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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 20-0527

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired By: Councilmember Eric T. Costello

Hearing Date: Friday, June 12, 2020

Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA)

Time (Beginning): 9:50 AM
Time (Ending): 10:20 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED)

Time (Beginning): 10:30 AM
Time (Ending): 11:40 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC)

Time (Beginning): 12:30 PM
Time (Ending): 12:50 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Sherriff's Department

Time (Beginning): 1:30 PM
Time (Ending): 1:50 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 35

State's Attorney's Office (SAO)

Time (Beginning): 2:30 PM
Time (Ending): 3:25 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 70

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Time (Beginning): 4:00 PM
Time (Ending): 5:00 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 50

Baltimore City Police Department (BPD)

Time (Beginning): 6:30 PM
Time (Ending): 8:15 PM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 130

Committee Members in Attendance:

NOTE: All committee members attended at least one or more hearings throughout the day

Eric Costello
Leon Pinkett
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Bill Henry
Sharon Sneed
Sharon Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Major Speakers
(This is not an attendance record.)

- Donna Sawyer, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts
- Jason Perkins-Cohen, Mayor's Office of Employment Development
- Peter Little, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- Terrell Boston-Smith, Sherriff's Office
- Marilyn Mosby, State's Attorney's Office
- Camille Blake-Fall, State's Attorney's Office
- Michael Schatzow, State's Attorney's Office
- Donald Walter, State's Attorney's Office

- Tamika Gauvin, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
 - Matthew Stegman, Mayor's Office
 - Matthew Rappaport, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
 - Stefan Waters, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
 - Michael Harrison, Police Commissioner
 - Shallah Graham, Police Department
 - Eric Melanacon, Police Department
 - Edward Davis, Jr., Police Department
 - Michael Sullivan, Police Department
 - Robert Cenname, Finance Department
 - Colonel Worley, Police Department
 - Steven O'Dell, Police Department
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Major Issues Discussed

1. Several agency heads and their staff members came before the committee/council members for day five (5) of the budget hearings.
2. PowerPoint presentations were given by all agencies **except the Sherriff's Department**. **Copies of all presentations are in Legistar and/or on file.**
3. After each agency head concluded his/her presentation, the committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, asked for clarification, and etc. Some highlights of same were:
 - **Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts**
 - Virtual Technology
 - Will this technology help you save money?
 - 1% Fees Set-a-Side for the Arts
 - How are you doing with collecting these fees?
 - Concern – Collection of those funds
 - Caters
 - Concern: That there is not enough diversity when it comes to the caters
 - Filmmaking
 - The city used to have filmmaking a lot in the past; what is the future potential for this?
 - **Mayor's Office of Employment Development**
 - Investing in workforce development (Statement): "There is too much dependency on State and Federal grants!
 - Service 796 – Workforce Services for Ex-Offenders
 - How much was the grant that is no longer proved by the State?
 - Ex-offenders receive less funding than other participants – this is of concern
 - Can you talk about some of the obstacles you have for serving ex-offenders?
 - Do you contact the ex-offenders before or after they exit?
 - The grant received from the State, how much was it?
 - Service 797 – Workforce Services for Out of School Youth – Youth Opportunity
 - Participants, how many do you classify as participants and/or qualifies for the program?
 - We must find more resources; we are only reaching 900 out of 16,000!

- Suggestion: Should partnership with MaCo for grant-seeking
 - Jobs
 - What kind of jobs are the youth getting and who are some of the companies/organizations hiring them?
 - Will any of those jobs be technical or will most be virtual jobs?
 - Training
 - Have heard some of the young folks need more training!
 - Young folks being prepared to serve in positions (Are there any opportunities for additional training?)
 - Comment: Would like the city to be able to provide a job for all youth who applies. What kind of funds are need to do this?
 - From a Strategic Perspective:
 - Thinking about jobs for the future; one must be computer-use savvy!
 - What do you think MOED should start doing to prepare for the 21st Century economy?
 - Citywide – talk about having more interconnected internet and your role in same
 - Comment: This is the opportunity for the city to bring groups to the table to fit pieces together and also to bring young people to the table!
- **Parking Authority of Baltimore City**
 - Comments regarding:
 - Deteriorating concrete, waterproofing work needed, elevator modernization, and duties and/or positions will change because of virtual permits
 - Lexington Market
 - What is the plan for the garage(s) in Lexington Market; not a part of the market's renovation?
 - Does Parking Authority pay licensing fees for parking facilities? **Answer: Yes, just like any other facility operator. The city also gives money to the Parking Authority for parking.**
 - Who calculates parking facility fees? **Answer: The Finance Department with input and/or information received from the Parking Authority.**
 - Do city parking payments inflate garage values? **Answer: No**
 - Are the entities who lease garages responsible for maintenance? **Answer: Yes, for the ones that are leased.**
- **Sherriff's Department**
 - Workforce/Employees
 - Comments regarding: the percentage of employees by age and race
 - Comment: bringing in younger recruits – many employees are approaching retirement
- **State's Attorney's Office**
 - Performance Measures
 - Why don't you have any performance measures?
 - Performance measures are used to hold agencies accountable! **Answer: We have performance measures and will provide them to committee.**
 - **Request by Pinkett:** Can you provide data for: shootings, car jacking's, and homicides in city; to include what happens to those cases

