

**PROCEEDINGS OF BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

April 18, 2012

212 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2:30 P.M.

The budget work session was called to order by Council Member Slutzky with all members present except Council President Boniface, Council Member Guthrie, and Council Member Lisanti. Also present were the members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Board – Mr. J. Alan Thompson, representing Council President Boniface; Mrs. Gloria Moon, representing District A; Mr. Dave Williams, representing District B; Mr. Robert Tibbs, representing District D; and Mr. Charles Ramsay, Jr., representing District E. Mrs. Susan Heselton, representing District C and Mr. Glenn Dudderar, representing District F were absent.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that there is a net decrease of \$29,493. Scott Gibson, Director of Human Resources, responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Mr. McMahan offered remarks.

Mr. Dudderar arrived at 2:56 and Ms. Heselton arrived at 2:57.

PROCUREMENT

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, stated that the Procurement Operations had a net decrease of \$153,443 and property management has a net increase of \$197,051. She also stated that fleet management has a net increase of \$166,694. Deborah Henderson, Director, explained several items in the capital budget including the Bel Air Parking Garage are a joint venture between Harford County and the Town of Bel Air. These funds will pay for preventative maintenance and repairs. The cost will be shared with the town. Fleet replacements for 30 Sheriff's vehicles and the replacement of a fuel dispensing system in Abingon were explained. Deborah Henderson, Director, answered questions from the Council and the Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Deborah Henderson and Mary Chance responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

President Boniface arrived at 3:13 PM.

TREASURY

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, stated the Treasury had a net decrease of \$52,004. She reviewed the budget figures and explained the changes.

Ms. Lisanti arrived at 3:16 PM.

Kathryn Hewitt, County Treasurer explained that her office is divided into the Bureau of Accounting and Bureau of Revenue. She reviewed major accomplishments for the year, including the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Rick Pernas, Deputy County Treasurer was also present.

Ms. Hewitt responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

LAW

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated the Law Department has a net increase of \$75,375. Robert McCord, County Attorney and Carmella Ripple, Administrative Secretary, were present. Mr. McCord responded to questions from the Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that the Office of Economic Development has a net increase of \$251,574. Mrs. Spence also stated that Tourism & Marketing has a net decrease of \$8,570. James Richardson, Director of Economic Development; Denise Carnaggio, Deputy Director; and Winifred J. Roche, Tourism & Marketing Manager were present and provided an overview of the department's accomplishments. Mr. Richardson responded to questions from the Council and Citizen's Budget Advisory Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that the Department of Planning and Zoning Director's Office has a net decrease of \$29,094. Mrs. Spence stated that the Comprehensive Planning division has a net decrease of \$85,780 and the Current Planning division has a net decrease of \$148,037. She also explained that the Agricultural Preservation – County division has a net decrease of \$4,051,823. And the Agricultural Preservation – State has a net decrease of \$17,000. Pete Gutwald, Director updated the Council on recent projects and initiatives.

Mr. McMahan offered remarks. Mr. Gutwald, Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Hewitt responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Council Member Shrodes offered remarks.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, LICENSES AND PERMITS

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures within the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits. Mrs. Spence stated that the Director's office has a net decrease of \$30,262; Building Services has a net decrease of \$125,339; Plumbing Services has a net decrease of \$19,666; Electrical Services has a net decrease of \$31,095; Manufactured Housing/Abandoned Property has a net increase of \$1,209; and Animal Control has a net decrease of \$473,587.

Richard Lynch, Director, and Ms. Deborah Walls, Management Assistant, were present. Mr. Lynch stated that personal services comprise 94% of the department's budget.

Mr. Lynch responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board. Council President Boniface offered remarks.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that the Humane Society has a net increase of \$550,000. Mrs. Spence referenced the Capital Budget and introduced Mr. Fang. Mary Leavens, Director, and David Fang, President, were present. Mr. Fang explained the Humane Society's operating budget. Mr. Fang and Ms. Leavens responded to questions from responded to questions from the Council.

Mr. Fang explained the Humane Society's capital budget.

There being no further discussion, the budget work session concluded at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVED

Richard C. Phutzy
Vice President

7/10/12
Date