

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of Nov. 15, 2021

*Proclamation Recognizing World Pancreatic Cancer Day by
Councilmember Jawando*

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

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Summary

The Council will meet virtually on Tuesday, November 16 at 9 a.m. The meeting will begin with a proclamation recognizing World Pancreatic Cancer Day and will be presented by Councilmember Jawando. Next, Council will introduce Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-10, which would clarify the maximum footprint for accessory buildings on a lot in the agricultural, rural residential and residential detached zones. Then the Council will receive an update on the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) Draft of the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Draft Plan, which is a framework to guide planning for land use, housing, the economy, equity, transportation, parks and open space, the environment, historic resources, urban design and arts and culture over the next three decades.

Next, the Council will introduce a resolution which would approve a corrected copy of Montgomery County Planning Board Regulation No. 3-21 on forest conservation; a more than \$252 million special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund; a \$1.2 million supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) for a trauma and behavioral health grant; a resolution to approve the extension of the lease between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Meadowbrook Foundation, Inc. (Meadowbrook Stables); and a \$3.6 million special appropriation to the FY22 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program for the Council Office Building (COB) renovations project.

In addition, the Council will introduce and vote to amend the FY22 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-872, to allow the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to modify the purpose statements for current contracts with Impact Silver Spring Inc., Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc., and Family Services, Inc.

In the afternoon, the Council will hold public hearing on Bill 41-21, which is the enabling legislation that would revise the boundaries of the Council districts as recommended by the map proposed by the commission. The Council will then hold public hearing and vote on an \$869,733 Special Appropriation for the Conference and Visitors Bureau to implement a state grant that supports businesses recovering from the pandemic.

The Council will then introduce Bill 44-21, Montgomery County Green Bank – Funding – Fuel Tax Revenue, which would mandate that the Council appropriate 10 percent of the fuel-energy tax revenue to the County Green Bank each year in the annual operating budget and Bill 45-21, Elections – Public Campaign Financing – Restrictions, which would amend the County's public campaign finance law to permit certain limited in-kind donations, equivalent to \$10,000 or less, from state or County central committees to publicly financed candidates.

Before the meeting adjourns, the Council will vote on two resolutions to support the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (COG) endorsement of equity emphasis areas and high-capacity transit areas as a key concept and tool to inform decision making and action.

The Council meeting will be held Nov. 16 at 9 a.m.

Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-10, Accessory Structures – Use Standards

Introduction: The Council will introduce Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-10, Accessory Structures – Use Standards, which would clarify the maximum footprint for accessory buildings on a lot in the agricultural, rural residential and residential detached zones. The ZTA makes it clear that the cumulative footprint of all accessory structures may not exceed 50 percent of the footprint of the principal building or 600 square feet, whichever is greater. The lead sponsors of the legislation are Councilmembers Friedson and Jawando.

PHED Committee Draft of Thrive Montgomery 2050

Briefing: The Council will receive an update on the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) Draft of the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Plan, which is a framework to guide planning for land use, housing, the economy, equity, transportation, parks and open space, the environment, historic resources, urban design and arts and culture over the next three decades.

The PHED Committee recently completed their review of the plan and the Committee draft can be downloaded [here](#). A community listening session to hear from residents about the plan is scheduled to take place virtually via Zoom on Nov. 30, 2021, starting at 7 p.m.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director, Planning Department; Tanya Stern, deputy director, Planning Department; and Khalid Afzal, special projects manager, Planning Department.

Resolution for the Approval of Correct Copy of Montgomery County Planning Board Regulation No. 3-21 on Forest Conservation – Trees

Introduction: The Council will introduce a resolution which would approve a corrected copy of Montgomery County Planning Board Regulation No. 3-21 on forest conservation. The resolution is needed because a copy of Planning Board Regulation No. 3-21 that was attached to Resolution No. 19-893 inadvertently contained non-substantive technical errors. In order to properly codify Regulation No. 3-21 in the Code of Montgomery County Regulations, it is necessary to rescind Resolution No. 19-893, and to adopt the enclosed accurate copy of Regulation No. 3-21.

