

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



February 11, 2019

Spending Affordability Guidelines, Farm Alcohol Production, MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan, Troubled Properties, Montgomery Coalition for Adult Literacy, MCPS Choice, CIP Amendments, Transportation Demand Management Plan, Two-Generation Approach to Poverty

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> .

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COUNCIL



Spending Affordability Guidelines for FY20 Operating Budget

The Council is scheduled to vote on the County's Spending Affordability Guidelines for the FY20 Operating Budget. These guidelines set the parameters for the overall operating budget by setting the ceiling on property tax revenues and the aggregate operating budget and the allocation of the aggregate operating budget. Any aggregate operating budget that exceeds the guidelines requires the affirmative vote of seven Councilmembers. This supermajority requirement is the most significant aspect of the spending affordability guidelines for the operating budget. The Council must act to adopt these guidelines by February 12. Below is a summary of the recommendations of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee:

1. Set the ceiling on property tax revenue at the Charter limit.
2. Set the ceiling on the aggregate operating budget (AOB) at \$4,946.4 million, 1.43 percent increase from FY19's AOB.
3. Allocate the AOB in the following manner: Fund debt service, PAYGO, Capital Improvements Program Current Revenue, and Retiree Health Pre-Funding at the policy levels (consistent with the December 2018 Fiscal Plan Update). Allocate AOB to agencies such that local funding for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and Montgomery College are funded at Maintenance

of Effort levels. Allocate AOB to County Government and the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission at FY19 levels.

4. Set an overall target for Community Grants at \$12.2 million, consistent with the FY19 approved budget.

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_7A.pdf

ZTA 18-14, Farm Alcohol Production – Residential Zones

The Council will review ZTA 18-14, Farm Alcohol Production – Residential Zones. Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. ZTA 18-14 would amend the recently approved provisions for farm alcohol production. ZTA 18-14 would allow tasting rooms in the RE-1 and RE-2 zones (residential estate zones, which consist of large lot residential uses) if: 1) the site is at least 25 acres in size; and 2) the site is in category six of the Ten-Year Water Supply and Comprehensive Sewerage Plan. Category six of the plan requires the use of a septic rather than a sewerage system. These conditions would be in addition to all other conditions applicable to accessory farm alcohol production. The goal of this zoning proposal is to expand opportunities in the agricultural and rural zones to have tasting rooms. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommends approval. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_8A.pdf

MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan

The Council will review the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. The plan builds on the recommendations of the previous 1985 Boyds Master Plan, the 1989 Germantown Master Plan and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan, and examines the land uses, zoning, design and multimodal access to the two MARC stations located in Boyds and Germantown. This limited master plan does the following:

- determines the appropriate land uses and densities at sites near each station;
- provides recommendations to improve multimodal access to each station (using information gathered during the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Bicycle Master Plan to help inform the access portion of this plan);
- considers other concerns raised during the planning process (i.e. parking).

More information about the plan can be viewed here:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities/>

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_8B.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Supplemental appropriation to the County Government’s FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of General Services - \$1,990,000 for Council Office Building Garage Renovation

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the County Government’s FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of General Services, \$1,990,000 for Council Office Building Garage Renovation. This increase is needed to remedy the deterioration of the structural steel and concrete and the poor condition of the stairwells in the parking garage. A Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 14. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_2.pdf

 **Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Transportation - \$1,000,000 for Resurfacing: Residential and Rural Roads**

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Transportation, \$1,000,000 for Resurfacing: Residential and Rural Roads. This appropriation would accelerate funding for additional lane miles of road resurfacing. A Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 14. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_3.pdf

 **Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Recreation - \$17,016,000 for South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center**

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Recreation, \$17,016,000 for South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. This funding would provide for a new regional recreation, senior and aquatic center that will be co-located with the Elizabeth Square affordable housing project in Silver Spring. A PHED Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 25. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_4.pdf

 **Resolution to approve Declaration of No Further Need: Disposition of County Parking Lot 43 Located at 8009 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda**

The Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to approve the Declaration of No Further Need for the Disposition of County Parking Lot 43 Located at 8009 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda. A joint GO and T&E Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 14. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_5.pdf

 **Resolution to amend Resolution 18-1162, Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares**

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a resolution to amend Resolution 18-1162, Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor of this resolution that would provide the County Executive with the authority to not charge furloughed federal employees to use Ride On. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_6.pdf

 **MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan**

At 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. See page 1 for more information on this item. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190212/20190212_8B.pdf

