

Summary – Board Budget Committee Meeting

March 21, 2017

Government Center – Conference Room 11

Committee Members Present:

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

Summary of Previous Meeting (March 7, 2017)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings/2017/mar7-budget-summary.pdf>

March 21, 2017 Meeting Agenda:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/workshops/budget-committee-agenda-03-21-2017.pdf>

March 21, 2017 Meeting Materials:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/third_quarter/fy2017/fy2017-tq-03-21-2017.pdf

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2018/advertised/fy2018-fy2022-cip-bos-presentation.pdf>

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M.

After a brief introduction by Supervisor McKay, the first presentation on the agenda, *FY 2017 Third Quarter Review* is given by Joseph Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The presentation is the first one linked above under *March 21, 2017 Meeting Materials*. The Board did not have any questions on the presentation.

Following that presentation, the second presentation on the agenda, *Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*, is given by Martha Reed, Capital Coordinator, Department of Management and Budget. The presentation is the second one linked above under *March 21, 2017 Meeting Materials*.

Board Discussion

- **BUDGET Q&A – Supervisor Herrity:** Please provide additional information on the following projects, including looking at using existing space and what are the projected operating expenses:

- Original Mt. Vernon High School
- East County Human Services Center
- North County Human Services Center
- North County Infrastructure
- Discussion ensued on the status of the Original Mt Vernon High School property and Reston Town Center, involving DCE Rob Stalzer
- Discussion ensued on the \$155 million in annual bond sale amount for FCPS. The Board reiterated that this is a priority area. One Board member raised a concern about how much more FCPS can manage if they were able to get additional funding without adding significant additional positions.
- Additional discussion ensued on Metro and Schools being the drivers going forward and the County should begin planning and putting placeholders for them in the CIP. It was noted that the region is looking for a dedicated source for Metro, so that needs to be kept in mind. It is also noted that this is a regional issue and not a Fairfax County-specific problem. County Executive (CEX) Ed Long concurred but noted that we do need to keep under the 10% threshold.
- **BUDGET Q&A - Supervisor McKay:** Please provide information on the impact and uses of the \$13.1 Million to FCPS for infrastructure replacement, including what it has been used for and what impact those funds have had.
- The Board noted that we are not that close to our 10% limit in terms of Debt Service expenditures as a percentage of General Fund Disbursements. CEX Long notes that we will be looking at the limits. CFO Mondoro and others note that the main constraint/issue is paying for the debt service.
- Discussion ensued on the importance of the East County Human Services Center and that it is serving hundreds of citizens on a daily basis. A question is asked about the Mason Police station – are funds in the CIP primarily to support the Police side? CEX Long stated the answer is yes; however, he noted that the HVAC etc. of the entire building will be reviewed.
- For future discussion in the Board’s Environment Committee – Supervisor Gross cited Slide 4 of the CIP presentation and requests further analysis on data trends now that we are in the fourth year of a 5-year plan. CEX Long noted that what the federal government does is going to have a huge impact going forward.
- The Mosaic District Library, Woodburn Crisis Care, and Tysons Police Station projects are also raised as a concern by Supervisor Smyth. Deputy CEX Rob Stalzer responds and will work with her going forward.
- The Board also noted that earlier discussions with Board offices regarding projects in the queue would be appreciated. Input at an early stage is critical.
- The 2020 Park Bond referendum was discussed – and Chairman Bulova noted her interest in discussing a storage and historic display site for artifacts as part of this. She noted George Mason University has some potential interest in partnering on this.
- The Board also reiterated that co-locating and/or multi-purposing facilities where possible should be a priority.

The next meeting of the Board Budget Committee is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, 3/28/2017. CFO Mondoro also noted that a joint FCPS-Board meeting on June 13, 2017 is also being planned to discuss Shared FCPS-County Services.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.