

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of July 27, 2020

COVID-19 Relief Efforts, Fair Criminal Record Screening Standards, Rental Assistance Program, Police Use of Force Policy, Potential 2020 General Election Ballot Questions, Release of Balloons, LGBTQ Bill of Rights, WMATA Payment In Lieu of Taxes, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Resolution in Support of Mailing Ballots to Voters

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 hold virtual meetings on Tuesday, July 28 at 9:30 a.m and Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m.

COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 28

Supplemental Appropriation to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) - \$602,651 for Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement

On July 28 at 9:30 a.m., the Council will introduce a special appropriation of \$602,651 to MCPS' FY21 capital budget and an amendment to MCPS' FY21-26 CIP for planned life cycle asset replacement. The source of funds is the State of Maryland's Aging Schools Program and will fund capital improvements in aging school buildings. The Council public hearing and vote is scheduled for Sept. 29 at 1:30 pm. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2A.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS), FY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - \$357,801 for COVID-19 Supplemental Grant

The Council will introduce, hold a public hearing and vote on a special appropriation of \$357,801 to MCFRS’ FY21 operating budget for a COVID-19 supplemental grant. This appropriation will fund Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and related supplies to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2B.pdf

Resolution to authorize Montgomery County to procure lines of credit for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of operating expenses

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to authorize Montgomery County to procure lines of credit. The County Executive requested that the Council authorize the Department of Finance to procure up to \$300 million in lines of credit to cover operating expenses. These lines of credit will provide additional financial coverage for the County should the timing of certain tax receipts not align with the ongoing operational expenses of the County in fiscal year 2021. The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee recommends approval with the following amendments:

- delete Section 4 under the Council Action and replace it with the text underlined on circle page 14; and
- add a sunset date of December 31, 2022 for this authority.

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2C.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget - \$1,500,000 for Conference Center Non-Departmental Account (NDA)

The Council is scheduled to vote on a \$1.5 million special appropriation for the Conference Center NDA. The County Executive requested this special appropriation to support operating expenses of the Montgomery County Conference Center in the event its revenues are insufficient to cover operating expenses in 2020. The recommendation of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee will be available on July 27. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2D.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to MCPS’ FY21 Operating Budget - \$250,000 for the Mental Health Program to Support Schools

The Council is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$250,000 to MCPS’ FY21 operating budget for the Mental Health Program to Support Schools. The joint Education & Culture and Health and Human Services Committee voted to amend the special appropriation as introduced by providing the funding to the Department of Health and Human Services instead of Montgomery County Public Schools. The funding will be used to provide mental health services to students. The Council staff report will be available here by July 27:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_AG.pdf

Resolution to Urge the Maryland state lawmakers to change “Maryland, My Maryland” as the state song and urge against the song from being played at official Montgomery County events

The Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution to urge the State of Maryland to repeal and replace the state song “Maryland, My Maryland” and prohibit the song from being played at public events in Montgomery County. The full Council is sponsoring the resolution. “Maryland, My Maryland” includes lyrics that refer to President Abraham Lincoln as “the tyrant”, “the despot”, and “the Vandal”, and to the

Union as “Northern scum”, as well as referring to the phrase “Sic semper tyrannis”, which was the slogan later shouted by Marylander John Wilkes Booth when he assassinated Lincoln. According to Randall, the poem was a plea to his home state of Maryland to secede from the Union and join the Confederacy. The Council staff report will be available here by July 27:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_AG.pdf

Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; Montgomery County Government; COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA; Short-Term Assistance to Distressed, Affordable Common Ownership Communities; \$2,025,000

The Council is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$2,025,000 to provide short-term assistance for financially distressed, affordable common ownership communities. These funds would be used by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to provide assistance to affordable common ownership communities in financial distress because of revenue lost since the start of the public health emergency declaration for COVID-19. The appropriation, which was spearheaded by Council President Sidney Katz, is sponsored by the full Council. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2L.pdf

Resolution to Amend the FY21 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-472, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP); Latino Economic Development Corporation; Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. (dba Maryland Legal Aid)

The Council will introduce and is scheduled to vote on a resolution to amend the FY21 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County government related to designation of entities for non-competitive contract award status. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is recommending three new non-competitive contracts to support tenants who are facing possible evictions with on-site legal assistance at the District Court, and financial and other counseling and assistance. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2M.pdf

Resolution to Amend the FY21 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-472, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.; Interfaith Works, Inc.; Career Catchers, Inc.; Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation; Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc.; and Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc.