- Marijuana Cases
 - You are not processing these case; how much have you saved because of this?
- Resources
 - Do you have what you need for safe streets, intelligent centers, and etc.?
- Recent Report – Juveniles being charged with Adult Crimes
 - Can you talk about this?
 - What are some of the services available to help divert these juveniles from returning to the system?
- **Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice**
 - Service 757 – CitiWatch
 - Some discussion pertaining to cameras and the type that are available for use
 - Number of arrests initiated by CitiWatch cameras – How many arrests per year?
 - Do we have specific numbers for successful prosecution of cases due to CitiWatch?
 - **Request by Middleton** – Provide the number of cases prosecuted for the past 3 to 5 years
 - Why is CitiWatch under MOCJ and not the Police Department?
 - Safe Streets
 - Are any funds available and/or to be reallocated for Safe Streets?
 - Are there any plans for the expansion of Safe Streets?
 - **Request by Costello:** Submit a plan for allocating funds for Safe Streets before the vote on budget
 - Performance Measures
 - Why are we not using measures anymore for the number of homicides in the city?
 - How are we recording the number of juvenile shootings?
- **Baltimore City Police Department**
 - President Scott gave opening remarks. Some highlights of same were:
 - We are now experiencing COVID-19, civil right issues and gun violence
 - Remarks regarding the protest happening outside:
 - Plan to invest in underfunded communities
 - Will address issues plaguing our city!
 - Importance in investing in young people
 - Committed to Consent Decree
 - Cannot continue to spend a disproportionately amount on our Police Department; however, it will not change overnight
 - Will continue to fight for local control over the Police Department in Annapolis
 - Eliminating Positions
 - Thirty-seven (37) civilian positions slated to be eliminated; how will this affect operations?
 - How will this impact the ratio of civilian to uniform positions?
 - Marine Unit
 - Combining Police Marine with Fire Department's Marine
 - Have you considered this? Having both staff on the same vessel(s)?

- Consent Decree
 - Where are you with this and have you seen any success with it?
- Capital Investment
 - Specifically, technology – Can you talk about this?
- Statement: Regarding why Police budget should be cut; reform is in order and now
- Performance Measures for Homicide: Where and/or are there any improvements?
- Overtime Budget
 - Do you have a projection for Fiscal 2021 of what your overtime cost will be? **Answer: Approximately \$33 million**
 - Can you talk about the controls and policies in place for overtime use?
 - Is overpayment of overtime still happening?
 - **Request by President Scott** – Submit some examples of overpayment of overtime
- Service 635 – Recruitment Section
 - The number of employees assigned to recruitment have gone up!
 - 165 employees recruiting 240 people! Why are there so many employees recruiting so little people?
 - Marketing and/or Advertising – Recruiting more Officers
 - Talk about this
 - How many new recruits are Baltimore city residents?
- Functions/Duties of Police Officers
 - Concern: Placing officers in situations whereas they are not equipped/trained to handle!
 - What are some duties (and/or specific things) officers are asked to do that they are not trained to do?
 - **Answer:**
 - Dealing with mental illness
 - Dealing with medical issues
 - How do we transfer a person from the police to where he/she needs to go? Such as addressing psychological needs?
- Opioid Epidemic
 - How do we end the war on drugs in the city? That is, going after the big guys!
- Contractual Contracts
 - Talk about some of these contracts
 - **Request by Henry:** Provide a detailed breakdown of all contractual services over \$55 million by Monday, June 15, 2020
- Special Events
 - Can you speak about the revisions for special events?
- Fleet Resources
 - Are you considering privatizing your fleet?
- Technology
 - What kind of upgrades did you do to your technology?
 - What kind of funding is needed to upgrade all your technological needs?
- Response to Information Requested – Comments
 - Requested information in past years and have not received it to date such as:
 - Monthly reports – staff schedules (never received)
 - Locator controls

