

Worksession

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Management and Fiscal Policy Committee

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SUBJECT: **Worksession:** FY11 Operating Budget for the Charter Review Commission NDA

Those expected for this worksession:

- John Cuff, Office of Management and Budget

The Executive's recommendation for the Charter Review Commission Non-Departmental Account is attached at ©1.

Overview

For FY11, the Executive recommends total expenditures of \$1,000 for this NDA, a level amount from the FY10 approved budget. The following table represents historical expenditures for this NDA.

Table 1. Charter Review Commission NDA Expenditures

Actual FY03*	Actual FY04	Actual FY05	Actual FY06	Actual FY07*	Actual FY08	Actual FY09	Budget FY10	Rec. FY11
\$0	\$667	\$125	\$624	\$0	\$934	\$135	\$1,000	\$1,000

* In FY03 and FY07, which were election years, there was not a functioning Commission and therefore no Commission expenses.

FY11 Expenditure Issue

The Montgomery County Charter requires the Charter Review Commission to report to the County Council in May of every even numbered year. Expenses for the Commission vary from year to year. **Council staff recommendation:** Since the current Commission will complete its report in FY10 and the Council will not appoint a new Commission until the last quarter of FY11, the Charter Review Commission NDA can be reduced to \$100. As Table 1 shows above,

in the last 2 election years (FY03 and FY07), no funds were spent from this NDA. Expenses for the Commission will increase in FY12 when its May 2012 report will be due to the Council.

Council Staff Recommendation

Reduce the Charter Review Commission NDA to \$100.

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Board of Investment Trustees

The mission of the Board of Investment Trustees is to manage prudent investment programs for the members of the Employee Retirement Plans and the Retiree Health Benefits Trust and their beneficiaries. Expenditures associated with this program are funded from the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Retirement Savings Plan (RSP), Retiree Health Benefit Trust (RHBT), and the General Fund on behalf of the Montgomery County Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) trust funds and are, therefore, not appropriated here. The Board of Investment Trustees manages the assets of the ERS and RHBT through its investment managers in accordance with the Board's asset allocation strategy and investment guidelines. The Board also administers the investment programs for the RSP and DCP. The Board consists of 13 trustees including the Directors of Human Resources, Finance, Management and Budget, and the Council Staff; one member recommended by each employee organization; one active employee not represented by an employee organization; one retired employee; two members of the public recommended by the County Council; and two members of the general public.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	0	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	0	0.0

Boards, Committees, and Commissions

There are approximately 75 boards, committees, and commissions, created by law or resolution, which serve the County for a variety of purposes. These funds provide for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by eligible members of boards, committees, or commissions while on official business and/or for expenses related to the establishment of any new boards, committees, or commissions.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	27,000	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	27,000	0.0

Charter Review Commission

* Section 509 of the County Charter requires that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years, within six months after the Council assumes office, for the purpose of studying the Charter. The Commission shall report at least once to the Council on the Commission's activities within one year after appointment. Commission reports shall be submitted no later than May 1 of every even-numbered year. The reports shall contain recommendations concerning proposed Charter amendments, if any. This NDA provides for the expenses of the Commission.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	1,000	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	1,000	0.0

Climate Change Implementation

This NDA provides funding to implement the initiatives the Council adopted in Bills 29-07, Environmental Sustainability - Climate Protection - Motor Vehicles; 30-07, Buildings - Energy Efficiency; 32-07, Environmental Sustainability - Climate Protection Plan; and 35-07, Consumer Protection - Energy and Environmental Advocacy; and to fund the Clean Energy Rewards program established in County Code 18A-11.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	656,760	0.5
Enhance: Advocacy and Assistance by the Office of Consumer Protection Regarding Energy and Environmental Matters Before Federal and State Agencies	20,000	0.0
Eliminate: Tank Preparation for B-20 Fuel	-24,000	0.0
Eliminate: Part-Time Human Resources Specialist III for Coordinating Telecommuters	-34,760	-0.5
Eliminate: Funding for Implementation of Sustainability Working Group Recommendations	-50,000	0.0
Shift: Climate Change Advocacy and Assistance to the Office of Consumer Protection	-50,000	0.0
Eliminate: Clean Energy Rewards Program	-518,000	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	0	0.0