The Council will introduce and is scheduled to vote on a resolution to amend the FY21 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County government related to designation of entities for non-competitive contract award status. The CAO is recommending three new non-competitive contracts to implement Rapid Rehousing programs that will be funded with recently appropriated Federal Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funding. The CAO is also recommending a new contract for matching SNAP at farmer’s markets because of a need to change the vendor and increases to contracts for a youth drop-in center and Montgomery Cares. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_2N.pdf

Ethics Commission - Receipt of Proposal to Cure

The Council will discuss the Ethics Commission’s review of potential ethics violations by Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Kleine and the resulting proposal to cure, which was accepted by the Ethics Commission. Ethics Commission representatives will provide a chronology of the investigation and resolution; explain the proposal to cure process; and summarize the key elements of Mr. Kleine’s Proposal to Cure. Council staff recommends that ethics training conducted or supervised by Ethics Commission staff be mandatory for all County employees. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_3.pdf

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and County Public Health Planning

The Council will sit as the Board of Health to receive an update on the County's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery efforts. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Dr. Travis Gayles, county health officer and chief of the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Public Health Services; Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security; and Dr. Raymond Crowel, director, DHHS, are among those expected to attend. The Council staff report will be available here by July 27:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_AG.pdf

Resolution to Approve FY21 Savings Plan

The Council will vote on the County's Fiscal Year 2021 Savings Plan. The Council's recommendations total \$72 million (\$43.7 in funding from the operating budget and \$28.3 from the Capital Improvements Program). This exceeds the Executive-recommended reductions because it includes reductions for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Council supported most of the reductions identified by the County Executive but did not support \$2.4 million of the \$34.3 million in reductions for County Government. Final action on the \$628,000 reductions to M-NCPPC's CIP must be delayed until the fall to meet the public hearing advertising requirements. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_22.pdf

Subdivision Regulation Amendment (SRA) 20-01, Rules of Interpretation - Computing Time Periods

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on SRA 20-01, which would extend the duration of all deadlines and validity periods established for previously approved subdivisions by two years. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. Councilmembers Nancy Navarro and Andrew Friedson and Council Vice President Tom Hucker are cosponsors. The sponsors believe that previously-established deadlines in subdivision approvals may be unrealistic in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the County's economic recovery outlook. The Planning Board has recommended a revised SRA to accomplish the sponsors' objective, and Council staff has no objections. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_23.pdf

COUNCIL Wednesday, June 29

Bill 35-20, Human Rights and Civil Liberties - Fair Criminal Record Screening Standards - Amendments

On July 29 at 1:30 p.m. the Council will introduce Bill 35-20, which would do the following: alter definitions regarding fair criminal record screening standards; prohibit certain inquiries regarding criminal records; prohibit consideration of certain arrests and convictions in employment decisions; and generally amend the law regarding criminal record screenings. Councilmember Will Jawando is the lead sponsor. The goal of this legislation is to help prevent workplace discrimination by preventing background checks prior to the extension of a conditional offer of employment and preventing inquiries into certain types of arrests and convictions. A Council public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 1:30 p.m. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_1A.pdf

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

Expedited Bill 36-20, Forest Conservation - Amendments

The Council will introduce Bill 36-20, which would, among other things, do the following: apply the forest conservation law to two or more platted contiguous lots that collectively total at least 40,000 square feet under certain circumstances; modify provisions related to the preferred sequence for afforestation and reforestation, forest mitigation banks, and in lieu fees to conform with state law; and exempt agricultural activities from the forest stand deli. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the Planning Board. A Council public Hearing is scheduled for Sept. 22 at 1:30 pm. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_1B.pdf

