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BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL (BMC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 31, 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Kevin Kamenetz, Baltimore County Executive and Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Honorable John Leopold, County Executive, Anne Arundel County

Honorable Haven Shoemaker, Vice-President, Board of County Commissioners, Carroll County

Honorable Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Messick, Weber-Messick

Sam Moxley, Baltimore County

David Nitkin, Howard County

Ryan O'Doherty, Baltimore City

Christopher Persak, Principal Financial Group

Steve Powell, Carroll County

BMC STAFF PRESENT

Larry W. Klimovitz, Executive Director

Peter Devereaux

Barbara Herron

Michael Kelly

Todd Lang

James Slater

Sandy Spears

CALL TO ORDER

County Executive Kamenetz and BMC Chair called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Overview and Update of Reservoir Management Program and Meeting of January 11, 2012

County Executive Kamenetz introduced Mr. Jim Slater, Water Resources Program Manager, BMC, to present an overview and update of the Reservoir Management Program and the meeting of January 11, 2012.

Mr. Slater reported that the Reservoir Technical Group (RTG) has been active with several efforts. They are as follows:

- The Loch Raven Maintenance Facility location and design – The RTG has been working closely with Baltimore City to help influence the plan to build a new City Maintenance Facility near the Loch Raven Dam. As of January, the City has amended its original plan and location and is moving into the site assessment phase of the project. Once that is complete, the RTG will be involved in the design phase to help achieve the result of lessening any impacts to the reservoir from both the location and operation of the new facility.
- The RTG was also involved in the proposal by BGE to expand an existing transmission line that currently runs for the Reisterstown substation to Deer Park Road. BGE has proposed a relationship with the City and the RTG that will implement an integrated vegetation management program that will better manage existing vegetation near the rights-of-way.
- The RTG is also active in the current Baltimore County Comprehensive Zoning process. As has been in the past, Mr. Slater reported the RTG will be reviewing the rezoning proposals and comment on those that may affect watershed efforts. The RTG's review is based on policies adopted in the signed and adopted 2005 Action Strategies of the Watershed Management Agreement.

Sustainable Communities Grant Update

Mr. Kelly updated the Board on the Sustainable Communities Grant. He stated that there are 300 applicants and 29 awards. Baltimore received \$3,503,677, the 5th largest award in the country. He stated that it is a three year grant which will link transportation, housing, jobs, etc. The workforce development fund = \$500,000 and the demonstration projects = \$750,000. It will be a cooperative effort with state and local governments, universities, and non-governmental organizations. Mr. Kelly stated that BMC is the lead applicant and the BMC Board ultimately adopts the plan. He further stated that the next steps for BMC are to 1) sign the cooperative agreement; 2) 60 Days – develop the work plan; and 3) 90 Days – ratify MOU with all partners.

Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2011 BMC Board Meeting

Mr. Klimovitz noted that the Management Committee was presented with the draft minutes on January 17, 2012 and offered no corrections. County Executive Kamenetz called for a motion to approve the minutes. County Executive Leopold made a motion for approval and it was seconded by County Executive Ulman. As there were no corrections or changes to the minutes, they were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Reconsideration for Conversion and Administration/Recordkeeping of BMC Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Mr. Klimovitz stated that on November 14, 2011, the Board of Directors authorized ADP Retirement Services to convert the current BMC sponsored defined contribution retirement plan into a more traditional 401k and assume fiduciary, compliance, testing, trustee, and recordkeeping responsibilities. The current recordkeeping provider, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, would be relieved of advisory and recordkeeping responsibilities upon completion. Mr. Brian Messick (Weber-Messick, P.A.) would provide financial advisory services during the conversion and thereafter.

He further stated that during this conversion process, it became clear that ADP Retirement Services could not provide the services it had proposed, primarily due to BMC's status as a quasi-governmental entity and the benefits derived therefrom. On December 6, 2011, ADP informed the BMC that their "platform" did not work for BMC after all, and all discussion ended at that point.

Mr. Klimovitz stated that Morgan Stanley Smith Barney was immediately contacted, and to date, all funds continue to be invested as originally prescribed by each account holder pending further direction. Since that time, Mr. Klimovitz stated that he and Mr. Messick have work to identify and prepare an alternate solution to these events. Further details, in addition to the any other written material, will be provided to the Board for consideration. Mr. Klimovitz further stated that the replacement proposal offered by the Principal Financial Group was presented to the Management Committee on January 17, 2012 and is recommended for approval.

County Executive Kamenetz called for a motion to consider and affirm the recommendation. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned for approval and the motion was seconded by County Executive Ulman. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Program Updates

Mr. Klimovitz updated the Board on the financials as of December 31, 2011.

Mr. Klimovitz updated the Board on the BRCPC update and contract conversion from PepCo to Washington Gas.

Mr. Klimovitz reported briefly on the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. There was a discussion on a meeting with the elected officials. Mr. Lang suggested May 23, but it was decided that the week prior would be a better timeframe. Mr. Lang stated he would check with the Feds. This was followed by a discussion on the 2013 UPWP Schedule (Tentative).

Mr. Klimovitz reported on the United Way Campaign for Calendar Year 2012. He stated that we had a 60% staff participation.

Mr. Klimovitz discussed the Operational Agreement for the Regional Information Center (RIC). This agreement is between the BMC and Pratt Library. He introduced Peter Devereaux as the new Coordinator for the RIC. He also stated that BMC hired Sandi Stroud as the GIS Database/Coordinator.

Mr. Klimovitz concluded his remarks with an update on McHenry Row. He briefed the Board on new tenants in the building as well as businesses that are opening.

As there were no further remarks, County Executive Kamenetz called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shoemaker motioned for adjournment and the motion was seconded by County Executive Ulman. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Klimovitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Larry W. Klimovitz
Executive Director