

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of December 3, 2018

Election of Council President and Vice President, State Legislative Program, Domestic Violence Council Membership, Short-Term Rental Licenses & Transportation Demand Management

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4.

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Election of Council President and Vice President

At approximately 9:45 a.m., the Council will elect a new Council president and vice president to lead the 19th Council for a one-year term.

State Legislative Program

The Council is scheduled to get a briefing from Melanie Wenger, director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIG), about the upcoming Maryland General Assembly session that begins on January 9, 2019. OIG represents County interests at the regional, state and federal levels. The office prepares the annual State Legislative Program and the annual federal priorities request and serves as the County's liaison for state government, the County's state delegation and congressional staff. OIG is the lead agency representing the County before the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and the National Association of Counties (NACO). The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2018/20181204/20181204_3.pdf

 **Expedited Bill 39-18, Domestic Violence Council - Membership – Amendments**

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 39-18, Domestic Violence Council - Membership - Amendments. Councilmember Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor. Expedited Bill 39-18 would add two members to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC); extend the term of the chair of the DVCC; and modify the requirements for the student member. The goal of Bill 39-18 is to enhance the ability of the DVCC to accomplish its mission by allowing the chair to serve for more meetings and giving the student member a longer tenure. The Council staff report can be viewed at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2018/20181204/20181204_7-8.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held at 1:30 p.m.

 **Bill 36-18, Transportation Management - Transportation Demand Management Plan - Amendments**

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 36-18, Transportation Management - Transportation Demand Management Plan – Amendments. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The goal of this legislation is to reduce traffic congestion and automobile emissions and to support multi-modal transportation. A Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2019. Expedited Bill 36-18 would do the following:

- expand transportation demand management to reduce traffic congestion and automobile emissions, support multi-modal transportation and non-automobile travel goals, enhance the efficient use of transportation infrastructure and promote the sustainability of existing and future development; and
- establish the requirements for a transportation demand management plan for development in certain areas of the County.

The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2018/20181204/20181204_4.pdf

 **Bill 37-18, Transient Housing – Short-Term Rental License – Appeals**

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 37-18, Transient Housing – Short-Term Rental License – Appeals. The goal of Bill 37-18 is to allow a more efficient appeal process for short-term rental issues. This legislation would amend the appeal process for short-term rental licenses. It would allow any person aggrieved by an approval, denial, revocation or suspension of a short-term rental license to appeal the decision to the Board of Appeals. In the absence of this provision, an aggrieved party must bear the time and cost of an appeal to the Circuit Court. A Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2019. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2018/20181204/20181204_5.pdf

 **Bill 38-18, Weapons - Urban Area - Boundary**

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 38-18, Weapons - Urban Area – Boundary. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. Expedited Bill 38-18 would change the boundaries of this urban area which has remained the same for 20 years. The boundary change includes nine dwellings and vacant property west of Kruhm Road in Burtonsville. The discharge of firearms is prohibited in the urban area. The goal of this bill is to extend the urban area to increase public safety. An increase in the number of firearm discharges in this area prompted the introductions of Bill 38-18. A Public Safety (PS) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2019. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2018/20181204/20181204_6.pdf



Bill 39-18, Domestic Violence Council - Membership – Amendments
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