The lead sponsor is Council President Hucker at the request of the Planning Department. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \$252,242,245 for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund

Introduction: The Council will introduce a more than \$252 million special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund. This special appropriation is needed because MCPS received additional funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Maryland State Department of Education. The ESSER III Fund was included in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021.

The grant funds will address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. The funding will support the addition of 113 teachers, 32 paraeducators, 50 social workers, 40 counselors and a range of other positions within MCPS. Additional information on the positions and other elements of the requested grant funds can be found in the Board of Education's Nov. 9, 2021 [approval memorandum](#).

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled on Nov. 30, 2021.

[Supplemental Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools, \\$1,205,690 for the Trauma and Behavioral Health Grant](#)

Introduction: The Council will introduce a \$1.2 million supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

MCPS will utilize these funds to implement a program to address trauma and behavioral health issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic on students and their families. Specifically, this funding will focus on direct and indirect services to students, including counseling, social skills, crisis response and intervention and staff development.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled on Nov. 30, 2021.

[Approval of the lease \(term\) extension between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission \(M-NCPPC\) and Meadowbrook Foundation, Inc.](#)

Introduction: The Council will introduce a resolution to approve the extension of the lease between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Meadowbrook Foundation, Inc. (Meadowbrook Stables).

Meadowbrook Stables provides equestrian education to Montgomery County residents through a Public-Private Partnership with M-NCPPC. In November 2001, the Planning Board approved a development plan for Meadowbrook Stables that consisted of renovations and new construction in two phases. That development plan included the concept of a covered riding arena as part of the second phase of development to improve the functionality of Meadowbrook Stables.

The Foundation's current lease began in Sept. 2010 and is scheduled to end on Aug. 31, 2025 with the option of one renewal term through Aug. 31, 2030. M-NCPPC and the Foundation seek to further extend the lease through Aug. 31, 2041. The Planning Board approved the lease extension by consent at its Sept. 15, 2021 meeting.

The lead sponsor is Council President Hucker at the request of the M-NCPPC. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 7, 2021

Resolution to Amend the FY22 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-872, Section G, Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Impact Silver Spring, Inc.; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc.; Family Services, Inc.

Introduction and vote expected: The Council will introduce and vote to amend the FY22 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government, Resolution 19-872, to allow the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to modify the purpose statements for current contracts with Impact Silver Spring Inc., Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc., and Family Services, Inc.

The purpose statement for Impact Silver Spring funding would be revised from “provide support for the Neighborhood Opportunity Network Initiative” to “provide support to residents to access DHHS services and other resources they require to improve their quality of life/community.”

The purpose statement for the Catholic Charities funding would be revised from “provide emergency assistance include family support specialists” to “provide emergency support services, including case managers.”

The purpose statement for Family Services would be revised from “provide support for the Neighborhood Safety Net Services Program to provide critical case management support to residents in Gaithersburg and East County” to “provide critical case management support to residents in Gaithersburg and East County.”

Special Appropriation to the FY22 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program, Department of General Services, Council Office Building Renovations (No. P010100), \$3,600,000

Introduction: The Council will introduce a \$3.6 million special appropriation to the FY22 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program for the Council Office Building (COB) renovations project.

This special appropriation is needed to provide funding for the remaining construction cost associated with the addition of two new Councilmember offices and relocated legislative information services staff as well as associated furniture, equipment and IT infrastructure needs. In addition, this appropriation funds several key subprojects related to the transition from nine to 11 Councilmembers.

Redistricting, Expedited Bill 41-21, Elections - Council Districts – Boundaries

Public hearing: The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 41-21, Elections Council Districts - Boundaries, which is the enabling legislation that would revise the boundaries of the Council districts as recommended by the map proposed by the Montgomery County Commission

on Redistricting. The Council received a briefing from the commission on Nov. 9, 2021 about their recommended redistricting map that creates seven new Council districts.