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

Bill 24-20, Administration - Police - Assistant Chiefs of Police

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 24-20, which would create a non-merit civilian assistant chief of police position and rename the existing non-merit assistant chief of police positions. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The Public Safety (PS) Committee recommends enactment with an amendment to make the bill expedited. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_2A.pdf

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

Expedited Bill 30-20, Administration - Executive Branch - Chief Digital Officer

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 30-20, which would transfer the chief digital officer from the Office of the County Executive to the Department of Technology Services. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee recommends enactment with minor technical amendments. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_2B.pdf

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

Bill 25-20, Rental Assistance - Amendments

The Council is scheduled to vote on Bill 25-20, which would do the following: change the age of eligibility for the County's Rental Assistance Program (RAP); clarify the definition of a person with a documented disability; remove the prohibition of eligibility of County residents without immigration documentation; and provide that the benefit amount for RAP is established in regulations. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. The goal of this legislation is to ensure that access to RAP benefits is not conditioned upon a resident's immigration status. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee recommends enactment with an amendment to clarify that the policy parameters of the Rental Assistance Program, including program eligibility, would be set by Method 2 Regulation, while the specific benefit amount would be determined by Method 3 Regulation. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_2C.pdf

#MoCoRental Assistance is being used for this bill on social media.

Expedited Bill 27-20, Police - Regulations - Use of Force Policy

The Council is scheduled to vote on Expedited Bill 27-20, which would require the police chief to adopt a use of force policy directive and require the use of force policy to include certain minimum standards to protect the public. The minimum standards would, among other things, include: prohibiting a member of the police force from using deadly force, including a neck restraint or carotid restraint unless it's a last resort to prevent serious bodily injury or death of an officer or another person; the use of such force creates no substantial risk or injury to a third person; and reasonable alternatives to the use of such force has been exhausted. The bill also requires officers to intervene, if they witness the excessive use of force by another officer. Councilmembers Will Jawando, Craig Rice, Nancy Navarro and Gabe Albornoz are the lead sponsors. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. This legislation is necessary to help to prevent the unnecessary use of force in police enforcement actions and ban certain practices that can contribute towards unnecessary deaths and serious bodily injury. The Public Safety (PS) Committee recommends enactment with amendments. The recommended amendments can be found on page one of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_2D.pdf

#UseOfForce and #PoliceReform are being used for this bill on social media.

Potential 2020 General Election ballot questions

The Council will review proposals to amend Section 305, Approval of the Budget; Tax Levies, in the County Charter to determine if any should appear as ballot questions in the 2020 General Election. The Council staff reports for each proposal can be found here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_3.pdf

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_4.pdf

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200729/20200729_5.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on July 28 at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Bill 6-20, Solid Waste (Trash) - Release of Balloons - Prohibited

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 6-20, which would amend the Solid Waste Chapter of the County Code to prohibit the release of a balloon into the air in certain circumstances and prescribe penalties for the unlawful release of a balloon. Councilmember Tom Hucker is the lead sponsor. The County Code does not currently regulate the release of balloons into the atmosphere. Several jurisdictions throughout the nation - including Queen Anne's County, Maryland - have adopted laws to restrict balloon releases in response to concerns about environmental harms caused by balloons, including harms to farms, water and wildlife. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_5.pdf

#BalloonWaste is being used for this bill on social media

Bill 28-20, Human Rights and Civil Liberties - Discrimination in Public Accommodations - LGBTQ Bill of Rights

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 28-20, which would define and prohibit discriminatory practices based on sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity and HIV status in places of public accommodation, including nursing homes and other healthcare and personal care facilities. The bill also would require the posting of certain anti-discrimination notices. Councilmember Evan Glass 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/2020/20200728/20200728_6.pdf

