

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of February 10, 2020

Black History Month, Bicycle Registration, Capital Improvements Program, Compensation for Members of Boards, Committees and Commissions, Interagency Commission on Homelessness, Rent Subsidy Programs, Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation, Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area Improvements

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, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL

Black History Month

On Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. the Council will hold a special service to commemorate Black History Month. The Council will discuss the importance of preserving and honoring African American communities in Montgomery County. The commemoration will include a video segment that documents historic African American communities including Emory Grove in Gaithersburg, Scotland in Potomac and White Ground in Boyds. The video features members of these communities including: Kay Freeman, Eddie Dove, Carolyn Taylor, Rev. C. Glenn Taylor, Claudia Golenda and Roger Cartledge. The Council will conclude the commemoration with a special awards presentation for those who participated in the making of the video. The agenda for the commemoration can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/BlackHistoryMonth/Agenda_BHM_2020.pdf

Resolution in Support of D.C. Statehood

On Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. the Council will introduce a resolution in support of D.C. statehood. Councilmember Evan Glass is the lead sponsor. Council Vice President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Craig Rice, Will Jawando and Nancy Navarro are cosponsors. D.C.'s 700,000 residents

pay taxes but do not have full representation in the U.S. Congress or the ability to locally govern. The resolution points out that no other nation denies the right of self-government, including participation in its national legislature, to the residents of its capital. A vote on this resolution is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 25. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_2A.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Bill 2-20, Bicycles - Registration - Amendments

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 2-20, which would permit voluntary registration of a bicycle owned by a County resident for personal use. Council Vice President Tom Hucker and Councilmembers Will Jawando, Evan Glass and Hans Riemer are the lead sponsors. Council President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Nancy Navarro, Andrew Friedson, Gabe Albornoz and Craig Rice are cosponsors. Bill 2-20 also would do the following:

- require the registration of a bicycle provided for rent in the County;
- repeal the authority to impound an unregistered bicycle owned by a County resident for personal use;
- repeal the authority to deposit the proceeds from the sale of an impounded or abandoned bicycle in the Police Relief and Retirement Fund; and
- generally amend the laws governing the use of a bicycle in the County.

The goal of this legislation is to eliminate a regulatory burden on residents who own bicycles. A Public Safety (PS) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 9. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_6.pdf

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

Bill 3-20, Boards, Committees and Commissions - Compensation, Reimbursement & Stipends

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 3-20, which would permit a public member of a board, committee or commission to apply for an annual stipend in lieu of reimbursement. Councilmember Craig Rice is the lead sponsor. Bill 3-20 also would do the following:

- define terms related to boards, committees and commissions;
- alter provisions related to the compensation and reimbursement of members of certain boards, committees and commissions; and
- generally amend the law related to boards, committees and commissions.

The goal of this legislation is to specify the circumstances in which board, committee and commission members may receive a stipend in lieu of reimbursement. A Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 26. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_7.pdf

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

Supplemental Appropriation, \$229,000 Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$229,000 to expend funds from repayments of loans made from the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF). The Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation CIP project is the source of capital funding for the HIF. A vote on this appropriation is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 25. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_8.pdf

Declaration of No Further Need: Road Transfer Agreement with Town of Poolesville

The Council will hold a public hearing on the Declaration of No Further Need: Road Transfer Agreement with Poolesville. The County Executive recommends that the Council approve the disposition of County-owned land associated with segments of Hughes Road, Westerly Avenue, and West Willard Road through a transfer of ownership to the Town of Poolesville. The Town of Poolesville will assume maintenance for these segments of these roads. A vote is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 25. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_9.pdf

Special Appropriation to Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), \$300,000, Expedite Funding of Consultant Services for the I-270 Transit Corridor Plan

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a special appropriation to M-NCPPC's fiscal year 2020 (FY20) operating budget to expedite funding for consultant services for the I-270 Transit Corridor Plan. Consultants will conduct an analysis of existing and long-term travel demand throughout the I-270 corridor from Frederick through Bethesda to Tysons, including major activity centers along the corridor that are not served by Metrorail. Transit modeling, planning-level feasibility analyses, outreach and community engagement efforts is included. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_10.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation, \$2,340,000 for Davis Mill Rd Emergency Stabilization

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$2,340,000 for Davis Mill Road Emergency Stabilization. The request is needed to construct a retaining wall, provide stream stabilization and resurface pavement. Wildcat Branch along the north of Davis Mill Road is continuously eroding the roadway embankment and undermining the pavement during each major rain event. The undermining is progressing under the pavement causing pavement failure along the edge of the road. The Department is concerned that a significant part of the roadway pavement could slide into the stream during the next major storm event. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_11.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation for \$405,000 for Fenton Street Cycletrack