Residents can view the commission's proposed map [here](#). The commission's report to the Council can be viewed [here](#). There are federal, state and county laws governing the approval of voting districts, and these legal requirements are included in the commission's report.

Before 2020, the Charter required the County to be divided into five Council districts. The new requirement for seven districts applies to the 2022 elections, and the Council will consist of eleven members in total in Dec. 2022. Seven district Councilmembers will be selected by registered voters who live in each district and four at-large members will be selected by all voters across the County.

The Montgomery County Charter, as amended by the voters in the 2020 general election, states that the County shall be divided into seven Council districts. Each district must be compact in form and composed of adjoining, contiguous territory. Moreover, the populations of each district must be substantially equal.

A second public hearing on the proposed redistricting map and Bill 41-21 will be held on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. The lead sponsor is Council President Huckler at the request of the Commission on Redistricting.

[Special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of the County Executive – Online Sales and Telework Grant Program, \\$869,733 and an amendment to FY22 Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-competitive Award Status– Conference and Visitor's Bureau](#)

Public hearing and vote expected: The Council will hold public hearing and vote on an \$869,733 Special Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget and an amendment to FY22 Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-competitive Award Status – Conference and Visitors Bureau to implement a state grant that supports businesses recovering from the pandemic.

Approximately ten percent of the funds will be provided to Visit Montgomery to market and conduct business outreach for the grant program and create, launch and manage a new business directory called Discover MoCo on Visit Montgomery's website. The remainder of the funds will be used for direct grants to eligible businesses.

[Bill 44-21, Montgomery County Green Bank – Funding – Fuel Energy Tax Revenue](#)

Introduction: Council President Huckler and Councilmember Friedson will introduce Bill 44-21, Montgomery County Green Bank – Funding – Fuel Tax Revenue, which would mandate that the Council appropriate 10 percent of the fuel-energy tax revenue to the County Green Bank each year in the annual operating budget. The Montgomery County Green Bank was established by Bill 18-15, enacted by the Council on June 30, 2015 and signed into law by the County Executive on July 7, 2015. Councilmember Riemer is a cosponsor of the bill.

The Green Bank promotes the investment in clean energy technologies in the County by offering financing structures to lower the cost of financing these technologies for County residential and commercial properties. The fuel-energy tax is levied and imposed on every person transmitting, distributing, manufacturing, producing, or supplying electricity, gas, steam, coal, fuel oil or liquefied petroleum gas in the County.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 7, 2021.

Bill 45-21, Elections – Public Campaign Financing – Restrictions

Introduction: The Council will introduce Bill 45-21, Elections – Public Campaign Financing – Restrictions, which would amend the County’s public campaign finance law to permit certain limited in-kind donations, equivalent to \$10,000 or less, from state or County central committees to publicly financed candidates.

The purpose of the bill is to permit the central committees to display or distribute the literature of publicly financed candidates under certain conditions. Currently, the central committees are precluded from displaying or distributing literature for publicly financed candidates.

The lead sponsors are Councilmembers Glass, Katz and Riemer and Council Vice-President Albornoz.

Resolution to Support Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Endorsing Equity Emphasis Area as a Key Planning Concept and Tool to Inform Decision Making and Action

Vote expected: The Council will vote on a resolution introduced by Councilmember Navarro to support the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (COG) resolution endorsing equity emphasis areas as a key concept and tool to inform decision making and action. Equity emphasis areas are locations with high concentrations of low-income individuals or racial and ethnic minorities. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors.

The COG Board passed Resolution R47-2021 on Oct. 13, 2021, which endorsed equity emphasis areas as a key planning concept and tool to guide future growth and investment. The concepts will influence decisions related to infrastructure investment, planning program, education, health care, land use, housing, and economic opportunities that will enhance and build on making regions and local communities more racially equitable.