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

Bill 29-20, Taxation - Payment in Lieu of Taxes - WMATA Property - Established

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 29-20, which would require the director of the Department of Finance to offer a payment in lieu of taxes for a residential or commercial high-rise building constructed by a private developer on property leased from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) at a Metro station. The bill would require the payment in lieu of taxes that would exempt 100 percent of the real property tax that would otherwise be levied for a period of 15 years beginning in the year a use and occupancy permit is issued for the qualifying development. Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Andrew Friedson are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers Evan Glass, Nancy Navarro, Council President Sidney Katz, Councilmember Gabe Albornoz and Council Vice President Tom Hucker are cosponsors. A joint GO and Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 16. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_7.pdf

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

Special Appropriation to the Housing Opportunities Commission's FY21 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program - \$2,800,000 for Housing Production Fund

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation to the Housing Opportunity Commission's FY21 capital budget of \$2.8 million for the Housing Production Fund. Councilmembers Hans Riemer, Andrew Friedson and Will Jawando are the lead sponsors. This appropriation will fund the creation of the Housing Production Fund and allow HOC to issue \$50 million in bonds. County funding will increase to \$6.8 million annually to allow HOC to increase the bonds to \$100 million. The funds will be used for construction period financing, which will allow HOC to accelerate projects in its development pipeline. HOC estimates it can create nearly 8,800 units of housing with the assistance of this fund. At minimum, 20 percent of the housing units will be affordable to households earning 50 percent or less of area median income and ten percent of units will be affordable to households earning incomes eligible for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program. The Council staff report will be available here by July 27:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_AG.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - \$355,000 for Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans and Unsheltered Adults

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a \$355,000 special appropriation for permanent supportive housing for veterans and unsheltered adults. Montgomery County estimates that there are about 100 single adults, who are unsheltered or living in emergency shelters, who could leave homelessness if more permanent supportive housing is available. Bethesda Cares, one of the County's non-profit members of the Continuum of Care, has proposed a partnership with the County to house 14 unsheltered adults. Bethesda Cares will provide an estimated \$158,200 to support program components that include master leasing of apartments, furniture for move-in, meals and groceries and virtual healthcare in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. The County will fund long-term, permanent supportive housing for those entering through the Bethesda Cares' effort. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee is the sponsor of this special appropriation. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_9.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance Non-Departmental Account (NDA) - \$20,000,000 for COVID-19 Response: Rental Assistance and Eviction and Homelessness Prevention

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$20 million to the COVID-19 Human Service and Community Assistance NDA to support rental assistance and eviction and homelessness prevention. This funding for rental assistance is needed to help people with rent arrearages and prevent evictions for those who are not able to enter into a repayment plan or work with landlords on other options to avoid eviction. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_10.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Police, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, and Sheriff’s Office - FY20 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) - \$431,707 for Byrne Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant Funding

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$431,707 to the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation’s FY21 operating budget for Byrne coronavirus emergency supplemental grant funding. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_11.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice - \$260,961 for staffing and operating expenses

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a supplemental appropriation of \$260,961 to the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice’s FY21 operating budget to support staffing and operating expenses. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_12.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, Conference and Visitors Bureau Non-Departmental Account, Support for COVID-19 Response - Hospitality and Tourism Support, \$200,000

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$200,000 to the FY21 operating budget for the Conference and Visitors Bureau Non-Departmental Account (NDA). This funding will allow Visit Montgomery to market the County to encourage local spending by residents in businesses throughout the County and attract regional and leisure travelers within three driving hours during October to December 2020. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_13.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government’s FY21 Operating Budget, Community Engagement Cluster, Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) - \$296,436 for 2020 Census Grant Program

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$296,436 to the FY21 operating budget of the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) – Community Engagement Cluster. OCP was awarded funds through the Maryland State 2020 Census Grant Program to implement 2020 Census activities through June 30, 2020 to create a Census Grant Program housed under the care of the Montgomery County affiliate of the Greater Washington Community Foundation. The Census Grant Program will be utilized to continue implementing “Everyone Counts in Montgomery County,” a countywide education and outreach strategy in partnership with nonprofit organizations and stakeholders to ensure that everyone is counted, with a special focus on “hard-to-count communities.” The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_14.pdf

