- COMAR standards for snacks served in child care
- The estimated cost to enforce the County's existing vending machine policy
- CDC standards for vending machines in government buildings

CB28-2015: Maura Rossman answered questions from the Council about CB28-2015 and health concerns related to vaping.

CR125-2014: Jim Irvin answered questions from the Council regarding CR125-2014. He agreed to have an amendment prepared to ensure that the sale price would at least cover the value the County had invested in the property.

CR67-2015, CR68-2015, and CR69-2015: Jim Irvin provided an overview of all three resolutions and the properties involved. He and Stan Milesky answered questions from the Council.

Council members requested the following additional information:

- A comparison of rates for taxable and tax-exempt bonds
- The interest rates for the County's line of credit
- The definition of public use for the purposes of tax-exempt bonds
- A listing of all County properties and their purposes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.