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$405,000 for the design and construction of the Fenton Street Bikeway in the Silver Spring Central Business Area Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area (BiPPA). The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_12.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation for \$100,000 for Bikeway Program Minor Projects

The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$100,000 for bikeway program minor projects. The appropriation for this project will fund the planning, design and construction of bikeways, trails, neighborhood green ways and directional route signs throughout the County. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_13.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation for \$367,000 for Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area (BiPPA) Improvements

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$367,000 for improvements to the BiPPA. The appropriation will fund the design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian capital improvements in the Wheaton CBD Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area (BiPPA) identified in the County master plans. This increase is needed to ensure sufficient appropriation through FY20. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_14.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation for \$84,000 for BiPPA Improvements

The Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget of \$84,000 for improvements to the Veirs Mill Road/Randolph Road BiPPA. The FY20 Capital Budget did not include sufficient funding to match CIP expenditures in FY20. The scope, cost and timing of this project are not altered by this action. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200211/20200211_15.pdf

COMMITTEES

Interagency Commission on Homelessness Three-Year Strategic Plan

On Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) and Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees will meet jointly to receive a briefing on the Interagency Commission on Homelessness (ICH) Three-Year Strategic Plan. The ICH was established by the Council in 2014 to improve the coordination and cooperation among government, service providers and community organizations that is needed to reduce homelessness. In addition, the ICH serves as the governing board of the Continuum of Care as required by federal law. Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Amanda Harris, chief, DHHS Services to End and Prevent Homelessness; and Sharan London, County Executive's representative to the ICH, 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/2020/20200210/20200210_PHEDHHS_1.pdf

Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2019-4: Inventory of Rent Subsidy Programs in Montgomery County

The PHED and HHS Committees also will hold a follow-up discussion on OLO Report 2019-4. The Council asked OLO to prepare this report on the rent subsidy programs in Montgomery County and the populations served by these programs. This report inventories 29 programs administered in the County that provide rent subsidies on behalf of households (individuals or families) who would be otherwise unable to obtain or retain permanent housing due to low income and/or a disabling condition. The major findings of this report are as follows:

- No fewer than 29 distinct rent subsidy programs are administered in Montgomery County, ranging from large federally-funded programs administered locally by the Housing Opportunities Commission that serve thousands of households to small programs run by local nonprofit organizations under contract to the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Despite many entities working to reduce and prevent homelessness, these organizations have successfully coordinated services and consolidated program data, and they can serve as a model for rent subsidy programs.
- No common standards govern data management across rent subsidy programs. Different programs maintain different sets of demographic and financial data, and data are not readily available for several rent subsidy programs.
- While a coordinated entry system exists for the federally-funded homelessness programs, no similar coordinated entry approach exists for the rent subsidy programs.

OLO makes the following recommendations in the report:

- The Council should review the inventory of rent subsidy programs to better understand the array of rent subsidies available to County residents and to inform Council policy and budget decision-making.
- The Council should ask the County Executive to convene an interagency group to plan for an integrated data management system for all rent subsidy programs.

- The Council should ask the County Executive to convene an interagency group to develop a coordinated entry system for all rent subsidy programs.

The full report can be viewed here:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OLO/Resources/Files/2019%20Reports/Inventory-Rent-Subsidy-Programs.pdf>

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200210/20200210_PHEDHHS2.pdf

Capital Improvements Program (CIP): Health and Human Services

On Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. the HHS and Education and Culture (E&C) Committees will meet to review the FY21-26 CIP for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Committees will review the three education-related projects recommended by the County Executive for the FY21-26 CIP and capital budget: child care renovations, the high school wellness center and school-based health and Linkages to Learning centers. The Committees also will discuss the Child Care in School project, which continues to be an active project but does not have any funding programmed in the FY21-26 period. Dr. Raymond Crowel, director of DHHS; David Dise, director of the Department of General Services; and Seth Adams, director of the Department of Facilities Management, 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/2020/20200210/20200210_HHSEC1.pdf

CIP: Health and Human Services

On Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m. the HHS Committee will review FY21-26 CIP projects for DHHS that do not involve the public school system or are not education-related. The two projects the Committee will discuss are Progress Place and Avery Road Treatment Center. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, DHHS; Victoria Buckland, chief operating officer, DHHS; Amanda Harris, chief, Special Needs Housing, DHHS; Lindsay Lucas, Office of Management and Budget; David Dise, director, Department of General Services (DGS); and Greg Ossont, deputy director, DGS. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