Resolution in Support of Mailing Ballots to Voters for the 2020 General Election

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a resolution in support of mailing ballots to voters for the 2020 general election. On July 21, the Council introduced a resolution calling on Governor Hogan to require that ballots be mailed to each registered voter in Maryland along with a postage prepaid envelope. The Council also is requesting that touch-free drop boxes be available for voters to submit their completed ballots. Moreover, the Council calls on Governor Hogan to defer to each local Board of Elections to recommend, in consultation with the County health officer, an appropriate number of early voting sites and polling places for the 2020 General Election. The full Council is sponsoring this resolution. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_15.pdf

Resolution in Support of Indigenous People's Day

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a resolution in support of Indigenous People's Day to celebrate and honor Native American peoples and commemorate their histories and cultures. This holiday is celebrated across the U.S. on the second Monday in October and is an official city and state holiday in various jurisdictions. The resolution calls for the Council and County government to recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, starting on Oct. 12, 2020, and directs that all official calendars be updated. Moreover, it calls on the Maryland General Assembly to recognize Indigenous People's Day as an official state holiday. In addition, the resolution urges Montgomery County Public Schools to undergo a review of its curriculum to better incorporate the histories, narratives and cultures of the country's Native peoples. Councilmember Nancy Navarro spearheaded this resolution which is sponsored by the full Council. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_16.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget , Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and Crisis Prevention Crisis Prevention & Intervention Services - \$395,000 for Montgomery County Hotline (Source of Funds: Federal Grant and General Fund Reserves) and Amendment to Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472 Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: EveryMind

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$395,000 to DHHS' Behavioral Health and Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services: Montgomery County Hotline. Councilmembers Andrew Friedson, Will Jawando and Gabe Albornoz initiated this appropriation which is sponsored by the full Council. This special appropriation would support a higher level of service for residents from EveryMind's Montgomery County Hotline which serves community members in crisis. This special appropriation will support the addition of eight full-time specialists to staff the hotline, along with supervisory, managerial and administrative support for these positions through December 2020. The additional positions are needed to address the increased calls due to the COVID-19 emergency and maintain the number of hotline shifts per week and double staffing coverage provided in FY20 because of the public health crisis. In addition, the funding will support the expansion of text services from 8 a.m. to noon through FY21. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_17.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget - for COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA - \$7,545,590 for Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar (For Our Health and Wellbeing)

The Council will hold a public hearing and is scheduled to vote on a special appropriation of \$7.5 million to provide a strategic, culturally competent and community-focused approach to public health to help contain the spread of COVID-19 in the areas of the County hardest hit by the virus. Councilmembers Nancy Navarro and Gabe Albornoz are the lead sponsors of this appropriation. This funding will be used to

establish Por Nuestra Salud y Bienestar (For Our Health and Wellbeing), which will provide wrap-around services including COVID-19 testing, health resources and public education targeted to Latino residents in the County. Data provided by Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services shows the disproportionately large impact that COVID-19 is having in the Latino community. While Montgomery County has made great strides in flattening the curve of new infections, COVID-19 cases continue to grow among the Latino population. The full Council is committed to providing culturally competent and community-focused health care for underserved communities across Montgomery County. The Council staff report will be available here by July 27:

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200728/20200728_AG.pdf

Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, FY20 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - \$357,801 for COVID-19 Supplemental Grant

The Council will introduce, hold a public hearing and vote on a special appropriation of \$357,801 to MCFRS' FY21 operating budget for a COVID-19 supplemental grant. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

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COMMITTEES

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget - \$1,500,000 for Conference Center NDA

