

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of March 9, 2020

Public Land for Affordable Housing, FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program, Vape Shops, Bicycle Registration, State Transportation Priorities, External Audit, I-270 and I-495 P3 Project, Local Business Preference Program, Retiree Health Benefits, Public Right-of-Way

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, March 10 at 9:30 a.m.

-  Council President Sidney Katz and County Executive Marc Elrich will present a proclamation recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.
-  Councilmember Nancy Navarro and County Executive Marc Elrich will present a proclamation recognizing Women's History Month.
-  Council Vice President Tom Hucker will present a proclamation recognizing the Maryland Bobcats soccer team for their national championship.

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Bill 13-20, County Property – Disposition – Affordable Housing

On March 10 at 10:25 a.m. Bill 13-20, which would require a disposition of a property that will be used primarily for housing development to include a certain number of moderately priced dwelling units (MPDUs), is scheduled for introduction. Councilmember Will Jawando is the lead sponsor. Bill 13-20 would require dispositions that will be used primarily for housing development to include 30 percent income-restricted units. It also would exempt any disposition that will be used primarily for housing development from the declaration of no further need process if 15 percent of the units are MPDUs and 15

percent are for residents with an income of less than 50 percent of the area median income. The goal of this legislation is to increase the availability of affordable housing in the County. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_4C.pdf

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

Fiscal Year 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program (FY21-26 CIP)

On March 10 at 10:35 a.m. the Council will review the FY21-26 CIP for the following:

- **Recreation**

The Council will review the FY21-26 CIP and FY21 Capital Budget for the Department of Recreation. The County Executive's recommended CIP for Recreation is \$116.9 million, which is a decrease of \$3.9 million or 3.2 percent from the amended FY19-24 program. The decrease is primarily due to progress on or completion of the Western County Outdoor Pool Renovation and Modernization and the South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. Robin Riley, director of the Department of Recreation, is among those expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_6.pdf

- **General Government Projects**

The Council will review the FY21-26 CIP for general government projects and the Department of General Services (DGS). The County Executive recommends a CIP of \$208 million, which is a decrease of \$64.3 million from the FY19-24 program. This is primarily due to the substantial completion of several major projects within the DGS budget. David Dise, director of DGS, is among those expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_7.pdf

- **Health and Human Services**

The Council will review the FY21-26 CIP and FY21 Capital Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The County Executive's recommended CIP for DHHS is \$30 million, which is a \$7.5 million or 33 percent increase from the amended FY19-24 program. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: JoAnn Barnes, chief, Children, Youth and Family Services, DHHS; Amanda Harris, chief, Service to End and Prevent Homelessness, DHHS; Victoria Buckland, chief operating officer, DHHS; Lindsay Lucas, Office of Management and Budget; David Dise, director, Department of General Services (DGS); and Greg Ossont, deputy director, DGS. The recommendations of the Council's Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education and Culture (E&C) Committees can be found on pages one and two of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_9.pdf

- **Fire and Rescue**

The Council will review the FY21-26 CIP and FY21 Capital Budget for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS). The County Executive's recommended CIP for MCFRS is \$113.5 million. The CIP contains 14 capital projects. It contains two fire station projects (Clarksburg and White Flint), the Apparatus Replacement Program and several ongoing level-of-effort projects that make different types of capital improvements at existing fire stations. Fire Chief Scott Goldstein is expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_10.pdf

- **Parks**

The Council will review the FY21-26 CIP and FY21 Capital Budget for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). M-NCPPC's CIP request for FY21-26 is \$253.3 million, which is an increase of \$9.6 million or 3.9 percent over the amended FY19-24 program. The recommendations of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee can be found on pages one and two of the Council staff report, which can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_11.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supplemental Appropriation - Office of Community Partnerships - \$581,700 for 2020 Census Grant Program

On March 10 at 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the Office of Community Partnerships' operating budget of \$581,700 for a 2020 U.S. Census grant. This appropriation is needed because the Community Engagement Cluster of the Office of Community Partnerships was awarded funds through the Maryland State 2020 Census Grant Program to implement 2020 Census activities through June 30, 2020. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_12.pdf

Supplemental Appropriation – Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) - \$351,050 for Alfred Noyes Pilot Project Grant

On March 10 at 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation of \$351,050 to the MCPS operating budget for the Alfred Noyes Pilot Project Grant. This appropriation will provide funds from a Maryland State Department of Education grant to investigate how best to educate students in the juvenile justice system. The results of this investigation will guide juvenile justice education throughout the state. The pilot will be a partnership between the Rockville-based Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2020/20200310/20200310_13.pdf

COMMITTEES

Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-06, Vape Shops

On March 9 at 9 a.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will review ZTA 19-06, which would prohibit vape shops that sell e-cigarettes and similar products from opening within half a mile of a middle or high school. It also would prohibit vape shops from allowing access to people under 21 years of age. Councilmembers Gabe Alborno and Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The goal of this ZTA is to protect the health of young people and limit their ability to purchase nicotine vaping products. Ehsan Motazedi, division chief, Zoning and Site Plan Enforcement, Department of Permitting Services; and Greg Russ, zoning planner coordinator, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, are expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200309/20200309_PHED1.pdf

Bill 2-20, Bicycles – Registration – Amendments

On March 9 at 2 p.m. the Public Safety (PS) Committee will review 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. All other Councilmembers 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.

