

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of Nov. 25, 2019

Grants Management, Roof Signs in Metro Station Policy Areas, Vape-Free Montgomery, E-Cigarettes, Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan, School Health Staffing, Summer Food Security for Youth

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. 26 at 9:30 a.m.
-  The Council meeting will begin with an invocation from Mr. John Haines, representing the Baha'i Community in Silver Spring.

COUNCIL

Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Department of Finance - \$500,000 for the Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program

On Nov. 26 at 11 a.m. the Council will introduce a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budget of the Department of Finance, for the Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program. This appropriation would support the expansion of Supernus Pharmaceuticals in Montgomery County. County law requires that the County Executive fund all business incentive packages that are valued at more than \$500,000 through a supplemental appropriation. Supernus Pharmaceuticals intends to invest about \$18.2 million to relocate its headquarters within the County. The project includes an additional 68,000 square feet of leased space and 160 jobs above its current base. A public hearing on this appropriation is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191126/20191126_2A.pdf

Resolution to endorse Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) Loans

The Council is scheduled to vote on resolutions to endorse Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund Loans to assist the following entities:

- [Urban One, Inc./TV One, LLC's expansion in Montgomery County;](#)
- [Fox Television, LLC's attraction to Montgomery County;](#)
- [REGENXBIO, Inc.'s expansion in Montgomery County;](#) and
- [RADA Technologies, LLC's attraction to Montgomery County.](#)

The County must endorse the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) loans in a formal resolution, as required by the Economic Development Article of the Maryland Code. The subject MEDAAF loan are part of a negotiated financial assistance package for the business's expansion in the County.

Bill 36-19, Contracts and Procurement - Office of Grants Management - Established

The Council will introduce Bill 36-19, which would establish an Office of Grants Management as a principal office of the County's Executive Branch. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor. Bill 36-19 also would alter the circumstances in which a contract may be awarded without competition; prescribe the authorities and responsibilities of the Office of Grants Management; and generally amend the law regarding grants and related functions. The Office of Grants Management would have the following responsibilities:

- provide a central point of contact regarding grants that the County receives or awards;
- provide departments with information about federal and state grant opportunities;
- maintain a central database of grants that the County receives or awards;
- provide training and technical assistance for grants management to departments and principal offices;
- develop countywide policies and procedures regarding grants management, in coordination with the Office of Procurement;
- develop practices to ensure that grants management in the County is consistent with racial equity and social justice goals, in coordination with the Office of Procurement;
- perform public outreach regarding grants offered by the County; and
- perform any other grants function assigned by the chief administrative officer.

The goal of this legislation is to increase efficiency and transparency in the County's grants awarding process and in managing grants received by the County. A public hearing on this bill is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191126/20191126_3A.pdf

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Zoning Text Amendment 19-09, Roof Signs Metro Station Policy Areas

The Council will introduce ZTA 19-09, which would allow roof signs in Red Policy Areas as identified in the most recent Subdivision Staging Policy. Each area in the Subdivision Staging Policy Map has been given a category which is used to assess impact fees. These categories are green, yellow, orange and red. The map can be viewed here: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/resources/subdivision-staging-policy-area-map/> Some buildings in high density areas are constructed with glass walls and signs that block windows are impractical. A public hearing on this ZTA is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191126/20191126_4A.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Special Appropriation and CIP Amendment - MCPPC - Transfer of GO Bond Appropriation from Legacy Open Space to Acquisition: Non-Local Parks - \$6,800,000 and \$1,960,000 for Acquisition: Non-Local Parks

The Council will hold a public hearing on a special appropriation and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) amendment. On Oct. 22 the Montgomery County Planning Board requested an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Capital Budget and the FY19-24 CIP to provide funding for acquisition of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority property in the Wheaton Central Business District (CBD) through the transfer of \$6.8 million in GO bonds from the Legacy Open Space to Acquisition: Non-Local Parks project. This amendment is needed because the acquisition would support the development of new and expanded affordable housing, create a new urban recreational park in Wheaton, implement key goals of the Wheaton CBD and vicinity sector plan to create more affordable and workforce housing and to provide the appropriate parks, and provide a rare opportunity to support two major public priorities with one project. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191126/20191126_6.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) - \$4,000,000 for HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to DHCA of four million dollars for its HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which is a federal program that provides funds to build, buy and rehabilitate affordable housing for low-income households. Most often, this is accomplished in partnership with non-profit organizations and the Housing Opportunities Commission. Loan repayments from investments made with the HOME Program funds are higher than the one million dollars expected in the approved FY20 budget. This appropriation is needed to allow DHCA to spend these funds in the current fiscal year. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20191126/20191126_7.pdf

COMMITTEES

Bill 29-19, Health and Sanitation - Electronic Cigarettes - Distribution; and companion Board of Health Regulation

On Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m. the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will review Bill 29-19 and a resolution to adopt Bill 29-19 as a Board of Health regulation. Bill 29-19 would prohibit manufacturers of e-cigarettes from distributing them to retail stores within a half mile of a middle or high school through a Board of Health regulation. Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The goal of this legislation is to protect the health of young people and limit their ability to purchase nicotine vaping products. It is illegal for retailers to sell such products to Montgomery County residents under the age of 21, with the exemption of active duty service members over the age of 18. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_HHS1.pdf

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Bill 31-19, Health and Sanitation - Electronic Cigarettes - Distribution, Use, and Possession; and companion Board of Health Regulation

