

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee – October 23, 2018

Conference Room 11

Board of Supervisors Members Present:

Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
Jeff McKay, Lee District (Committee Chair)
John Cook, Braddock District
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Kathy Smith, Sully District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Materials

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/board-legislative-committee-meeting-oct-23-2018>

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Summary of Discussion:

Federal Items:

- Draft Recommended Strategies and Principles for the 116th Congress
- Office of Economic Adjustment, Defense Spending by State FY 2016 (*provided as a handout for Committee members to review after the meeting*)

The Legislative Committee received an update from Nancy Prowitt, President and Chief Operating Officer, Alcalde and Fay, on a number of federal items including the budget. A document with additional information about defense spending in Virginia and across the United States was also distributed to Committee members for their review.

The Legislative Committee directed staff to add language specifying that the two projects the County applied for through INFRA/BUILD have a connection to federal facilities. The Legislative Committee, following discussion with Fairfax County School Board members Karen Corbett Sanders and Karen Key-Gamarra, directed staff to include language in the “Education” principles relating to federally-connected students, and to develop a one-page document on the topic to share with the County’s federal delegation members. Committee members also discussed working with members from Hampton Roads and Prince William County. Lastly, Committee members directed

staff to add language to the “Telecommunications/Communications” principles relating to recent federal actions governing wireless facilities.

Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Legislative Program

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Priorities
 - Funding Core Services – K-12 Funding
 - Funding Core Services – Transportation Funding
- Initiatives/Action Statements
 - Transportation – Dedication and Construction of Sidewalks
- Position Statements
 - Human Services – Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention
 - Human Services – Substance Use Disorder
- Transportation Fact Sheet
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to make a small change to the “Sample Project Costs” graphic to clarify that the project costs are for Fairfax County. Additionally, Committee members asked for more information about why transportation project costs have steadily risen in recent years, and directed staff to work on developing a handout that could be used to provide some additional background information on this topic to the Fairfax County General Assembly (GA) delegation members. Staff said they are working on pulling relevant information together, and could provide a handout to the County’s delegation members at the December 11 work session.
- Other
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to review the regional positions and list the specific jurisdictions that are in support of these positions.
 - The Legislative Committee, following discussion with School Board members in attendance, directed staff to add language to the K-12 funding position relating to dual enrollment. Additionally, the Legislative Committee and School Board members in attendance discussed a recently adopted School Board resolution on climate change. Chairman Bulova said she planned to present a Board Matter at the October 30 Board of Supervisors meeting, suggesting that the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board hold a joint forum to discuss their environmental visions.

Board of Supervisors 2019 Draft Human Services Issue Paper

In addition to the draft 2019 Human Services Issue Paper discussed below, Legislative Committee members also received copies of a condensed version of the issue paper including only the positions, and a copy of the Human Services Fact Sheet (with notes comparing statistics from the Adopted 2018 Human Services Issue Paper Fact Sheet to the Draft 2019 Human Services Issue Paper Fact Sheet).

The Committee reviewed the following items:

- Revised Introduction
- Priorities
 - Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention
 - Substance Use Disorder
- Position Statements
 - Children and Families – School Readiness
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to further strengthen the language relating to why some Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) slots allocated to the County are not being used. School Board members in attendance suggested that staff could add language relating to the widespread use of trailers for classrooms.
 - Children and Families – Foster Care/Kinship Care
 - Legislative Committee members noted that counseling and professional resources may be helpful for individuals working in the foster care system, and directed staff to discuss further at a future meeting of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.
 - Health, Well Being, and Safety – Domestic and Sexual Violence
 - The Committee directed staff to add the annual number for the number of homeless children who are homeless due to domestic violence, if available.
 - Behavioral Health – Emergency Responsiveness
- Human Services Fact Sheet

Items for Initial Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following items and took the actions indicated below:

- Human Services – Pediatric Mental Health Access
 - The Legislative Committee directed staff to reach out to Fairfax County GA delegation members to provide them with additional information on the issue.
- Transportation – Stormwater Facilities
 - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to research options for improving urban stormwater facility design and maintenance standards and coordination with the Commonwealth, including potential legislative options. The Committee also concurred with the staff recommendation to bring this item back to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration at the November 27 Legislative Committee meeting.

Item for Further Consideration. The Committee reviewed the following item and took the actions indicated below:

- Public Safety – Protective Orders and Weapons
 - The Legislative Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to add language on protective orders to the Domestic and Sexual Violence position in the

Human Services Issue Paper, but directed staff to add more specific language, including a position in support of the immediate surrender of firearms. The Legislative Committee concurred with the other staff recommendations directing the staff work group to analyze incorporating the Virginia State Police's firearms database into the County's process for implementing the 2016 law, review resources available on other states' implementation of similar laws, and provide updates at future meetings of the Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Committee, and directing staff to monitor for introduction of specific legislation in 2019, in order to bring related bills back to the Legislative Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

Sales and Use Tax in Virginia

The Legislative Committee received copies of a document prepared by Fairfax County staff, which provides an overview of the sales and use tax distribution in Virginia, and the possible impacts of the *South Dakota v. Wayfair* Supreme Court decision on sales tax revenue. This document was provided as a handout for Board members to review after the meeting.

Death of a Sales Tax Rule: *Wayfair's* Implications for Virginia

The Legislative Committee received copies of an issue brief prepared by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services outlining the implications of the recent *South Dakota v. Wayfair* Supreme Court decision on Virginia. This document was provided as a handout for Board members to review after the meeting.

Variations in Funding and Services Across CSBs FY 2017

The Legislative Committee received copies of a University of Virginia presentation detailing variations in funding and services across CSBs in FY 2017, which was provided for their review after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Votes Taken: None

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