The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200309/20200309_PS1.pdf

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

Capital Improvements Program (CIP): Montgomery College

On March 9 at 2 p.m. the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will review the Fiscal Years 2021-2026 (FY21-26) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery College. The County Executive's recommended CIP is \$28.6 million below the College's request. The College has submitted a list of non-recommended reductions to align with affordability constraints. These reductions largely maintain the funding requested for collegewide level-of-effort projects while significantly delaying or removing costs related to new construction or facility renovation. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College; Donna Schena, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services, Montgomery College; Marvin Mills, vice president for facilities and public safety, Montgomery College; John McLean, director of capital planning and design, Montgomery College; Kristina Schramm, capital budget analyst, Montgomery College; and Rafael Murphy, Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200309/20200309_EC1.pdf

CIP: Libraries

The E&C Committee also will review the FY21-26 CIP for Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL). The County Executive's recommended CIP includes five active projects totaling \$48.3 million, which is an increase of \$19.7 million from the approved FY19-24 CIP. Most of the increase is due to the inclusion of construction costs for the Clarksburg Library. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Anita Vassallo, director, Montgomery County Libraries (MCPL); Angelisa Hawes, Facilities and ADA assistant director, MCPL; James Donaldson, collection and technology assistant director, MCPL; Steve Kapani, business manager, MCPL; and Deborah Lambert, fiscal and policy analyst, OMB. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200309/20200309_EC2.pdf

CIP: Public Arts Trust

The E&C Committee will close out its meeting with a review of the FY21-26 CIP for the Public Arts Trust, which commissions site-specific works and supports other public art projects throughout Montgomery County. The Council staff will be available on March 9.

State Transportation Priorities

On March 9 at 7 p.m. the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will host a public forum to discuss the County's transportation priorities. The Council and the County Executive periodically send a joint letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation with county funding priorities for transportation projects that are unfunded by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Recommendations for this year's State transportation priorities letter have been proposed by the County's Planning Board and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and comments have been received from some members of the Montgomery County delegation in the Maryland General Assembly. The Council staff report can be viewed here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2020/20200309/20200309_TE1.pdf

FY19 External Audit and Council Contract for Audit Services

On March 12 at 9:30 a.m. the Audit Committee will review the results of the FY19 external audit and the Council's contract for audit services. The Audit Committee consists of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee, with the Council president and vice president as ex officio voting members. Those expected to attend the meeting include the following: Michael Coveyou, director of the Department of Finance; Karen Hawkins, chief operating officer, finance; Linda Herman, executive director, Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans (MCERP); Yan Yan, chief financial officer, MCERP; and Sean Walker and Jason Ostroski of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

Possible Impacts of the P3 Project

On March 12 at 10:30 a.m. the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will review the possible impacts of the I-495 and I-270 public-private partnership (P3) road-widening project, which aims to reduce traffic congestion in the Washington metropolitan region. The Committee will receive a briefing from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) staff on the potential infrastructure impacts of the P3 project. The Committee also will review the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's proposed FY21 operating budget and related service and fare proposals. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

Bill 25-19, Contracts and Procurement – Local Business Preference Program

On March 12 at 10:30 a.m. the GO Committee will review Bill 25-19, which would increase the number of local businesses awarded County contracts and establish a Local Business Preference Program for certain County contracts. The goal of this legislation is to support local businesses. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

#LocalBusiness and #MoCo4Growth are being used for this bill on social media.

OPEB

The GO Committee also will receive a briefing from Executive Branch staff on the most recent calculation of the County's financial liability for retiree health benefits, also known as "Other Post-Employment Benefits" (OPEB). The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

Bill 38-19, Streets and Roads – Permit to Obstruct Public Rights-of-Way – Amendments

On March 12 at 2 p.m. the T&E Committee will review Bill 38-19, which would require the County Executive to adopt certain regulations regarding permits to close curb lanes, sidewalks or shared use paths in the public rights-of-way. Councilmember Andrew Friedson is the lead sponsor. Councilmembers Evan Glass, Will Jawando, Hans Riemer and Gabe Albornoz, Council Vice President Tom Hucker, Councilmember Craig Rice and Council President Sidney Katz are cosponsors. Bill 38-19 also would do the following: limit the circumstances in which the Department of Permitting Services may grant or extend a permit to close a curb lane, sidewalk or shared use path; and require the director of Permitting Services to publish certain information regarding permits to close curb lanes, sidewalks or shared use paths. The goal of this legislation is to assure pedestrian safety, minimize inconvenience to the public related to sidewalk closures and increase transparency about permits to close sidewalks. Chrissy Contreras, Department of Permitting Services (DPS), and Atiq Panjshiri, DPS, are expected to attend the meeting. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

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

State Transportation Priorities Letter

The T&E Committee also will review the Council and County Executive's transportation priorities letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation. See page three of this document for more information. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.

Climate Change Planning

The T&E Committee will close out its meeting with a briefing on planning for climate change. The Council staff report will be available on March 9.