

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of Nov. 11, 2019

Council's Economic Development Platform, Racial Equity and Social Justice Act, Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan, Accessible Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, Refugee Resettlement, "Six Triple Eight" Congressional Golden Medal Act of 2019

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 will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.
-  Council Vice President Sidney Katz will present a proclamation recognizing Veterans Day.
-  Council President Nancy Navarro will present a proclamation recognizing the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award.

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Resolution to Support Refugee Resettlement in Montgomery County

On Nov. 12 at 1:15 p.m. Councilmember Hans Riemer will introduce a resolution supporting refugee resettlement in Montgomery County. The resolution reinforces the Council's support for the principle of accepting refugees into the County regardless of their religion, race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity or country of origin. It notes that among the refugees who need to be resettled in the U.S. there are torture survivors, people with severe medical conditions, LGBTQIA individuals who faced prejudice, violence and precarity in their countries of origin, children who are in the U.S. without family or guardians, and women and children whose lives would be at risk had they remained in their countries of origin. Councilmember Riemer is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_2A.pdf

Resolution in Support of the “Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution introduced by Councilmember Craig Rice in support of the U.S. Congress enacting the “Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act, which would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the 6888th Postal Directory Battalion of the U.S. Army in recognition of their pioneering and exemplary service during World War II. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_2D.pdf

MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-133)

On Nov. 12 at 1:45 p.m. the Council is scheduled to vote on MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-133). This map amendment is a comprehensive rezoning application to implement the zoning recommendations contained in the [MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan](#), which was approved by the Council on April 30. 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/2019/20191112/20191112_5B.pdf

Local Map Amendment H-134 for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map for the properties located at 15585 and 15595 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville

The Council is scheduled to vote on Local Map Amendment H-134 for properties located at 15585 and 15595 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville. The existing gas station/convenience store is non-conforming under the Commercial/Residential Neighborhood (CRN) Zone. The applicants seek to legalize that use to expand and upgrade the property and permit a wider array of commercial uses under the Commercial Residential Town Floating (CRTF) Zone. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_5C.pdf

Resolution to adopt an Economic Development Platform for Montgomery County

Council President Nancy Navarro will introduce a resolution to adopt a new Council Economic Development Platform for Montgomery County. The Council’s Economic Development Platform Resolution is a guiding document that identifies a thriving and diversified economy, greater innovation, racial equity and social justice, and environmental sustainability as desired outcomes. The goal of the resolution is to grow the County’s tax base by creating new, well-paying job opportunities, removing regulatory barriers for new businesses seeking to locate or expand operations in the County, and investing in business development, housing, transportation and workforce development. Council President Navarro is the lead sponsor of the resolution, and all other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_6.pdf

Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan

The Council will receive an overview of the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan. This updated plan reevaluates land use and transportation strategies as part of long-term visioning process for the area, including an analysis of existing traffic conditions, which will help inform the community and Planning Department staff as they make recommendations to improve transportation conditions. This update is timely because other agencies, including the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), are studying opportunities for improved conditions and redevelopment along Georgia Avenue and at the Forest Glen Metro station. The following areas have been identified as priorities in the updated plan:

- balancing the regional traffic demands with the needs of enhancing and protecting the existing residential neighborhoods;
- evaluating existing conditions and providing recommendations to guide future land uses along the Georgia Avenue corridor;
- developing recommendations that improve the compatibility between the land uses adjacent to and along Georgia Avenue and the Forest Glen Metro Station property;

- developing recommendations to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, connectivity and safety within the plan area; and
- exploring opportunities for redevelopment at strategic locations to provide walkable, neighborhood-serving development.

Casey Anderson, chair of the Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director of the Planning Department; and Mike Riley, director of Montgomery Parks, are among those expected to attend the presentation.

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_7.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Historic Preservation Master Plan 19-1 - Technical Corrections

At 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing and vote on Historic Preservation Master Plan 19-1 - Technical Corrections, which would correct technical, typographical, grammatical, reference and codification errors in, and make stylistic, clarifying and conforming amendments to, provisions related to the Historic Resources Preservation Commission. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_3&5A.pdf

Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan

At 7:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan. For more information on this item, see page one. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191112/20191112_7.pdf

COMMITTEES

Bill 27-19, Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice - Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee – Established

On Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will review Bill 27-19, the Racial Equity and Social Justice Act. This legislation would create a Racial Equity and Social Justice Program for Montgomery County government that would be implemented across county government by a new executive branch Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. Under Bill 27-19, the County Executive would be required to adopt a county-wide racial equity and social justice action plan by regulation. Each County department and office also would be required to develop a racial equity and social justice action plan. In addition, Bill 27-19 would require that legislation, public policy initiatives and government programs, supported by budget requests, include a racial equity and social justice impact statement. The bill also would establish a Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee that would include members of the public.

Since land use plans and policies are major drivers for shaping communities, Bill 27-19 requires the Montgomery County Planning Board to consider racial equity and social justice issues when preparing master plans that are submitted to the Council. These plans include recommendations for land uses, transportation and public facilities such as schools, libraries, community and recreation centers, parks and fire and police stations.

Formal community conversations on racial equity and social justice, which were co-hosted by Council President Navarro and County Executive Marc Elrich, began in March. These conversations in Silver Spring, Germantown and White Oak, and a youth meeting at Gaithersburg High School, were attended by more than 750 community members. Various community groups also hosted individual meetings at nonprofit organizations, religious institutions, community centers and in private homes. More than 45 individuals, including County residents, heads of County departments and agencies and representatives of

nonprofits testified at the Oct. 29 public hearings on Bill 27-19. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191104/20191104_GO1.pdf

#EquityMattersinMoCo is being used for this bill on social media.

Accessible transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities

On Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. the Transportation and Environment (T&E) and Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees will meet jointly to receive a briefing on accessible transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities in the County. The Council staff report will be available on Nov. 11.