COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2015-03

BILL NO. 2015-02

Title of Bill: Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Highlands Interceptor Sewer Project

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in order to transfer existing budget authority within the Wastewater Capital Budget in the amount of \$300,000 from Construct Principio Sanitary Sewer – North project and \$350,000 from the Upgrade to the North East River Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant project to the Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer project.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: February 3, 2015

Public hearing scheduled for: March 3, 2015 at: 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled for consideration: March 17, 2015

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by February 4, 2015 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on February 18 and February 25, 2015, a public hearing was held on March 3, 2015, and concluded on March 3, 2015.

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Explanation:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING BILL [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law

Underlining indicates language added to a Bill by amendment

Strike through indicates language stricken out of a Bill by amendment.

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2015; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on May 20, 2014, the County Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget to transfer unencumbered revenue and expenditure authority for Cecil County, Maryland from two capital projects in the total amount of \$650,000, and transfer said revenue and expenditure to the Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer; the following revenue and expenditure appropriation amounts from the Wastewater Capital Projects Fund are to be transferred:

- a) Construct Principio Sanitary Sewer North \$300,000; and,
- b) Upgrade to the North East River Advanced Waste Water Treatment plant \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, the Principio Sanitary Sewer – North project bid award came in 30% below the project construction estimates and the adopted budget, and the project is currently 80% complete, and DPW is not anticipating for the project to have any major pending claims or change orders that would compromise this proposal, which produces an excess of funds available to be transferred to the Highlands Interceptor Sewer project; and

WHEREAS, the North East River Advanced Waste Water Treatment plant project bid awards have also come in below the project construction estimates and the adopted budget (5%), and the project is currently over 45% complete, and with minimal projected changes to the project produces an excess of funds available to be transferred to the Highlands Interceptor Sewer project; and

WHEREAS, such appropriation is necessary to provide additional budget authority of \$650,000 to the Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer project with additional budget and a reasonable contingency based on the engineer's estimate in order to move the project to formal bidding. This project eliminates the current Highlands Wastewater Treatment Plant that is operating poorly and has on occasion exceeded permit limits. Any further delay in construction of the project puts the County at risk of substantial fines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal Year 2015 is hereby amended to transfer \$650,000 in budget authority

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- 30 within the Waste Water Capital Project Funds from the Principio Sanitary Sewer North (\$300,000) and the
- 31 North East River Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant (\$350,000) to the Construct Highlands
- 32 Interceptor Sewer project.
- 33 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Bill shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes
- 34 law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager

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