The HHS Committee will review Bill 31-19 and a resolution to adopt Bill 31-19 as a Board of Health regulation. Bill 31-19, which would prohibit the distribution of any tobacco product, coupon redeemable for a tobacco product, cigarette rolling paper or electronic cigarette to any individual under 21 except under certain circumstances. Councilmembers Tom Hucker and Gabe Albornoz are the lead sponsors. Bill 31-19

also would prohibit an individual under 21 from using or possessing a tobacco product or electronic cigarette except under certain circumstances. The goal of this legislation is to update County law to reflect state law changes and provide an enforcement mechanism for young people using and possessing tobacco products and electronic cigarettes. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_HHS2.pdf

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Bill 32-19, Health and Sanitation - Flavored Electronic Cigarettes; and companion Board of Health Regulation

The HHS Committee will review Bill 32-19 and a resolution to adopt Bill 32-19 as a Board of Health regulation. Bill 32-19 would prohibit electronic smoking device manufacturers from distributing flavored electronic cigarettes to retail stores within half a mile of any middle or high school, library, park, playground or recreational facility in the County. Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Gabe Albornoz are the lead sponsors. Councilmember Tom Hucker is a cosponsor. The goal of this legislation is to protect the health of young people and limit their ability to purchase nicotine vaping products. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_HHS3.pdf

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Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan - Transportation and Schools

On Nov. 25 at 9:30 a.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will review the transportation and schools components 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. Specific topics to be discussed include the following:

- traffic congestion standards;
- intersection improvements at Forest Glen Road and George Avenue, Seminary Road/Columbia Boulevard and Georgia Avenue and 16th Street and George Avenue;
- extending Woodland Drive;
- a kiss-and-ride lot at the Forest Glen Medical Center property;
- access to the Metro Station and the Forest Glen Passageway;
- public school adequacy; and
- the fiscal impact statement for the plan.

Casey Anderson, chair of the Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director of the Planning Department; and Christopher Conklin, director of the Department of Transportation, are among those expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_PHED1.pdf

Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan – Environment and Parks

The PHED Committee also will review the environment and parks components of the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan. The 2017 Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, developed by the Department of Parks, serves as the planning policy for parks and recreation in Montgomery County. The PROS Plan suggests that each master plan include an open space system that addresses specific needs, including active recreation destinations; a central “civic green” urban park; an interconnected system of sidewalks and trails to connect parks and open spaces; and wooded areas to provide a sense of contact with nature. Parks, trails and opens spaces within the Forest Glen/Montgomery Hills Sector Plan study area include: Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park; Capitol View - Open Space Urban Park; Forest Grove Neighborhood Park; McKenney Hills Neighborhood Park; Capitol View-Homewood Local Park; Forest

Glen Neighborhood Park; Montgomery Hills Neighborhood Park; General Getty Neighborhood Park; Woodside Urban Park; and Fairview Urban Park. The plan proposes the following environmental goals:

- create solutions to improve the ecological health and wellbeing of the community and seek to eliminate disproportionate environmental burdens;
- mitigate for past environmental impacts and protect against future ecological degradation; and
- enhance the public realm by providing green infrastructure that meets the needs of all users.

The plan's goals and designs for urban design and historic preservation also will be reviewed. 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 meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_PHED2.pdf

School Health Staffing

On Nov. 25 at 1:30 p.m. the HHS and Education and Culture (E&C) Committees will meet jointly to review school health staffing. During the Council's budget deliberations for the County's FY20 Operating Budget, the joint HHS and E&C Committee requested that the County Executive add funding to increase school nurse staffing and has recommended placing \$1,234,200 on the reconciliation list for the County's operating budget in six increments of \$205,700 for two school health nurse positions per increment. Because of other competing budget priorities, the Council was not able to fund additional positions. The Committees have expressed concern that understaffing of school health nurses could impact the health and safety of students and has requested this update to revisit the issue. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Dr. Raymond Crowel, director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Dr. Travis Gayles, county health officer and chief of public health services, DHHS; and Lindsay Lucas, Office of Management and Budget. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_HHSEC1.pdf

Summer Food Security for Youth

The HHS and E&C Committees also will review summer food security for youth. Councilmember Evan Glass requested this meeting to discuss the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) summer meals program and other food access and feeding services for youth in the summer. He has expressed concern about the lack of summer meals programming, as many sites end services at the beginning of August. The Committee will explore possible service expansions. The Montgomery County Food Council estimates that between 60,000 and 70,000 County residents, including at least 30,000 children, are food insecure. Out of the more than 162,000 students who were enrolled in MCPS in the 2018-2019 school year, more than 55,000 were eligible for free or reduced priced meals service (FARMS). The Food Council points out that many families do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance programs but do not make enough to cover all household costs and run the risk of cutting their monthly food budget. During school breaks, food insecurity for families with school-based children is compounded, as access to daily school meals may be disrupted. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Susan McCarron, director, Division of Food and Nutrition Services, MCPS; Eugenia Dawson, director, Department of Materials Management, MCPS; Thomas Tippett, performance management analyst, CountyStat; Amanda Neshier, food security program manager, Montgomery County Food Council; Dr. Travis Gayles, public health officer and chief of public health services, DHHS; Diana Tato-Niktash, Food Council manager, DHHS; Robin Riley, director, Department of Recreation; and Adriane Clutter, division chief, Department of Recreation.. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_HHSEC2.pdf

Sandy Spring Museum

On Nov. 25 at 2:30 p.m. the E&C Committee will review operations at the Sandy Spring Museum, which is a community-activated museum, cultural arts center and gathering place supported in part by funding from the Montgomery County Government, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and the Maryland State Arts Council. Allison Weiss, executive director of Sandy Spring Museum, and Mark Watson, project historian at the museum, are among those expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2019/20191125/20191125_EC1.pdf