

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

April 19, 2012

212 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2:30 P.M.

The budget work session was called to order by Council President Boniface with all members present except Mr. Shrodes and Miss 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. Charles Ramsay, Jr., representing District E; and Mr. Glenn Dudderar, representing District F. Mrs. Susan Heselton, representing District C and Mr. Robert Tibbs, representing District D were absent.

Information and Communication Technology

Ted Pibil, Acting Chief Information Officer, and Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, were present. Mrs. Spence reviewed the budget, noting that there was a net increase of \$194,771.

Mr. Shrodes arrived at 2:35 PM. Ms. Heselton arrived at 2:37 PM.

Mr. Pibil presented an overview of the ICT department's structure, past year's accomplishments, and discussed projects for FY13. Mr. Pibil and Mrs. Spence responded to questions regarding the ICT budget from responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that the Department of Parks and Receptions Administration had a net decrease of \$43,950. Mrs. Spence also stated that Recreational Services has a net increase of \$98,529; Parks & Facilities has a net increase of \$111,733; Emmorton Recreation and Tennis Center has an increase of \$24,705; Oakington Peninsula has a net increase of \$8,203; and Recreation Council and Special Activities has a net increase of \$5,823.

Ms. Lisanti arrived at 2:57 PM.

Arden McClune, Director, introduced Ann Woodard, Budget and Purchasing Manager.

Ms. McClune and Ms. Woodard responded to questions about the department's operating budget from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board. Paul Magness joined Ms. McClune to discuss The Department of Parks and Receptions capital budget. Mr. Magness responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

The Council recessed at 4:19 PM and reconvened at 4:27 PM with all members and Citizens Advisory Board Members present except Miss Lisanti. Miss Lisanti returned at 4:41 PM.

Community Services

Beth Hendrix, Director, and Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, were present. Mrs. Spence reviewed the budget. She noted that the Director of Community Services division budget was increased by \$17,977. Mrs. Spence stated that Office of Drug Control Policy had a net decrease of \$25,640; Community Development has a net decrease of \$11,885; Emergency Assistance division has a net decrease of \$5,331; Office on Aging has a net increase of \$5,576; and Harford Transit has a net decrease of \$156,380.

Mrs. Hendrix responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

HOUSING AGENCY

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated there was a net decrease of \$38,912. Shawn Kingston, Director of Housing Agency, responded to questions from the Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

HARFORD CENTER

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated there is no change to the Harford Center's Budget.

Rose Lane, Executive Director, and Barbara Risacher, Board Chair were present and provided an overview of the Harford Center.

Ms. Lane and Ms. Risacher responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board. Council Member Guthrie offered remarks.

ARC

Kimberly Spence, Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated there is no change to the ARC's Budget.

Shawn Kros, Executive Director, The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region and John Coffman, Board Member, were present and provided an overview of the ARC.

Ms. Kros and Mr. Coffman responded to a question from the Council.

Mrs. Spence responded to a follow up question regarding the Community Services budget from the Council.

Mrs. Mary Chance offered remarks about the Harford Center and the Arc. Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Shrodes offered remarks.

There being no further discussion, the budget work session concluded at 5:08 p.m.

APPROVED Richard C. Shultz 7/10/12
Vice President Date