On July 27 at 9:30 a.m. the PHED Committee will review a special appropriation of \$1.5 million to the Conference Center NDA FY21 operating budget. The County Executive requested this funding to support the operating expenses for the Montgomery County Conference Center in the event that its revenues are insufficient to cover operating expenses in 2020. Council President Sidney Katz is the lead sponsor of this appropriation, at the request of the County Executive. The individuals expected to attend this meeting include the following: Tina Benjamin, Office of the County Executive; Ruth Semple, Office of the County Executive; David Childs, general manager, Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center; and Anjan Kar, finance director, Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200727/20200727_PHED1.pdf

Special Appropriation - COVID-19 Human Services and Community Assistance NDA - \$2,025,000 for Short-Term Assistance to Distressed, Affordable Common Ownership Communities

The PHED Committee will review a special appropriation of \$2,025,000 to provide short-term assistance for financially distressed, affordable common ownership communities. These funds would be used by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to provide assistance to affordable common ownership communities in financial distress because of revenue lost since the start of the public health emergency declaration for COVID-19. The appropriation, which was spearheaded by Council President Sidney Katz, is sponsored by the full Council. The individuals expected to attend this meeting include the following: Aseem Nigam, director, DHCA; Frank Demarais, deputy director, DHCA; Christopher Anderson, chief, DHCA Community Development; and Pofen Salem, Office of Management and Budget. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200727/20200727_PHED2.pdf

General Plan Briefing on Draft Goals, Actions, and Policies

The PHED Committee will close out its meeting with a review of the goals, actions and policies of the General Plan, which is a policy document that guides, over multiple decades, how the County will develop and change over time and respond to future opportunities and challenges. It provides a long-term vision for land use planning, public investments in infrastructure and community amenities, and private development.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 will ultimately result in an update to the County's General Plan. Over the past year, the Planning Department has been working on this update. In February, Planning staff briefed the Committee on an issues report for Thrive Montgomery 2050. Today, Planning staff will present the draft Vision, Goals, Policies, and Actions for Thrive Montgomery 2050. The individuals expected to attend this meeting include the following: Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director, Planning Department; Tanya Stern, deputy director, Planning Department; and Khalid Afzal, special projects coordinator, Director's Office, Planning Department. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

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MCPS Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Protocols

On July 27 at 1:30 p.m. the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will receive a briefing on Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) sexual harassment and assault response protocols. The Council and the E&C Committee have previously held multiple meetings to discuss and review MCPS policies and procedures related to workplace harassment, child abuse and neglect. First, in April 2018, the Council held a discussion with all County agencies on workplace harassment policies and procedures. Subsequently, the Committee in April 2018, and the joint E&C and Public Safety Committee in March 2019, reviewed MCPS' child abuse and neglect policies and procedures. While the prior discussions focused on interactions between adults and children, this discussion will primarily address interactions between students. The individuals expected to attend this meeting include the following: Dr. Henry Johnson, chief of staff, MCPS; Natalia Ahn, general counsel, MCPS; Greg Edmundson, director of student welfare and compliance, MCPS; and Ed Clarke, director of safety and security, MCPS. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200727/20200727_EC1.pdf

Youth Sports; and OLO Report 2020-4: Youth Sports in Montgomery County

On July 29 at 9:30 a.m. the PHED, E&C and HHS Committees will meet jointly to discuss youth sports in Montgomery County and review OLO Report 2020-4, which reviews national research on youth sports and examines the youth sports landscape in Montgomery County. The report offers three recommended discussion issues for the Council to raise with agency representatives.

1. Access to public athletic facilities: The Council may wish to discuss policies and processes around community use of public athletic facilities to identify ways to support affordable sports programs and encourage free play.
2. Addressing silos in youth sports: The Council may wish to discuss options to promote collaboration and address silos in youth sports provision, such as convening government stakeholders and youth sports providers to encourage partnerships, or organizing a sports fair to help parents learn about sports programs in their communities that are appropriate for their child.
3. Promoting and expanding affordable and recreational youth sports programs: The Council may wish to discuss options for promoting and expanding affordable and recreational youth sports programs in the County, such as offering training for volunteer coaches, developing new partnerships or expanding the public provision of youth sports. The OLO report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200721/20200721_14.pdf

The Council staff report will be available on July 27.