- Why can't we get these monthly reports? Note: Questions asked in monthly meeting is not the same as getting monthly reports
 - **Answer: Per Commissioner Harrison: I never received any type of communication regarding this information not being submitted; will response in future.**
 - **Request by Costello and Dorsey:** Provide a response to Dorsey regarding not getting information requested for past two (2) years
- Results/Positive Feedback
 - Enough is Enough!
 - The number of shootings and homicides in the past days is alarming!
 - When will we see some reductions?
 - What should we be seeing within the next six (6) months?
 - What will we see in the upcoming months?
- ROCA Program – have this program been successful?
- Crime Plan
 - Is there anything within your plan that you plan to change or remove? **Answer: No**
 - Are the cuts being proposed effect your crime plan? And, if so, how?
 - Where is the plan for your police force? Where you are now, how many more officers needed, and etc.?
- Potential Problematic Officers
 - What is your Department doing to address early warnings and detection of officers in department who may be problematic?
 - What is your Department (action) during to address these issues early on?
- Trauma Training
 - What are you doing about on-going trauma training? How do you know it is working? What data do you use to determine it is working?
- Comments Pertaining to: Defunding Police Department
 - Talked about the multitude of letters received for same
 - Believe some citizens want to see a different type of Police Department – is a generational change!
 - This is a powerful movement
 - Will you be willing to work with Council to make changes?
- Is there adequate time for veterans to go through training for de-escalation?
- Handling Calls Online
 - What is the possibility of handling more calls online?
 - Changes in processes due to COVID-19
 - Possibility of not going back to some of the old ways of doing things
- Scandal within Department
 - Those employees that were removed from the Department; have all those cases been handled?
- Recent Audits for Overtime
 - Posting audits on website: Why are they not posted on website? **Answer: Will post on website**
- Department of Justice Funds
 - Talk about what these funds can be used for
- Confiscated Assets (Forfeiture)
 - Talk about what these funds can be used for

- **Request by Henry:** Can you work with the Finance Department to use some of these funds to bring the Police and communities together?
 - ERS Timekeeping
 - When will this be implemented?
 - Bill of Rights – How do you feel about changing it?
 - City having local control over the Police Department – Is this something you support?
 - Drug Enforcement Unit
 - How much of the budget for evidence control goes toward the war on drugs?
 - Bomb Unit
 - How often do you find bombs?
 - Gun Trafficking
 - What are you doing to decrease the flow of guns into our city?
 - What is the annual capacity of the Academy?
 - Fells Point – Large Crowds Gathering
 - Has been a persistent challenge for the past 2 to 3 weeks
 - Residents becoming frustrated
 - Folks want police to resolve problems that they are not trained to handle
 - How do we shift the perception of the role and/or duties of officers?
 - CitiWatch Cameras
 - What is the effectiveness of these cameras?
 - How can we justify the investment in these cameras?
 - Are we still running overtime regularly in sector patrol?
4. Chairman Costello gave closing remarks, “Thanked the Commissioner for his work, ‘We have the right person for the job and I commend your team as well.’ Five hundred, nine million (\$509) dollars is a massive amount for a budget; we need to find a way to reduce it without upsetting the Consent Decree.”
5. The hearing was called to recess until June 15, 2020

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 30, 2020

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File

City of Baltimore

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget and Appropriations Committee

Friday, June 12, 2020

9:00 AM Virtual Webex Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Event
Number: 129 674 3463, Password: Public,
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FY2021 Budget Hearings
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member Bill Henry, Member
Danielle McCray, Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Isaac "Yitzy"
Schleifer, and Member Shannon Sneed

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

20-0527

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each
agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the
Fiscal 2021 year.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

Hearing called to recess.

ADJOURNMENT

AGENCIES BUDGET HEARING - DAY FIVE (5)

City of Baltimore
100 South E. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

City of Baltimore

Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget and Appropriations Committee

DATE: 03/15/2011
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: City Hall, Room 300
AGENDA: Review and Approval of the 2011 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report

10:00 AM

Meeting begins with a prayer.

10:05 AM

10:05 AM

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councilmember [Name], at 10:00 AM. The Chair welcomed all members and staff to the meeting. The Chair then reviewed the agenda for the day, which included the review and approval of the 2011 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report. The Chair then turned the meeting over to the Vice Chair, Councilmember [Name].

The Vice Chair then presented the 2011 Budget and Appropriations Committee Report. The report provided a detailed overview of the city's financial situation for the upcoming year, including a breakdown of revenues and expenditures. The Vice Chair highlighted the committee's efforts to identify areas of potential savings and to ensure that the city's essential services are adequately funded. The report also outlined the committee's recommendations for the city's budget and appropriations for the year 2011.

The Chair then opened the floor for discussion and comments. Councilmember [Name] raised concerns regarding the proposed cuts to certain departments and programs. The Chair responded by explaining the committee's rationale for these cuts and the need to maintain the city's overall financial stability. Councilmember [Name] then thanked the committee for their hard work and support.

The Chair then announced that the committee's report would be presented to the City Council for their final review and approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.