



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)

Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Michael Errico
- Anita Gonzalez
- Kimberly Hall
- Mary Larkin
- Senator Obie Patterson (26th District)
- Zeno St. Cyr, II

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Audrey McNeill
- Javier Torres
- Delegate Veronica Turner (26th District)
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District)
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor)

ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):

- Renee Adams
- Amber Hendricks, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council

Approximately 4 residents attended the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes – May 15, 2019

Chairman Chandler moved to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2020 Multi-Year Spending Plan

OMB Deputy Director Amber Hendricks gave an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Multi-year Spending Plan. There were several questions/comments from PGCLDC members:

- Zeno St. Cyr – stated that he is concerned about our fiduciary responsibility for assuring accountability in the expenditure of impact grant monies. Some recommendations: 1) Transfer any current fiscal year unobligated (i.e. unspent) discretionary grant funds to the Health and Human Services budget line; 2) For greater transparency and accountability, and before any funding is awarded, request for LDC review the proposed impact grant funding budgets for Crossland Career Academy and Employ Prince George's; 3) participation in the selection process for school projects is an appropriate role for the LDC, therefore requesting the County Executive include the LDC in the project review and selection process for each proposed FY school spending plan; 4) supports the statutory designation of a portion of the impact funding for leveraging improvements to Route 210. However, since Route 210 is a state road, consistent with precedent and at an appropriate time, the County should request reimbursement of any impact funds spent on Route 210 improvements and credit the monies back to the local impact grant funding; and 5) a draft fiscal year spending plan is forwarded to the LDC for review after comments are received from the County Council. However, the LDC desires to be more proactive in the development of future spending plans and in budget formulation discussions regarding future impact grant funding plans.

Chairman Chandler initially asked the LDC members to send their comments on the FY 2020 Spending Plan no later than Monday, June 24, 2019, so he could submit the LDC comments to County Council no later than July 1, 2019. However, the LDC members chose to offer their suggestions for the plan during the meeting.

- Mary Larkin – stated her hesitancy to remove the fire and police category funds in the County Executive's suggested budget. She noted that she is confident the County Executive and the County Council can negotiate and fund Health and Human Services (HHS); would like to know what will happen to the LDC unspent money. She further explained that she would not like to give all of the money away, instead giving most of it on a one-time basis.
- Michael Errico – stated he is in agreement with Ms. Larkin's comments. He supports providing funding for Health and Human Services programs but not at the expense of taking any funds from public safety. Mr. Errico also suggested any prior year program funding that remains unspent and was not obligated as projections of incoming revenues were less than revenues actually realized should be designated for HHS up to the amount recommended by the County Council.

- Senator Patterson – made the following comments: 1) Concerning the transfer of funds from the Fire and Police Departments in the amount of \$535.00 into the category of Health and Human Services, the LDC needs more specifics relative to procedures. He does however believe at some point these two agencies should reach full capacity; 2) since the state gets a large portion of County Local Impact Funding, (40% or up to \$15 million for Route 210) someone from Governor’s Office or the State Highway Administration (SHA) should brief the LDC; 3) He is unsure if the LDC has in place a mid-year review of grant proposals or if this is something the County will do, if so the LDC should be provided at least with a Summary Copy of the review; 4) if the LDC did not use in FY-19 all allocated funds, that should not happen again; 5) the LDC should make an effort to get out to the public the great work the LDC is doing. For example, could the LDC visit several of our grant funded projects videotaping or getting photographs and comments to create a DVD. This of course would require County approval. The DVD would be for the community’s use, especially in libraries, Civic Associations, Greek organizations and the like. The LDC may want to consider a 501(c) 3 organization to develop the DVD.

Old Business

There were no items to be discussed.

Public Comments

One resident noted opposition to using VLT funds for asbestos removal in area public schools and other systemic maintenance efforts.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton, Esquire
Office of the County Executive
Liaison to the Prince George’s County Local Development Council

Minutes approved: October 16, 2019