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Note: A copy of the appendices is located in the official Planning Board file.
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January 17, 2019

Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The following members were:

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County staff present included Jeff Mayhew, Lloyd Moxley, Jessie Bialek, Jen Nugent, Kris Weaver, Krystle Patchak, Jennifer Meacham, Janice Graves and Ngone Diop from the Department of Planning, Steve Walsh, Dave Thomas, Tom Kiefer, Erin McKenna-Streyle, Bryan Bokey and Sheldon Epstein from the Department of Public Works. Dave Lykens from the Department of Environment Protection and Sustainability.

Review of Today’s Agenda

Chairman Phillips asked staff if any changes were made to the agenda. Ms. Diop indicated that no changes to the agenda were made.

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Meeting

Chairman Phillips asked the Planning Board members if they had any questions regarding the minutes from the October 18th, 2018 meeting. No questions were raised by the Board members.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the draft minutes. Ms. Berzins made the motion and Ms. Hafford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:06 p.m. Absent for the vote was Mr. Todd Warren.
Presentation

A Special Presentation by County Executive John A. Olszewski, Jr. – Introducing the FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program Process

Chairman Phillips, on behalf of the entire Board, began by congratulating and welcoming the new County Executive. County Executive Olszewski thanked the members of the Planning Board and expressed his sincere gratitude for their service to the residents of Baltimore County. County Executive stated he is looking forward to building a better Baltimore County with all the members by continuing to make smarter investments in schools and communities and making government more accountable and more transparent. County Executive stated that on his first day in office, he issued an executive order to create a Blue Ribbon Commission to examine the County budget and process in order to identify deficiencies and improvements, and changes to transparency to boost community engagement. County Executive Olszewski invited the Planning Board members, considering their experience in capital budget formulation, to share their thoughts with the Commission as they conduct a comprehensive review of the County’s budget practices. He indicated that recommendations from the Commission are expected on February 15, 2019 and final report on May 15, 2019. The County Executive also mentioned hosting a series of town hall meetings in all seven council districts to engage the community in the budget planning process.

County Executive Olszewski introduced the Board to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process and stated that this is an “off-year” cycle. He noted that last November, voters approved $491.7 Million on the bond referendum on the ballot. It is typical that approved bonds in the referendum are included in the following fiscal year. The time sensitive nature of several capital projects required access to those bond funds before the normal July 1, 2020 period. A supplemental appropriation of bond funding totaling $170 Million was approved by the County Council last November, prior to County Executive Olszewski taking office to allow to keep projects to move forward. The primary beneficiary of the bond funding is Baltimore County Public Schools with $137 Million to continue the aggressive pace of “Schools for Our Future” program.

County Executive noted that since the launch of the program in 2011, “Schools for Our Future” program has made a significant impact in addressing elementary and middle schools overcrowding, modernizing schools and installing central air conditioning in the non-air conditioning schools. He stated that, as of last September, Baltimore County is down to eight non-air-conditioning schools and two centers out of the 174 total. He praised the cooperation of team work of the Baltimore County school system and the Interim Superintendent Verletta White.

County Executive Olszewski indicated that the bonds will complete funding for the renovations of Woodlawn and Patapsco high schools and replace Dundalk, Colgate, Berkshire and Chadwick elementary schools. The funding of these projects will leave eight remaining elementary and middle school projects that compromise the balance of the “Schools for Our Future” program. The County Executive noted that under the timeline laid down by the previous administration, the “Schools for Our Future” program was scheduled to be completed in 2021.

The County Executive noted that while the program has resulted in a lot of positive benefits for the communities, it has impacted the operating budget in Baltimore County. He explained that when the “Schools for Our Future” program started, the county decided to forward fund State Aid in order to accelerate the air conditioning installations and the school replacements. At that time, there was sufficient cash in the fund balance to mitigate the risk of doing so, which is no longer the case.

He stated that spending for school capital projects has more than tripled from $59 Million in FY 2015 to $183 Million in FY 2018. Furthermore, the total FY 2020 bond amount for schools has increased from the $167 million recommended by the Planning Board to the $335.5 Million approved by voters in November 6, 2018. He explained the reason for the significant increase is due to the fact that the County needed to sell bonds in order to continue forward funding State Aid. The elevated and increasing debt burden, with
slow payout and capital needs have led to Moody’s Investors Service to assign an “AAA negative” rating to Baltimore County GO Bonds, a downgrade from its previous “AAA stable” rating.

The County Executive called for a re-evaluation of the current approach of forward funding the state capital contributions to avoid having negative impacts on the operating budget and the fund balance. He stated that the State has contributed an average $45 million to help fund school projects. He indicated, at this pace, Baltimore County will have to slow down the “Schools for Our Future” program.

