

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 10/26/2010
Reference No.: CB-097-2010
Draft No.: 3
Proposer(s): County Executive
Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Bland, Dean, Exum, Harrison, Knotts, Olson, Turner
Item Title: An Emergency Act approving the lease or sale of the County's interest in certain real property and the subsequent leaseback or installment purchase of said real property for purposes of financing a new emergency operations center that shall be named in honor of Fallen First Responders.

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Resource Personnel: Jonathan R. Seeman, OMB

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:	11/15/2010 S
Committee Referral:	9/28/2010 - PSFM	Effective Date:	11/15/2010
Committee Action:	10/20/2010 - NR		
Date Introduced:	9/28/2010		
Public Hearing:	10/26/2010 - 10:00 AM		
Council Action (1)	10/26/2010 - ENACTED		
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A		
Pass/Fail:	P		
Remarks:			

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety and Fiscal Management

Date 10/20/2010

COMMITTEE VOTE: No Recommendation 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Exum, Harrison, Campos, Dean and Turner)

This legislation was held in Committee on 10/12/10 to allow time for the Legislative Officer to receive and review the contract related to this transaction.

This emergency bill will approve the lease and leaseback or sell and purchase overtime of a new Emergency Operations Center which will house the Office of Homeland Security and the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center. The term of the contract is for approximately twenty (20) years with the net annual basic rental or installment purchase payments from the County projected to not exceed \$2 million.

The County Executive stated that the designation of this legislation as an emergency bill is necessary to meet the County's immediate need to finance a new emergency operations center housing the Office of Homeland Security

and a new 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center to provide enhanced essential public safety services in the County.

Prior to introduction on 9/28/10 the bill was amended by designating that the building be named in honor of slain State Trooper Wesley Brown and all fallen first responders. The proposed new emergency operations center will be named the “Wesley Brown Fallen First Responders Emergency Operations Center”.

According to the Office of Audits and Investigation the total cost of the new emergency operation center is approximately \$36,045,008. The sources of funding will be \$5,612,883 in grants, \$5,000,000 in transfer from the Public Safety 800mhz System CIP project (SQ300113); \$3,000,000 is bonds issued in 2008, \$2,232,125 from other funds (Paygo, which is being verified at this time); and \$20,200,000 in Certificates of Participation (COPS) Securities.

The interest on the twenty (20) years COPS transaction is expected to be about 2.9%, based on the current market conditions which amount to approximately \$10,100,000, with the total principal and interest costs at approximately \$30,300,000. The average annual debt service payments are expected to be in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000.

The enactment of CB-97-2010 will have a negative fiscal impact on the County of approximately \$30,300,000 (principal and interest) over the twenty (20) year term of the proposed COPS transaction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

This emergency legislation will approve the lease and leaseback of a new emergency operations center housing the Office of Homeland Security and the 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center located at 17321 Melford Boulevard, Bowie, Maryland 20715. County Council approval of the transaction is required by Section 2-111.01(g) of the Prince George’s County Code and Section 819 of the Charter of Prince George’s County, Maryland.

The designation of this legislation as an emergency bill is necessary to meet the County’s immediate need to finance a new emergency operations center housing the Office of Homeland Security and a new 9-1-1 emergency dispatch center to provide enhanced essential public safety services in Prince George’s County.

9/28/2010 – Prior to introduction; CB-97-2010 was amended as follows:

- #1. On page 1, line 5, after “center” insert the following “that shall be named in honor of slain State Trooper Wesley Brown and Fallen First Responders”
- #2. On page 2, line 7, insert the following “WHEREAS, the County desires to honor the memory of slain Trooper First Class Wesley Brown by naming the new emergency operations center as the Wesley Brown Fallen First Responders Emergency Operations Center; and”
- #3. On page 3, line 2, insert the following “SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the new emergency operations center shall be named the Wesley Brown Fallen First Responders Emergency Operations Center” and insert new “SECTION 7”.

Ms. Turner offered an additional friendly amendment as follows:

Replace #2 above as follows:

- #2. On page 2, line 7, insert the following “WHEREAS, the County desires to honor the memory of slain Trooper First Class Wesley Brown and all fallen first responders by naming the new emergency operations center as the Wesley Brown Fallen First Responders Emergency Operations Center; and” (motion carried)

CB-97-2010 (DR-2) was subsequently introduced.

10/26/2010 - After public hearing, CB-97-2010 (DR-2) was amended on the floor as follows:

1. On page 1 lines 5 and 6, after "of" delete the following "slain State Trooper Wesley Brown and"
2. On page 2, lines 8 and 9, after "of" delete the following "slain Trooper First Class Wesley Brown and", and on line 10 after "the" delete the following "Wesley Brown"
3. On page 3, line 7, after "the" delete the following "Wesley Brown"

CB-97-2010 (DR-3) was enacted.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
