

# Baltimore Casino Local Development Council

## FY25 CLIF Spending Plan Vote Meeting

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:00-8:00 PM

Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center/ Microsoft Teams

### Agenda

- 1) Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Goals
- 2) FY25 Draft Spending Plan-
  - a) Recap of process
  - b) Review FY25 Spending Plan and LDC Member Feedback
  - c) Vote on Spending Plan
- 3) Housekeeping-
  - a) FY24 Progress and Supplemental Budget Update
  - b) 2024 LDC Appointments
  - c) 2024 Meeting Schedule
  - a) Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees- (\* Denotes virtual attendance)

LDC —

Members-

- Senator Bill Ferguson (Chair)
- Councilwoman Phylicia Porter\* (Vice-Chair)
- Alexandria Warwick Adams
- Sandy Brennan\*
- Randy Conroy\*
- Jill Donaldson
- Michael Murphy
- Min. William Pack, Sr.\*
- Paula Smith-Benson

Proxies-

- Casey O'Neill\*(Sandy Brennan)

Staff —

City Department of Planning:

- Chris Ryer
- Nichole Stewart
- Ethan Cohen
- Chris Firehock

Guests —

- Tyler McCurdy (Senator Ferguson's Office)
- Ashia Caraway (Phylicia Porter)

**Meeting called to order by Senate President Ferguson (Chair) at 6:10 PM**

**1) Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Goals**

- a) Opened by Senator Ferguson
- b) Introductions of all present – quorum established.

**2) FY25 Draft Spending Plan**

- b) Recap of process --
  - Review of 2024 Local Development Council Members
  - FY24 Spending Plan Presented and passed in Spring 2023
  - FY25 Spending Plan Presented in Fall 2023 to finish before Maryland General Assembly
- c) Review FY25 Spending Plan and LDC Member Feedback
  - Re-presentation of budget
    - By agency
    - Capital overview.
    - Breakdown analysis by theme – project type
    - Breakdown by goal
    - Detail by Agency and line item
  - Line-item LDC member feedback and responses
    - Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success – no further discussion.
    - Mayor’s Office of Employment Development – no further discussion.
    - Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services – no further discussion.
    - Department of Housing and Community Development –
      - Casey O’Neill: What’s the update for hiring the additional housing inspector?
      - Chris Firehock: We don’t know for sure. DHCD has brought on trainees, but we don’t know if one of those will be assigned to South Baltimore.
    - Mayor’s Office of Information Technology – no discussion
    - CLIF Administrative Team – no discussion
    - Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement – no discussion
    - Department of Planning – no discussion
    - Baltimore Police Department–
      - Clarification that \$1M was the reduced budget as of FY24;
      - Continuing with no increase for FY25.
    - Florence Cummins Park – no discussion
    - Warner and Stockholm Complete Streets – no further discussion
- d) Vote on Spending Plan
  - Senator Ferguson asked for questions for discussion.
    - Casey O’Neill asked if, given the announcement from the Ravens regarding investment in the stadium/entertainment district and impact on immediate area, is there room for moving funds around to find synergies with that project?

- Staff responded that this is possible in creating the final budget in early 2024, and that the City will keep the LDC informed of any changes.
- Chair asked if there is any opposition.
  - None voiced.
- Chair called for a vote on approving the FY25 Draft Spending Plan.
  - Vote was seven in favor, zero against, and one abstention (Randy Conroy).
- Chair stated that the LDC's response (vote) will be sent to the Mayor along with members' feedback, being compiled by staff, along with the meeting minutes.

### 3) Housekeeping-

- a) Reviewed FY24 Priorities for refining operations and pursuing new partnerships.
- b) 2024 LDC Appointments
  - Will be announced in January.
  - Chris Firehock stated he plans to follow up with members to confirm continued interest.
- c) 2024 Meeting Schedule
  - Staff shared a proposed LDC meeting schedule for 2024.
    - Senator Ferguson shared concerns that agencies spend a lot of time preparing for LDC meetings, and we want to ensure that we have robust LDC participation if we want to continue those particular meetings.
  - Sandra Brennan asked if there would be committees.
    - Chris Firehock shared that he would follow up in January with Vice Chair Porter to discuss options and ideas for committees or working groups on particular topics.

**Meeting adjourned by Senate President Ferguson (Chair) at 6:40 PM**