Resolution to Support Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Endorsing High-Capacity Transit Areas as a Key Planning Concept and Tool to Inform Decision Making and Action

Vote expected: The Council will vote on a resolution introduced by Councilmember Navarro to support the COG resolution endorsing high-capacity transit areas as a key concept and tool to inform decision making and action. High-capacity transit areas are locations around Metrorail,

commuter rail, light rail, bus rapid transit and streetcar stations that are in place or will be in place by 2030. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors.

The COG Board passed Resolution R46-2021 on Oct. 13, 2021, endorsing high-capacity transit station areas as a key planning concept and tool to guide future growth and investment decisions related by optimizing land use around these station areas, enhancing transportation connections and creating transit-oriented communities so the region can accommodate future growth and ensure quality places where all residents can thrive.

Monday, Nov. 15

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will meet on **Monday, Nov. 15 at 8:30 a.m.** to review policy priorities with each of the chairs of the Health and Human Services advisory boards, committees and commissions.

The members of the HHS Committee include Chair and Council Vice President Gabe Albornoz and Councilmembers Evan Glass (Lead for Homelessness & Vulnerable Communities) and Craig Rice.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet at **9:30 a.m.** to receive updates from representatives of the Department of Permitting Services (DPS). In addition, the Committee will review Executive Regulation 11-21, Landlord Tenant Relations – Obligations of Landlord – Window Guards, which provides technical specifications for all window guards required under Bill 51-20, Landlord-Tenant Relations – Window Guards.

The members of the PHED Committee include Chair Hans Riemer and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson (Lead for Parks) and Will Jawando.

The Public Safety (PS) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to review Bill 17-21, Police – Community Informed Police Training, which would create partnerships between the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and local educational institutions to recruit and train police officers in a manner that promotes community informed policing.

The members of the PS Committee include Chair Sidney Katz, Council Vice President Gabe Albornoz and Council President Tom Hucker.

Boards, Committees and Commissions Priorities

Review: The HHS Committee will discuss policy priorities with each of the chairs of the HHS advisory boards, committees and commissions. During the meeting each chair has been asked to identify their top two policy priorities.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Jacqueline Williams, African American Health Program; Laura Mitchell, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council; Dr. Nguyen Nguyen, Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI); Marquette Rogers Board of

Social Services; Marci Roth, Citizen Review Panel Advisory Group; Barbara Selter, Commission on Aging; Tracey Clay, Commission on Child Care; William Hegwood, Commission on Child Care; Renae McPherson, Commission on Children and Youth; Jessica Kronstadt, Commission on Health; Chris Jennison, Commission on Juvenile Justice; Seth Morgan, Commission on People with Disabilities; Wayne Miller, Commission on Veterans Affairs; Robert Koffman, Commission on Veterans Affairs; Lisette Engel, Community Action Board; Taniesha Woods-Myles, Early Childhood Coordinating Council; Jeff Goldman, Interagency Commission on Homelessness; Ebony Johnson, Interagency Commission on Homelessness; Michelle LaRue, Latino Health Initiative; Olivia Carter-Pokras, Latino Health Initiative; Garrett Mannchen, Mental Health Advisory Committee; Wayne Swann, Montgomery Cares Advisory Board; Kathryn Pontzer, Victim Services Advisory Board; and Juanita Rogers, Victim Services Advisory Board.

Department of Permitting Services

Briefing: The PHED Committee will receive an update on the Department of Permitting Services (DPS). Representatives from DPS will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data. The discussion will include an overview the department's budget, enterprise systems, changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the transition from Rockville to Wheaton office spaces.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Mitra Pedoeem, director, Department of Permitting Services (DPS); Ehsan Motazedi, deputy director, DPS; Tyler Mosman, project manager, DPS; Barbara Suter, manager, Central Services Unit, DPS; Henry Mobayeni, IT chief, Information Technology Services, DPS; Carmen Berrios, division chief, Customer Support & Outreach, DPS; Victor Salazar, division chief, Zoning, Well & Septic and Code Compliance, DPS; Linda Kobylski, division chief, Land Development, DPS; George Muste, division chief, Residential Construction & Fire Code Compliance, DPS; Rick Merck, division chief, Commercial Construction, DPS; and Rafael Murphy, Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Executive Regulation 11-21, Landlord Tenant Relations – Obligations of Landlord Window Guards

Review: The PHED Committee will review Executive Regulation 11-21; Landlord Tenant Relations – Obligations of Landlord – Window Guards, which provides technical specifications for all window guards required under Bill 51-20, Landlord-Tenant Relations – Window Guards.