Reverse Auction Purchasing

On Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m. the GO Committee will receive a briefing on reverse auction purchasing. The term, "reverse auction," refers to a purchasing method in which vendors compete to sell goods or services to a buyer. In a reverse auction, the buyer identifies the goods and services to be purchased and potential sellers bid against one another to make the sale; this type of auction typically produces progressively lower prices. In 2017, OLO prepared a [report](#) for the Council that describes the use of reverse auctions in public sector purchasing, identifies the benefits and drawbacks, and discusses potential future use by the Montgomery County government. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

CIP: FiberNet and ultraMontgomery

The GO Committee will review the FY21-26 CIP for FiberNet, which is a 650-mile fiber optic network that connects more than 500 community anchor institutions, including public schools, the community college, libraries, recreation centers and government buildings. This year, the County Executive recommends increasing funding from \$4 million to \$6 million to keep pace with needed connectivity in schools and public safety networks. The GO Committee also will review the review of the FY21-26 CIP for ultraMontgomery, which is a broadband economic development program that supports cost-effective, competitive access to broadband services and ultra-high-speed networks for businesses throughout Montgomery County. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

CIP: Department of Recreation, Housing Opportunities Commission and Department of Housing and Community Affairs

On Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. the PHED Committee will review the FY21-26 CIP for the Department of Recreation (Recreation), the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). The Committee will Recreation Projects including Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center Building Envelope Improvement, Martin Luther King, Jr. Indoor Swim Center Renovation, Recreation Facility Refurbishment, South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center, and swimming pool slide replacement. The Committee also will review County Executive’s recommendations for HOC, which include continued authorization of revolving fund financing and funds to support the maintenance of housing for people with extremely low incomes. The Committee will review the recommendations for capital funding for DHCA, including an update on the neighborhood revitalization program and a review of the ongoing funding for development or acquisition and preservation of affordable housing and the newly proposed Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

Supplemental Appropriation – DHCA - \$229,000 for Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation

The PHED Committee will close out its meeting with a review of a supplemental appropriation of \$229,000 for affordable housing acquisition and preservation. See page two of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

Bill 33-19, Police – Community Policing

On Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. the PS Committee will review Bill 33-19. Councilmembers Nancy Navarro and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. Council Vice President Tom Huckler and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Will Jawando, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass, Council President Sidney Katz and Hans Riemer are cosponsors. As introduced, Bill 33-19 would create community policing guidelines and reporting requirements for the Montgomery County Police Department.

- **Community policing guidelines:**
 - Officers must strive to regularly initiate/engage in positive nonenforcement activities with communities.
 - MCPD must ensure cultural competency throughout the department.
 - MCPD must emphasize the recruitment of candidates with ties to the County.
 - MCPD must increase community outreach initiatives and officers should attend community events on behalf of the department.
 - MCPD must provide adequate training in de-escalation tactics.
 - MCPD must maintain and improve the SRO program in recognition of its value to the community.
- **Reporting requirements:**
 - MCPD would provide the following data to the Executive and Council for the prior calendar year by Feb. 1 of each year:
 - number of officers in general, and within that, the number of “racial minority officers” female officers, and officers who reside within the County;
 - number of recruiting events MCPD either sponsored or participated in within the County;
 - number of instances of the use of force that resulted in the transport of a civilian to a hospital by an emergency vehicle, when the injury occurred as a direct result of an officer’s actions;
 - number of civilian complaints about use of force by an officer;
 - number of officers suspended with pay;
 - number of officers suspended without pay;
 - percentage of patrol officers assigned to neighborhood patrols; and
 - number of youths under age 18 referred to intervention programs by officers;

- description of MCPD’s community policing efforts, including:
 - community policing programs;
 - participation in town hall meetings; and efforts to engage with schools, recreation centers, community centers and senior centers.

The goal of this legislation is to encourage greater transparency and accountability in law enforcement. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.

#TransparentAndAccountablePolicing is being used for this item on social media.

CIP: Police Department and Department of Correction and Rehabilitation

The P.S. Committee also will review the FY21-26 CIP for the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR). The DOCR discussion is expected to focus on the Criminal Justice Complex and on the possibility of re-envisioning pre-arrest diversion for mental health and substance abuse problems. The MCPD discussion is expected to focus on the sixth district police station in Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg. Angela Talley, director of DOCR; Dr. Raymond Crowel, director of DHHS; and Chief Marcus Jones, MCPD, are among those expected to attend. The Council staff report will be available on Feb. 10.