

Stormwater Fee Committee
Monday, 11 June 2018 at 6:00pm
City Hall Reeves Room
100 N. Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Attendees:

Eric Costello, Chair of the Committee
Adam Lindquist
Adeline Hutchinson
Carl Simon
Elisabeth Hyleck (via conference call)
Fran Flanigan
Peter Auchincloss
Phil Lee
Rupert Denney
Sean Davis / Joshua Sharon
Kim Grove, DPW
Marcia Collins, DPW
Kristyn Oldendorf, DPW
Channa Williams, DPW Fiscal Capital Programs
Justin Lane, Staff to the Committee

Absent:

Bonnie Sorak
Dawn Rhodes
Jim Kraft
Pierce Flanigan

Introductory Remarks

Eric Costello convened the meeting at 6:05pm. [*Quorum, 9/14*].

Elisabeth Hyleck joined via Conference Call. [*Quorum, 10/14*].

Sean Davis introduces the Committee to Joshua Sharon, who will represent him at these meetings. [*At this time, no provision has been made to allow proxies to vote and therefore count toward quorum*].

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 29 approved unanimously, 10-0.

Recommended Changes in Agenda

A member had suggested that the agenda distributed prior to the meeting would have been repetitive of past meetings, and that the committee ought to be moving forward on several different issues. Members reacted favorably to this suggestion, which was moved and approved unanimously by members of the committee, 10-0.

New Agenda to include:

- (III) DPW Fiscal Presentation;
- (IV) Coming up with a Set of Agreed-upon Facts; and
- (V) Drafting Recommendations to the City Council.

DPW Finance Presentation – Channa Williams

Revenue is \$30 million/year; increase of 10% ERU. By FY2020, it should be \$31-34MM in projected revenue. Revenue comes primarily from the Stormwater Fee; a few hundred thousand dollars come from other sources.

There is currently \$10MM--\$12MM in PAYGO, which funds capital projects; by FY2020, there will be \$19MM. There is a plan to increase capital investment. According to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Schedule, projects are going to construction. MS4 compliance deadlines come into play. The cash balance is \$30MM--\$33MM. Debt service/proposed bond issuance is \$3MM--4MM through FY2020→ \$5.4M thereafter.

[The floor is opened to questions].

Is it a given that the revenue and debt service will go up to those specified amounts in FY 2020?

DPW says that this will go in front of the Board of Estimates for approval.

City Council will exercise no control over this.

Further questions about the rate increase are asked.

Discussion of WIFIA Projects *[Quorum, 9/14]*

County Transportation Bonds discussed: If DPW doesn't use the bonds, then DOT gets a shot to use them. If both of them don't use the bonds in time, the City loses the bonds. The CIP Schedule is just catching up with the funding; DOT tends to spend County Transportation Funds more quickly than DPW does. There are capacity issues with pipe lining, and an inability to replace like with like. Storm drains are never well-funded.

[The 10-Year Plan, sinkholes, deferred maintenance costs discussed].

[The Fiscal Discussion is closed].

Coming up with a Set of Agreed-upon Facts

We need a Fact Sheet that will include the following:

1. The City needs money to fulfill the MS4 permit requirements; and
2. The City needs money for infrastructure improvements.

These two things are not mutually exclusive.

The following "set of facts" is to be researched:

- The present situation;
- The present direction;
- The MS4 permit requirements;
- Infrastructure failures; and
- Emergency expenditures.

The Committee will use the determined set of facts to give recommendations to the City Council and to the Administration pertaining to:

- Public-private partnerships;
- Pay for Performance model used by Anne Arundel County;
- Nutrient, trash, and sediment objectives;
- Incentives for private inclusion; and
- Alternatives to current MS4 proposals to include BMP/BAT.

Question to the Members (Costello): Who is going to take the lead on collecting this information for the "set of facts" from DPW?

[Carl Simon and Phil Lee volunteer to spearhead this effort. Eric Costello directs Justin Lane to send C. Simon and P. Lee the necessary documents already in the committee's files. C. Simon and P. Lee to send E. Costello and J. Lane their findings in approximately 3 weeks].

[Quorum, 8/14. C. Simon takes over as Chair].

When to Meet Next/Other Housekeeping Items

We hope to finish the list of recommendations by the end of the calendar year.

Motion: Peter Auchincloss moves that the SFC next meet on Monday, July 2. This is seconded and unanimously approved by the Committee, 8-0.

Motion: Peter Auchincloss moves that the SFC amend the bylaws: "to allow individual members

appointed to the committee to designate one other individual to represent their views and vote on their behalf on motions on the committee.” Adeline Hutchinson seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously, 8-0.

Adjournment

Move to Adjourn: Carl Simon asks if he hears a motion to adjourn. Peter Auchincloss moves adjournment. Rupert Denney seconds the motion, which carries unanimously, 8-0.