

**Open Work Session
Lease for Child Advocacy Center
July 2, 2019**

Mr. Weston Young, Assistant Director of Administration, and Mr. Paul Wilber, County Attorney, came before Council. Mr. Young said the Child Advocacy Center is located with the State Attorney's Office. He clarified, he is not a subject matter expert on the Center, but he realizes there are several partners involved, including the Sheriff. He said this is a State MOU regarding the rent of that building, and it is pretty straightforward. Mr. Cannon said he has one question. He said it says the term is four years and eleven months, but everything in his conscious says it is five years. He then asked why it says four years and eleven months, to which Mr. Wilber responded, he actually does not know the answer to that. He clarified, Mr. Roscoe Leslie did the review of this lease. Mr. Cannon said they specifically went to the trouble to say four years and eleven months, but everything he saw was five years, to which Mr. Wilber responded, this is a State lease. Mr. McCain said the Attorney General for Maryland says that all State leases cannot exceed five years, but he does not know if that has anything to do with it. Mr. Young said there is also a five-year option to renew. Mr. Cannon said, even the terms say a five-year rental period, so it contradicts. Mr. Wilber said he will try to find that answer for Council. Mr. McCain said the date begins on July 1 and ends on June 30, which is five years. Mr. Young said they are in the building now, and have been there, so this is just another lease, but at one point the building was not owned by the County. Mr. Wilber said they could say they are holding over until they have a new lease.

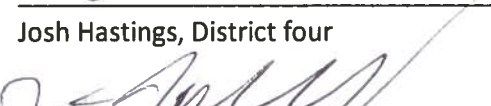
Mr. Cannon asked where this will go from here, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, it requires a Public Hearing, which they can have on August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Cannon said they will come to a resolution on the four years and eleven months before then. There was no further discussion.


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