County Executive Olszewski proposed to have the State step up its commitment to the Baltimore County school construction projects. He noted that Baltimore County cannot afford to wait until FY 2026 for the State to have its funding in place. The County Executive indicated he is asking the County Legislative Delegation to push for a $100 Million per year, 5 year commitment from the State, to allow forward funding of county funds to continue, along with State funding for “Schools for Our Future” program, and finishing up the program in FY 2022. Additionally, it will allow funding to begin for new high schools as contemplated by the Sage Policy Group Report in FY 2023.

The County Executive thanked the Planning Board members for their service and expressed his gratitude for allowing him to address the Board on the CIP.

Mr. McGinnis expressed his concerns of the lack of gymnasium space at the Hereford high school. He indicated he has been asking for funding for additional gymnasium space in the last three years as recreational teams are getting bigger. He also expressed his concerns about the agricultural center. He stated that over $6 million were spent that bypassed the capital budget process for capital projects at the agricultural center. He commended the County Executive for being aware of the situation and addressing the problem. The County Executive thanked him back and expressed his willingness for a collaborative approach and government transparency.

Mr. Schlossberg congratulated the County Executive and reminded him that besides school, flooding issues are another concern throughout Baltimore County. County Executive replied by stating that both stormwater requirements and challenges of meeting the requirements without a dedicated revenue stream, are covered through presentations given at the town hall meetings.

Ms. Hafford praised the County Executive for being honest, transparent and recognizing all the different issues from all aspects. Mr. Perlow thanked the County Executive for his presentation and inquired how Baltimore County will fund for all his projects while facing a budget dilemma. County Executive answered that before taxes are considered, all other options must be examined. He indicated, he is studying ways to improve the budget issues and listed, among others, having a full audit of County Government, challenging department heads to think creatively and outside of the box, raising the assessable value by making home values increase and taking a $500 Million plan to Annapolis.

Ms. Berzins recognized the importance of all issues and concerns heard at the Citizen Input Meeting last October. She applauded the County Executive for getting additional money for our schools because she believed schools are the platform for good economic growth.

Chairman Phillips thanked the County Executive for coming out and introducing to the Board the FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program process. Mr. Phillips indicated that members of the Board looked forward to working closely with the County Executive.

**Items for Introduction**

1. Basic Services Maps

Mr. Dave Thomas from the Department of Public Works addressed the Planning Board and confirmed this would be his last presentation as he is getting ready to retire. Chairman Phillips congratulated Mr. Thomas and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Thomas introduced the transitional staff from the
Department of Public Works and indicated that he has provided each member with hard copies of draft reports for 2019 public water and sewer status and transportation basic service maps. He also indicated providing 2019 Basic Services Maps for water supply area, transportation zones and sewer deficient areas and areas of concern. He asked members of the Planning Board to review the materials provided and set a public hearing meeting to give the opportunity for public input.

The Chair entertained a motion to set the public hearing. Ms. Berzins made a motion to set a Public Hearing for February 7, 2019. Ms. Wolfson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:30 p.m. Absent for the vote was Mr. Todd Warren.

2. TradePoint Atlantic – Water and Sewer Out of Cycle Amendment EM-1-2018

Mr. Dave Thomas from the Department of Public Works addressed the Planning Board again and explained why TradePoint Atlantic is coming to the county as a water and sewer amendment, outside of the usual May 1st cycle. He stated he will introduce to the members of the Planning Board, the idea of pumping stations, force mains, sewer mains and water mains that need to be connected to the TradePoint site to support the new development. He asked the members to schedule a public hearing for February 7, 2019 at which time, a full briefing will be provided.

The Chair entertained a motion to set the public hearing. Ms. Berzins made a motion to set a Public Hearing for February 7, 2019. Ms. Hafford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 4:34 p.m. Absent for the vote was Mr. Todd Warren.

Presentations: FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program

Based on the impact at the Community Input Meeting last October, Mr. Steve Walsh, Director of the Department of Public Works and Mr. Dave Lykens, Acting Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, presented to members of the Planning Board their work program related to flooding.

Other Business

3. Report from the November 8, 2018 and January 10, 2019 meetings of the Landmarks Preservation Commission

Mr. Yaffe reported that on November 8th, 2018 the LPC voted to issue 6 Certificates of Appropriateness and on January 10th, 2019, the LPC voted to select the current Chair and Vice-Chair to serve another term for the upcoming calendar year. They also voted to issue 7 Certificates of Appropriateness. Additionally, the LPC placed “Choate House” (Excluding 1990 addition) & setting, located at 9600 Liberty Road in Randallstown, Maryland on the Baltimore County Preliminary Landmarks List following a public hearing.

4. Recent County Council Legislation of Interest to the Board

Ms. Diop gave a report on the recent County Council legislation. The legislation is listed below for reference.

   
   b. Bill 91-18  Historic Environmental Setting – Scott’s Tavern House and Outbuildings
c. Bill 92-18  Open Space Fees


**Adjournment of the Board Meeting**

Chairman Phillips called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Ms. Hafford made the motion and Ms. Wolfson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 5:44 p.m. Absent for the vote was Mr. Todd Warren