Bill 51-20, Landlord-Tenant Relations – Window Guards, also known as Ezechieel's Law, was enacted on April 6, 2021, with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2022. The legislation requires the installation and maintenance of window guards in certain rental housing and allows the County Executive to develop Executive Regulations to implement the law.

This executive regulation provides technical specifications for all window guards with additional specification for single and double hung windows, sliding windows and vertical pivoting windows. If the building includes windows not specified, the landlord must seek a variance. In

addition, the regulation states that landlords must strictly follow the instructions to ensure proper and safe installation and the openings must prevent the passage of a solid sphere that is four inches in diameter.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Aseem Nigam, director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCA); Frank Demarais, deputy director, DHCA; Christopher Anderson, chief, Community Development Division, DHCA; and Dan McHugh, manager, Housing Code Enforcement, DHCA.

Bill 17-21, Police – Community Informed Police Training

Review: The PS Committee will review Bill 17-21, Police – Community Informed Police Training, which would create partnerships between the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and local educational institutions to recruit and train police officers in a manner that promotes community informed policing. The lead sponsor of the bill is Councilmember Jawando. Councilmember Riemer is a cosponsor of the legislation.

The bill would require MCPD to collaborate and partner with local educational institutions to expand the recruitment of police cadets who reflect the diversity of the County, sponsor communication sessions with prospective cadets and community members and develop internship programs for prospective cadets.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Marcus Jones, chief, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD); Darren Franke, assistant chief, MCPD; David Smith, captain MCPD; Dr. Sanjay Rai, senior vice president for academic affairs, Montgomery College; and Lee Holland, president, FOP, Lodge 35.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8:30 a.m.** to continue to review policy priorities with each of the chairs of the Health and Human Services advisory boards, committees and commissions.

The members of the HHS Committee include Chair and Council Vice President Gabe Albornoz and Councilmembers Evan Glass (Lead for Homelessness & Vulnerable Communities) and Craig Rice.

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Priorities

Review: The HHS Committee will continue to discuss policy priorities with each of the chairs of the HHS advisory boards, committees and commissions. During the meeting each chair has been asked to identify their top two policy priorities. This meeting will include representatives from the the Board of Social Services, Citizen Review Panel Advisory Group, Commission on Aging, Commission on Child Care, Commission on Children and Youth, Commission on People with

Disabilities, Commission on Veterans Affairs, Community Action Board and Early Childhood Coordinating Council.

At the first meeting on Nov. 15, the Committee met with representatives of the African American Health Program, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council, Asian American Health Initiative, Commission on Health, Interagency Commission on Homelessness, Latino Health Initiative; Mental Health Advisory Committee, Montgomery Cares Advisory Board and the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Marquette Rogers, Board of Social Services; Wilma Brier, Citizen Review Panel Advisory Group; Barbara Selter, Commission on Aging; Tracey Clay and William Hegwood, Commission on Child Care; Renae McPherson, Commission on Children and Youth; Chris Jennison, Commission on Juvenile Justice; Seth Morgan, Commission on People with Disabilities; Wayne Miller and Robert Koffman, Commission on Veterans Affairs; Lisette Engel, Community Action Board; and Taniesha Woods-Myles, Early Childhood Coordinating Council.

Thursday, Nov. 18

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 18 at 12 p.m.** to hold interviews for the Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) Board of Directors and continue to discuss the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Program (MOVE).

