

Baltimore Casino Local Development Council

FY25 Spending Plan Review Meeting

October 25, 2023

Scheduled time 7-8:30 PM

Platform: MS Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Goals
2. Review FY25 Draft Spending Plan
3. Opportunities for Input and Feedback on Plan
4. Timeline

Meeting Minutes

Taken by: Ethan Cohen

Prepared by: Chris Firehock, Ethan Cohen

Attending City Staff — Department of Planning:

- Ethan Cohen
- Chris Firehock
- Nichole Stewart

LDC — Attending Members, Proxies, or Representatives:

- James Alston
- Sandy Brennan
- Randy Conroy
- Jill Donaldson
- Senator Bill Ferguson (Chair)
- Michael Murphy
- Casey O’Neill (Proxy- Sandy Brennan)
- Min. William Pack, Sr.
- Councilwoman Phylicia Porter (Vice-Chair)
- Garrette Schiche
- Serena Watters (Proxy- Phylicia Porter)
- Dr. Paula Smith-Benson

Guests –

- Mayor’s Office of Employment Development
 - Mark Hooper
 - Craig Lewis
- Tyler McCurdy (Senator Ferguson’s office)

Start meeting at 7:07

1. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Goals

- Welcome by Senator Ferguson
- Introductions of all present – quorum
- Review of context for integrating CLIF Team into Planning.

2. Review FY25 Draft Spending Plan

Chris – presentation

- Purpose of meeting
- New priorities and processes (Beyond the budget)
- Intro Draft FY25 Plan 7:24
 - Recap principles from the orientation
 - Spending by agencies, goals, spend categories.
 - Highlight FY24 Supplemental

FY25–Draft presentation – 7:32

- Overall budget - Noted fund balance of ~\$800K supplementing the \$8.5M
- Context – goals, categories breakdown

Discussion Line by Line –

- Nichole gave background on Middle Neighborhoods Strategy and Healthy Homes Inc role in
- Casey asked about the duties of the Code Enforcement Inspector
- Warner Street – discussion of cost increase and total budget

Discussion – Questions

- James – Thanks for MOED coming. Homeless population in Westport getting really bad. Looking for more resources for Homeless Services and outreach/behavioral health.
- Garrett – safety component
 - Lots of safety issues in Federal Hill; carjackings, muggings, etc. Community leaders are working on a plan for greater coverage at FH business district with other resources without drawing resources from BPD.
 - Mike- similar in South Baltimore.
- Sandy – how much is the contribution for Warner St.
 - Chris- Initial commitment was for \$7.5M, additional funds will be between \$1M-\$2M depending on final accounting.
 - Casey – Warner Street/Stockholm – \$10M is a lot for that area, what is the plan for connectivity between that area and Pigtown/Carroll Camden?
 - Ethan- we can reach out to DOT about capital plans for Russell St and other potential projects connecting to the entertainment district.
- Sandy- Can we evaluate the goals, are there opportunities for reallocation?
 - Senator Ferguson- we need to move it to something – a program, agency, project, grant;
 - Ethan there can be future opportunities for workshopping ideas beyond locking them into this budget.
- Senator Ferguson asked Mark Hooper from the Employment Connection Center if he had any comments or questions to the LDC regarding the ECC.

3. Opportunities for Input and Feedback on Plan

Chris provided the following information regarding next steps in the LDC review of the FY25 Spending Plan.

- November 14th Agency Workshop
 - Chris will send a form for questions for the agencies and a due date, the earlier questions are asked, the more time the agencies will have for responses.
 - You can also email or call Chris or Ethan if preferable.
 - Agencies will send representatives to the meeting, and we will also keep a record of questions that come up at the meeting for agencies to follow-up.
- General budget feedback and voting
 - Can call or email Chris or Ethan with questions or comments, they will be added to the record for response.
 - Chris will send online feedback survey form with deadline.
 - Final LDC Budget Review, discussion and LDC vote on December 12th.

4. Timeline

Chris reiterated the timeline for future meetings and budget process.

- Week of 10/30/2023- CLIF staff will send out Agency Questions form, minutes, and presentations from prior meetings and calendar invite for Agency Workshop, deadline to be determined.
- November 14th, 2023- Agency Workshop. Hybrid, in-person at Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center 6:00-8:00 PM
- December 12th, 2023- Vote on LDC's recommendations on FY25 Draft Spending Plan. Hybrid, in-person at Middle Branch Fitness and Wellness Center 6:00-8:00 PM
- Budget adoption will then follow normal City Of Baltimore budgeting process.

Adjourn 8:25