COMMITTEES

 **Executive Regulation 05-17, Troubled Properties**

On February 11 the PHED Committee will review Executive Regulation 05-17, Troubled Properties. This regulation sets forth a methodology for designating troubled properties under County law, based on the severity and quantity of violations, with rental housing units designated as troubled properties being subject to annual inspections and the requirement to develop and implement a corrective action plan. The regulation can be viewed here: [https://montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/5-17\(1\).pdf](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/5-17(1).pdf). Those expected to attend include the following: Tim Goetzinger, acting director, Department of Housing and Community

Affairs (DHCA); Chris Anderson, chief, Community Development Division, DHCA; and Dan McHugh, manager, Housing Code Enforcement, DHCA. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190211/20190211_PHED1.pdf

 **Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy**

The Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will receive an update on the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL), which promotes the teaching of English to adults whose native language is not English. In addition to helping strengthen the capacity of adult English literacy providers to deliver high-quality programs and serving as a community resource for information on adult English literacy, MCAEL also allocates funding to organizations. The committee receives an annual update from MCAEL prior to reviewing its operating budget in the spring. Kathy Stevens, executive director of MCAEL, and Marta Brito Perez, board chair, are expected to attend. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190211/20190211_EC1.pdf

 **CIP Amendments MCPS – overview and affordability issues**

The E&C Committee will review affordability issues related to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) proposed amendments to the FY19-24 CIP. The Board of Education's FY19-24 amendment request totals \$1.826 billion. This level of funding is \$47.6 million (or 2.7 percent) more than the latest approved FY19-24 CIP of \$1.78 billion. The County Executive's recommendation assumes \$1.77 billion in six-year expenditures, which is \$8.6 million less than the latest Approved FY19-24 CIP and \$56.2 million less than the Board request. A list of all MCPS projects (including those proposed to remain unchanged from the Approved FY19-24 CIP, as well as those proposed for amendment) can be found on circle page 14 of the Council staff report. Project description forms (PDFs) are attached on circle pages 16-26. A chart presenting the Board's proposed amendments can be found on page 3. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190211/20190211_EC2.pdf

 **MCPS Choice Programs**

The E&C Committee will close out its meeting with an update on MCPS Choice programs. This update will focus on changes MCPS has made to the structure of and access to choice and special academic programs at the elementary and middle school level. The Board of Education plans to discuss potential changes to programs at the high school level later this spring. Those expected to attend include the following: Dr. Maria Navarro, chief academic officer; Scott Murphy, director of secondary curriculum and districtwide programs; and Niki Hazel, director of elementary curriculum and districtwide programs. The Council staff report can be viewed here: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20190211/20190211_EC3.pdf

 **Declaration of No Further Need: Disposition of County Parking Lot 43 located at 8009 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda**

On February 14 the GO and T&E Committees will meet jointly to review Declaration of No Further Need: Disposition of County Parking Lot 43 located at 8009 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda. The Council staff report will be available on February 12.

 **Supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Transportation (DOT) - \$1,000,000 for Resurfacing: Residential/Rural Roads**

The T&E Committee will review a Supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Transportation (DOT) - \$1,000,000 for Resurfacing: Residential/Rural Roads. The Council staff report will be available on February 12.

 **CIP Amendments – Transportation**

The T&E Committee will review CIP amendments for transportation. The Council staff report will be available on February 12.

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

The T&E Committee will close out its meeting with a review of Bill 36-18, Transportation Management - Transportation Demand Management Plan – Amendments. Councilmember 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 will be available on February 12.

 **Supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of General Services (DGS) - \$1,990,000 for Council Office Building Garage Renovation**

The GO Committee will review a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of General Services (DGS) - \$1,990,000 for Council Office Building Garage Renovation. The Council staff report will be available on February 12.

 **Preliminary review - Cable Television and Communications Plan**

The GO Committee will review the cable television and communications plan. This preliminary plan identifies projected cable company revenues for the upcoming fiscal year and ongoing expenditures. In addition, the chairs of the Public Education and Government (PEG) Channels Donna Keating, media services manager and executive producer for County Cable Montgomery, and Dick Lipsky, TV supervisor, Montgomery County Public Schools, will provide an update on a future model for PEG operations. The Council staff report will be available on February 12.

 **OLO Report 2018-13, The Two-Generation Approach to Poverty in Immigrant Communities**

The Health and Human Services (HHS) and E&C Committees will meet jointly to review OLO Report 2018-13, The Two-Generation Approach to Poverty in Immigrant Communities. The report can be viewed here: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OLO/Resources/Files/2018%20Reports/OLOReport2018-13.pdf>

The Council staff report will be available on February 12.