The members of the PHED Committee include Chair Hans Riemer and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson (Lead for Parks) and Will Jawando.

The joint Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) and PHED Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to review Bill 26-21, which would help increase affordable housing in Montgomery County.

The members of the GO Committee include Chair Nancy Navarro and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson and Sidney Katz.

The Council will meet at **7 p.m.** to hold a second public hearing on Bill 41-21, Elections Council Districts - Boundaries, which is the enabling legislation that would revise the boundaries of the Council districts as recommended by the map proposed by the Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting.

Bethesda Urban Partnership Board of Directors

Interview: The PHED Committee will conduct interviews with three applicants for the Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) Board of Directors. The applicant would fill the seat held by Deborah Michael's, whose second term expired in Oct. 2021 and is not eligible to apply for

reappointment. The vacancy needs to be filled by a representative from a neighborhood adjacent to the BUP.

The BUP is responsible for the maintenance of streetscape and streetscape amenities, the promotion and implementation of special events and marketing initiatives and other similar activities. The board directs all aspects of the Urban District program including management of the contract for the County to run the Transportation Management District and serves the community in the provision of Urban District services.

The individuals who will be interviewed include Lauren Lefkowitz, Sean Oberle and Dan Schlaff.

MOVE Program

Review: The PHED Committee will continue its review of the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Program (MOVE). The County provides financial incentives to businesses primarily through the Economic Development Fund (EDF) to assist private employers who are located in, plan to locate to or will substantially expand operations in the County. The Committee held its initial review of the program on Nov. 8, 2021.

The MOVE Program, a subprogram within the EDF, is an entitlement program to assist businesses by offsetting some costs of the first year of the company's lease when relocating to the County. Businesses that qualify for the MOVE Program received \$8 per square foot of the executed lease, up to \$80,000. To qualify, businesses must be new to the County, which is defined by executing its first lease for Class A or B office space in the County. In addition, the lease must be for a period of at least three years and cannot exceed 20,000 square feet.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Laurie Boyer, economic development manager, Office of the County Executive; Peter McGinnity, manager, Business Development, Finance; Ben Wu, president and CEO, MCEDC; Bill Tompkins, executive vice president and COO, MCEDC; and Brad Stewart, senior vice president of business development, MCEDC.

Bill 26-21, Taxation - Payments in Lieu of Taxes - Affordable Housing –Amendments

Review: The joint GO and PHED Committee will review Bill 26-21, Taxation-Payments in Lieu of Taxes-Affordable Housing-Amendments, to help increase affordable housing in Montgomery County. The legislation would establish a minimum payment in lieu of taxes for a housing development owned or operated by the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) and for any other housing development with at least 25 percent of the dwelling units built under a government regulation or binding agreement limiting the rent charged for at least 15 years.

Bill 26-21 also would repeal the annual maximum aggregate amount of all payments in lieu of taxes approved under this law. The lead sponsors of the bill are Councilmembers Riemer and Friedson.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Aseem Nigam, director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA); Frank Demarais, deputy director, DHCA; Dennis Hetman, discal manager, Department of Finance; Roderick Simpson, senior planning specialist, DHCA; and Vickie Gaul, associate County attorney, County Attorney's Office.

Redistricting, Expedited Bill 41-21, Elections - Council Districts – Boundaries

Public hearing: The Council will hold a second public hearing on Bill 41-21, Elections Council Districts - Boundaries, which is the enabling legislation that would revise the boundaries of the Council districts as recommended by the map proposed by the Montgomery County Commission on Redistricting. The Council received a briefing from the commission on Nov. 9, 2021 about their recommended redistricting map that creates seven new Council districts and held its first public hearing on Nov. 16, 2021.

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The Montgomery County Charter, as amended by the voters in the 2020 general election, states that the County shall be divided into seven Council districts. Each district must be compact in form and composed of adjoining, contiguous territory. Moreover, the populations of each district must be substantially equal.

The lead sponsor is Council President Huckler at the request of the Commission on Redistricting.