

PROCEEDINGS OF BUDGET WORK SESSION

OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

April 24, 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 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. Charles Ramsay, Jr., representing District E; and Mr. Glenn Dudderar, representing District F. Mr. Dave Williams, representing District B; and Mrs. Susan Heselton, representing District C and Mr. Robert Tibbs, representing District D were absent.

HARFORD CABLE NETWORK (HCN)

Kelly Jara, Executive Director, was present and reviewed the HCN budget.

Mr. Tibbs arrived at 2:35 PM.

Ms. Jara was available for questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

CULTURAL ARTS BOARD

Martha Valentine and Natalie Weeks, Coordinators, were present and reviewed the Cultural Arts Board budget.

Council Member Lisanti and Ms. Heselton arrived at 2:41 PM.

Ms. Valentine and Ms. Weeks were available for questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Robert Cooper, Director, and Kim Spence, Budget Office, were present and reviewed the overall budget of the Department of Public Works. Mrs. Spence stated that the Department of Public Works budget has a net decrease of \$273,155. Mr. Cooper presented an overview of the Director's Office Budget.

Council Members Slutzky, Shrodes and McMahan thanked Mr. Cooper for her service.

Mr. Cooper was available for questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Bureau of Capital Projects Management

Mrs. Spence stated the Bureau of Capital Projects Management has a decrease of \$43,302

Construction Management

Scott Kirby, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Management, reviewed the budget of the division and noted the net decrease of \$174,380.

Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Spence, and Mr. Kirby responded to questions from the Council.

Environmental Services

Thomas Hilton, Deputy Director, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Spence were present. Mrs. Spence stated that the Bureau of Environmental Services Administration & Engineering has a net decrease of \$43,589; Recycling has a net decrease of \$73,712; Post Closure, Scarborough Remediation, Noxious Weed, and Gypsy Moth are flat funded for FY 13. Mrs. Spence stated that the Bureau of Solid Waste Management has a net decrease of \$107,312 and Waste to Energy has a net increase of \$185,830. Mr. Hilton shared the accomplishments and responsibilities of the Environmental Services division as well as plans for FY13.

Mr. Hilton responded to questions about the operating budget from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Mr. Hilton reviewed the Environmental Services Capital Budget. Mr. Hilton responded to questions about the capital budget from from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Council Member Lisanti left at 3:55 PM.

Highways

H. Hudson Myers, III, P.E., Deputy Director, Mr. Cooper and Kimberley Spence were present. Mrs. Spence stated that the Bureau of Highways Engineer has a net increase of \$13,658; the Bureau of Water Resources has a net decrease of \$82,226; the Bureau of Highways Maintenance has a net increase of \$489,440; and the Bureau of Highways Maintenance - Snow Removal has no change in funding for FY 13. Mr. Myers reviewed the Highways budget.

Mr. Guthrie left at 4:06 PM.

Mr. Myers responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Mr. Shrodes left at 4:18 PM. Mr. Guthrie returned at 4:20 PM.

Jeff Stratmeyer, Chief Engineer, provided an overview of the capital budget. Mr. Stratmeyer, Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Spence responded to questions from the Council and Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

Mike Rist, Civil Engineer, reported that bay cleanup is a hot button issue and the regulations have changed. This means that there will have to be changes to the code. He discussed the bay and bay restoration projects.

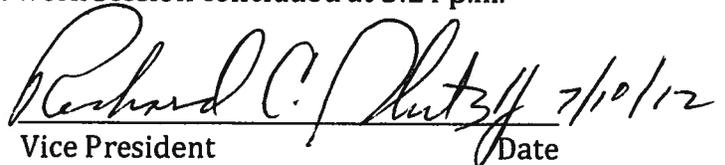
Water and Sewer

Kimberly Spence Budget Office, reviewed the budget figures and stated that the Bureau of Water & Sewer Administration has a net increase of \$310,838; the Bureau of Water & Sewer Engineer has a net decrease of \$73,986; and the Bureau of Water & Sewer Maintenance has a net decrease of \$145,84; the Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations - Wastewater Processing has a net increase of \$164,101; and the Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations - Water Production has a net decrease of \$542,112. Joel Caudill, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works, introduced several members of his staff and was available to respond to questions.

Jacqueline Ludwig, Chief, Division of Water and Sewer, reviewed the capital budget. Mr. Caudill, Ms. Ludwig and Mr. Cooper responded to questions from the Citizens Budget Advisory Board.

There being no further discussion, the budget work session concluded at 5:24 p.m.

APPROVED


Vice President

7/10/12
Date