



Prince George's County Council

County Administration Building
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Upper Marlboro, Maryland
20772-3050

Meeting Minutes - Final Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

Thursday, April 30, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting - Budget Worksession

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10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Turner at 10:00 a.m. with eleven members present at roll call.

Present 11 - Todd Turner
 Monique Anderson-Walker
 Derrick Davis
 Thomas Dernoga
 Mel Franklin
 Dannielle Glaros
 Sydney Harrison
 Calvin S. Hawkins
 Jolene Ivey
 Rodney Streeter
 Deni Taveras

Also present:

*Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant
Leonard D. Moses, Zoning Assistant
David Van Dyke, County Auditor
Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer
Turkessa Green, Deputy County Auditor
Nathaniel Tutt, III, HHSPS Committee Director
Dr. George L. Askew, DCAO, Health and Human Services
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison*

Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney

BUDGET WORKSESSION - ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- a) Presentation by Committee Staff
(Including comments received by the Committee)*
- b) Audits & Investigations Budget Report*
- c) Comments from Agencies*
- d) Questions from Committee Members*
- e) Motion and Vote*

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CITIZEN COMPLAINT OVERSIGHT PANEL

Attachment(s): [FY 2021 CCOP Summary & Report](#)

Panelist:

Laurinda Hall, Director

10:02 a.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced David Van Dyke, County Auditor and Anya Makarova, Audits and Investigations. Ms. Makarova provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel. Laurinda Hall, Director, was present to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding any backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic, volume of cases, vacancy on the Panel, Latino representation, investigation and enforcement process, the 30 working day review standard and reporting. Concluded at 10:29 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

Attachment(s): [FY 2021 Family Services Summary & Report](#)

Panelists:

Elana Belon-Butler, Director

Anthony Walker, Chief Operating Officer

10:30 a.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Kassandra Fields, Audits and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Department of Family Services. Laurinda Hall, Director, was available to

comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding any backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic, volume of cases, vacancy on the Panel, Latino representation, investigation and enforcement process, the 30 working day review standard and reporting. Concluded at 10:29 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Attachment(s): [FY 2021 Dept of Social Services Summary & Report](#)
[Department of Social Services PPT](#)

Panelists:

Gloria Brown Burnett, Director

Renee Pope, Acting Chief of Staff and Assistant Director for Community Services

Loretta Tillery, Deputy Chief of Staff

11:28 a.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Kassandra Fields, Audits and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Department of Social Services. Gloria Brown facilitated a PowerPoint presentation focusing on Child, Adult and Family Services, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Foster Care, Family Preservation, Public assistance available to Individuals, Families and Children, Caseload, Program Compliance, Affordable Care Act and Homeless Services. The panelists were available to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding tent cities, youth homelessness, utilization of hotels and motels for the homeless, south county homeless needs, capacity of shelters, expiration of grant dollars, flyers for SNAP Services and rental assistance. Concluded at 12:08 p.m.

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OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Attachment(s): [FY 2021 Homeland Security Summary & Report](#)

Panelists:

Gevonia Whittington, Director

Charlynn Flaherty, Deputy Director/PSC

Stephanie Robinson, Budget Manager

Muriel Weatherly, Grants Manager

12:09 p.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Larry Whitehurst, Audits

and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Office of Homeland Security. The panelists were available to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding limited term grand fund positions, CARES Act funding, 911 System text messaging, GPS access and body-worn cameras. Concluded at 12:41 p.m.

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RECESS

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The meeting recessed at 12:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson-Walker, seconded by Council Member Davis, to recess the meeting. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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Attachment(s): [FY 2021 CIP Combined Report_Final](#)

Panelists

Mary Lou McDonough, Director

Corenne Labbe, Deputy Director

Gregory Smith, A/Deputy Director

Lakisha Giles, Support Services Division Chief

1:17 p.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Anya Markarova, Audits and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Department of Corrections. The panelists were available to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding CARES Act and other grant assistance, liability issues, facility maintenance, particularly as they relate to the plumbing issues, the new HVAC system, number of individuals released as a result of the pandemic, quarantine practices and isolation cells and prospect of acquiring in house plumbers. Concluded at 1:47 p.m.

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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Attachment(s): [FY 2021 Sheriff Summary & Report](#)

Panelists:

Melvin C. High, Sheriff

(Col.) Darrin Palmer

(LTC) Mark Roccapriore

Grace King, Budget Analyst

1:48 p.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Larry Whitehurst, Audits and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Office of the Sheriff. The panelists were available to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding expectation for new Deputy Sheriff candidates, overtimes, court security and safety and body-worn cameras. Concluded at 2:11 p.m.

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OFFICE OF STATE'S ATTORNEY

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Attachment(s): [FY 2021 Office of States Attorney Summary & Report](#)
[Office of the State's Attorney PPT](#)

Panelists:

Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney

Deanna Baker-Mims, Budget Director

Jason Abbott, Principal Deputy State's Attorney

Doyle Niemann, Chief, Sentencing and Conviction Integrity Unit/Operations

2:12 p.m. - Nathaniel K. Tutt, Acting Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, introduced Arian Albear, Audits and Investigations who provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget of the Office of the State's Attorney. State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy facilitated a PowerPoint presentation focusing on Update of FY 2020 Initiatives, Conviction and Sentencing Integrity Unit, Strangulation Protocol, Public Integrity Unit, Legislative Accomplishments, technology upgrades, commitment to diversion and re-entry, response to COVID-19, reduction in jail population and challenges for reopening. The panelists were available to comment and respond to questions posed by Council Members regarding Sentencing and Integrity Unit and the 24 general fund vacancies. Concluded at 2:56 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras