

# **COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS**



## **Week of October 18, 2021**

*Proclamations Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month by Councilmember Navarro and Recognizing White Cane Awareness Day by Council President Hucker*

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## Summary

The Council will meet virtually on **Tuesday, October 19 at 9 a.m.** The meeting will begin with two proclamations. The first, recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month and will be presented by Councilmember Navarro. The second, recognizes White Cane Awareness Day and will be presented by Council President Hucker.

Lead sponsor Council President Hucker is expected to introduce Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-08, Landscape Contractor – Use Standards, which would expand the definition for landscape contractor and allow it as a limited use in certain zones. Then, the Council is expected to vote on ZTA 21-04, which supports the implementation of new zoning recommended by the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone and review and vote on the Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) H-139 to implement the Approved and Adopted Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone.

Next, the Council is expected to receive an update and hold a public hearing on the Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment. Next, lead sponsor Councilmember Friedson is expected to introduce ZTA 21-09, which would create a streamlined regulatory process for biohealth facilities. In addition, the Council is expected to receive an update on state police reform legislation. Then, the Council is expected to vote on confirmation of the County Executive's appointments to the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., the Commission on Child Care and the Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee.

In the afternoon, the Council is expected to hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 34-21, which would require County employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. In addition, the Council is expected to hold a public hearing on a \$720,300 supplemental appropriation which would fund a contractor to develop crowd sourcing system software and a smartphone mobile application for Ride On. Next, the Council is expected to hold a public hearing on a resolution to amend FY22 transportation fees, charges and fares based on the County's Fare Equity Study conducted by the Department of Transportation for Ride On and hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$300,000 for a grant from the University of Maryland Office of Research Administration for short-term housing assistance for human trafficking survivors.

Four bills will be introduced before the meeting adjourns. Councilmember Katz is expected to introduce Bill 36-21, which would permit County residents to register an electric low speed scooter for personal use. Council Vice President Albornoz is expected to introduce Bill 37-21, which would establish a new County Animal Services Advisory Committee. Council Vice President Albornoz and Councilmember Navarro are expected to introduce Bill 38-21, which would create a Local Business Child Care Grant Program within the County's Economic Development Fund. Council President Hucker and Council Vice President Albornoz are expected to introduce Bill 39-21, which would provide a property tax credit for County public safety employees. Then, the Council is expected to vote on expedited Bill 29-21, which is a special appropriation for a disparity study for the County's Minority, Female and Disabled-Owned Business Program.

*The Council meeting will be held Oct. 19 at 9 a.m.*

### **Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-08, Landscape Contractor – Use Standards**

**Introduction:** Lead sponsor Council President Hucker is expected to introduce Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-08, Landscape Contractor – Use Standards, which would expand the definition for landscape contractor and allow it as a limited use in certain zones. The purpose of this ZTA is to create a less cost prohibitive process for landscaping companies, while placing certain limits on the sites where this use is located.

Landscape contractor activities are currently characterized as a conditional use in the agricultural, rural residential, residential estate and R-200 zones. ZTA 21-08 will add the growing of plant materials for the contracting business to the definition of landscape contractor. The ZTA will also allow landscape contractor activities as a limited use in those zones if certain conditions are met, including a minimum lot area of two acres, building and parking setbacks of 50 feet and a limitation on commercial and motor vehicles. A public hearing is scheduled for November 30.

### **Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-04, Overlay Zone – Germantown-Churchill Village**

**Vote expected:** The Council is expected to vote on ZTA 21-04, which supports the implementation of new zoning recommended by the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone by offering protections to the existing development character of Churchill Village. The Council approved and adopted the Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone in July 2020.

ZTA 21-04 addresses irregularities between existing development and new zoning standards as a result of the rezoning, grandfathers existing by-right uses from the old Town Sector (T-S) Zone and protects quasi-public open spaces from future development.

The lead sponsor is Council President Hucker, at the request of the Planning Board. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommends approval.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Planning Board; Jason Sartori, chief, Countywide Planning and Policy, Planning Department; Benjamin Berbert, planner coordinator, Countywide Planning and Policy, Planning Department; Patrick Butler, chief, Upcounty Planning Division, Planning Department; Don Zeigler, supervisor, Upcounty Planning Division, Planning Department; and Phillip Estes, planner coordinator, Upcounty Planning Division, Planning Department.

### **Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) H-139 to implement the Approved and Adopted Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone**

**Review and vote expected:** The Council is expected to review and vote on Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) H-139 to implement the Approved and Adopted Germantown Plan for the Town Sector Zone. The SMA application covers approximately 1,270 acres under the Town

Sector zone in the Germantown plan area, of which all land and water are proposed for a change in zoning classification.

The Sector Plan sets forth the specific land use and zoning objectives for the reclassification of land from the Town Sector zone in the Germantown Plan area and was subject to extensive and detailed review by the District Council.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director, Montgomery Planning Department; Patrick Butler, chief, Upcounty Planning Division, Planning Department; Phillip Estes, planner coordinator, Upcounty Planning Division, Planning Department; and Jamey Pratt, senior planner, Up-County Planning.

### [Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment](#)

**Briefing and public hearing:** The Council is expected to receive an update and hold a public hearing on the Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment. The plan amendment was approved by the Planning Board on July 1, 2021 and will amend the approved and adopted 2010 Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan. This amendment is not a traditional master plan amendment, as it does not provide recommendations for land use, zoning, transportation, parks, trails, open space, community facilities or the environment.

The amendment evaluates the 2010 plan, considers progress towards the plan's vision, illustrates departures from and barriers to implementing the original vision and provides a recommendation for adjustments to the plan's staging requirements.

For more information, the Planning Board draft can be viewed [here](#).

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Planning Board; Gwen Wright, director, Montgomery Planning Department; Jessica McVary, planner coordinator, Planning Department; and Maren Hill, senior planner, Planning Department.

### [ZTA 21-09, Office and Professional – Biohealth Priority Campus](#)

**Introduction:** Lead sponsor Councilmember Friedson is expected to introduce ZTA 21-09, which would create a streamlined regulatory process for biohealth facilities. The ZTA creates a new definition for a Biohealth Priority Campus that includes life sciences, research and development or medical, scientific manufacturing and production.

In addition, the ZTA would allow a speedier regulatory process for biohealth facilities of 150,000 square feet or more and for existing biohealth facilities already located in the County that are expanding by 50,000 square feet or more. If approved, this new use will be allowed in the commercial/residential and employment office zones and for developments within or adjacent to a red policy area, within an opportunity zone or within one-half mile of a planned or existing Bus Rapid Transit route.

## State Police Reform Legislation

**Briefing:** The Council is expected to receive an update on state police reform legislation. During its last legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly considered several police reform bills and passed a police reform package that included sweeping changes in police discipline and other provisions that attempt to increase police accountability.

The five bills that passed the Maryland General Assembly included four Senate Bills and the omnibus House Bill 670, which repealed the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights and replaces it with a new disciplinary framework. Other changes include specifying that certain investigatory and disciplinary records are subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act, establishing an independent investigative unit within the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to investigate all alleged or potential police-involved deaths of civilians, and modifying the execution of certain search warrants. The legislation also specifies when body-worn cameras must be worn, restricts the use of no-knock search warrants, prohibits the receipt of certain surplus military equipment from the federal government, establishes a use of force statute, restricts the use of forensic genealogy DNA in certain circumstances and requires an annual report to the Governor's Office of Crime, Control, and Prevention on every monetary settlement or judgment against a police officer.

Montgomery County is reliant on the State of Maryland to implement certain provisions of these laws and has established an implementation committee to address all aspect of police reform as well as the Task Force to Reemagine Public Safety. The Montgomery County Police Department has formed internal working groups to address state law changes and has implemented the provisions that became effective on Oct. 1. The Police Department will provide an overview of these changes.

Those expected to attend the meeting to provide information include Dr. Earl Stoddard, assistant chief administrative officer, Darren Francke, assistant chief, Management Services Bureau, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD); Marc Erme, director, Policy and Planning, MCPD; Jordan Satinsky, lieutenant, Executive Officer Management Services Bureau, MCPD.

## Expedited Bill 34-21, Personnel and Human Resources – COVID-19 Vaccination Required

**Public hearing:** The Council is expected to hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 34-21, Personnel and Human Resources – COVID-19 Vaccination Required, which would require County employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. Accommodations to the requirement would be available for medical reasons. Councilmembers Riemer and Jawando are lead sponsors of the bill. Council Vice President Albornoz is a cosponsor.

If enacted, an employee who fails to provide proof of vaccination or apply for a medical accommodation within seven days of notification from the County would be placed on unpaid leave. An employee who fails to fulfill the vaccination requirement or to secure a medical accommodation, after having been placed on leave would be subject to dismissal from County employment. The requirements and implementation of Expedited Bill 34-21 would be expressly

exempt from collective bargaining and provisions of the Montgomery County Code related to collective bargaining.

### **Supplemental appropriation to develop a crowd-sourcing system for Ride On, \$720,300**

**Public hearing:** The Council is expected to hold a public hearing on a \$720,300 supplemental appropriation which would fund a contractor to develop crowd sourcing system software and a smartphone mobile application for Ride On. The crowd sourcing software would be deployed to a subset of transit routes and would receive passenger loading information from automatic passenger counters.

The lead sponsor is Council President Hucker, at the request of the County Executive.

### **Resolution to amend FY22 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares based on Fare Equity Study**

**Public hearing:** The Council is expected to hold a public hearing on a resolution to amend FY22 transportation fees, charges and fares based on the County's Fare Equity Study conducted by the Department of Transportation for Ride On. Based on information from the study, the County Executive is recommending reducing the basic Ride On fare from \$2 to \$1. Express routes that charged \$4.25 before the fare holiday would also have their fares reduced to \$1. The monthly pass cost would be reduced from \$45 to \$22.50. The new fare structure would not go into effect until Jan. 2, 2022, when the fare holiday that was unanimously passed by the Council is set to expire.

The Transportation and Environment Committee is scheduled to review the resolution on Oct. 28.

### **Supplemental Appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Health and Human Services; University of Maryland's Office of Research Administration, Short-Term Housing Assistance for Human Trafficking Survivors: A Path to Permanent Housing; \$300,000**

**Public hearing:** The Council is expected to hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of \$300,000 for a grant from the University of Maryland Office of Research Administration for short-term housing assistance for human trafficking survivors.

This funding will be used to support residents of Montgomery County by providing resources directly to victims of human trafficking and will bolster DHHS efforts in administering assistance to victims of human trafficking. It will also support the collection of data that will be critical to developing strategies for ending human trafficking in Montgomery County. The program will be administered by DHHS, Services to End and Prevent Homelessness.

The lead sponsor is Council President Hucker, at the request of the County Executive.

### **Bill 36-21, Motor Vehicles and Traffic – E-Scooters – Operation Requirements and Registration**

**Introduction:** Lead sponsor Councilmember Katz is expected to introduce Bill 36-21, Motor Vehicles and Traffic – E-Scooters – Operation Requirements, which would permit County residents to register an electric low speed scooter for personal use. The bill would also require the owner of two or more e-scooters to register and pay a fee for an e-scooter fleet offered for rent in the County. In addition, the Bill would also establish operating and parking requirements for e-scooter use in the County. Council Vice President Albornoz is a cosponsor of the bill.

Bill 36-21 is similar to Bill 8-20, Bicycles and E-Scooters – Operating Requirements and Registration, which was introduced on March 3, 2020 and recommended for approval with amendment by the joint Public Safety (PS) and Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee on June 25, 2020. However, Bill 8-20 was never considered by the full Council before expiring due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Bill 36-21 includes the amendments approved by the joint PS and T&E Committee last June.

### **Bill 37-21, Animal Control – Animal Services Advisory Committee – Established**

**Introduction:** Lead sponsor Council Vice President Albornoz is expected to introduce Bill 37-21, Animal Control – Animal Services Advisory Committee – Established, which would establish a new County Animal Services Advisory Committee to improve operations of the County Office of Animal Services (OAS).

The proposed committee would have 11 voting members representing different stakeholders and three non-voting ex officio members from OAS. All Committee members would be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The committee would work with OAS to advise the Executive and the Council on issues related to animal care and welfare, rescue, fostering and adoption, population control, disease and bite prevention, public education about wildlife, best practices and volunteer recruitment for the County animal shelter and the operation of OAS.

### **Bill 38-21, Economic Development Fund – Local Business Child Care Grant Program - Established**

**Introduction:** Lead sponsors Council Vice President Albornoz and Councilmember Navarro are expected to introduce Bill 38-21, Economic Development Fund – Local Business Child Care Grant Program – Established, which would require the Director of the Department of Finance to create and administer a Local Business Child Care Grant Program within the County’s Economic Development Fund. The purpose of the bill is to support businesses’ efforts to subsidize childcare for their employees. Councilmembers Katz, Friedson and Riemer and Council President Hucker are cosponsors of the bill.

If approved, the new Child Care Grant Program created by the bill would allow local for-profit or non-profit businesses with 50 or fewer employees to apply for a grant from the County to match up to 50 percent of the employer’s contributions to its employees’ Flexible Spending



Accounts (FSAs) for eligible childcare and dependent care. The match would be available only for employer contributions to FSAs for employees earning gross incomes of less than \$125,000.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 9.

**Bill 39-21, Taxation – Public Safety Officers – Public Safety Emergency Communications Specialists – Property Tax Credit**

**Introduction:** Lead sponsors Council President Hucker and Council Vice President Albornoz are expected to introduce Bill 39-21, Taxation – Public Safety Officers – Public Safety Emergency Communications Specialists – Property Tax Credit, which would provide a property tax credit for public safety officers and public safety emergency communications specialists employed by the County.

The purpose of the bill is to increase the number of County employees occupying public safety positions who reside in the County and help recruit and retain public safety employees. If approved, Bill 39-21 would establish a maximum \$2,500 County property tax credit for full-time sworn police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and public safety emergency communications specialists employed by the County.

**Expedited Bill 29-21, Contracts and Procurement – Minority Owned Businesses - Sunset Date – Amendments**

**Vote expected:** The Council is expected to vote on expedited Bill 29-21, which is companion legislation to a \$700,000 special appropriation to the County’s FY22 Operating Budget, for a disparity study for the County’s Minority, Female and Disabled-Owned Business Program. The bill would extend the program for two years, providing until July 1, 2023 for the director of the Office of Procurement to submit a report to the Council and the County Executive on the need to continue the program and extend the sunset date of the program until Dec. 31, 2023.

The Office of Legislative Oversight estimated that this bill would have a net positive impact on economic conditions in the County by increasing the number of local companies receiving County contracts and would favorably impact racial equity and social justice in the County by narrowing the entrepreneurship gap by race and ethnicity. The Government Operation and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee unanimously recommended the enactment of Expedited Bill 29-21 as introduced.

*Monday, Oct. 18*

The Public Safety (PS) Committee will meet on **Monday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.** to receive an update on the County’s Emergency Communications Center (ECC) and Next Generation 911 (NextGen911) Internet Protocol-based platforms. The members of the PS Committee include Chair Sidney Katz, Council Vice President Gabe Albornoz and Council President Tom Hucker.



The Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will meet at **9:30 a.m.** to receive an update on the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC). The members of the E&C Committee include Chair Craig Rice and Councilmembers Will Jawando (Lead for Libraries) and Nancy Navarro.

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to receive an update from the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH). The members of the PHED Committee include Chair Hans Riemer and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson (Lead for Parks) and Will Jawando.

The PS Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** receive an update from the Office of Animal Services (OAS) and the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP).

More detail on the agenda is provided below.

### **[Emergency Communications Center \(ECC\) and Next Generation 911](#)**

**Briefing:** The PS Committee will receive an update on the County's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) and Next Generation 911 (NextGen911) Internet Protocol-based platforms. The ECC answers all 911 calls and non-emergency police service calls dialed in the County. It also dispatches all calls for police, fire and rescue services excluding Park Police and Takoma Park Police.

The 911 system is regulated by the state so that all counties provide similar services. The original technology is more than 50 years old and initially relied on AT&T to provide landline service to the 911 Call Center. Montgomery County is now upgrading to NextGen911 which can process all call types, including voice, text-to-911, crash notification, as well as images and video. It can also provide improved location accuracy to assist emergency personnel.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Cassandra Onley, ECC director, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD); Edward Radcliffe, assistant chief, Communications, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS); Dr. Rolando Santiago, chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and Dorné Hill, senior administrator, Crisis, Intake and Trauma Services, DHHS.

### **[Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County \(AHCMC\)](#)**

**Briefing:** The E&C Committee will receive an update on the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC). Representatives from AHCMC will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

AHCMC annually distributes grants to organizations and individuals to help fund enriching cultural activities in Montgomery County. Funding is provided by the Montgomery County Government, the Maryland State Arts Council, organizations and individuals.

Suzan Jenkins, chief executive officer of AHCMC is expected to attend and provide information.

### Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings

**Briefing:** The PHED Committee will receive an update on the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH). Representatives from OZAH will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

OZAH conducts due process hearings on land use and other administrative matters. These include applications for rezoning, development plan amendments, floating zone plan amendments, conditional use applications and accessory dwelling unit objection and waiver cases arising out of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. OZAH also presides over matters referred for a hearing by the Human Rights Commission, the Commission on Common Ownership Communities, the County's Merit System Protection Board, the Office of Consumer Protection and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer in appeals arising under the County's prevailing wage law.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Lynn R. Hannan, director, Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings and Phil Weeda, senior management and budget specialist, Office of Management and Budget.

### Office of Animal Services

The PS Committee will receive an update from the Office of Animal Services (OAS). Representatives from OAS will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

Animal Services Officers investigate complaints from residents and respond to animal emergencies. These calls include animal abuse and neglect, law enforcement, sick or injured wildlife and calls regarding stray, rabid or aggressive animals. OAS responds to animal-related calls via its Communication's Center, which operates five days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Calls outside of this time frame are handled by the County's Emergency Communications Center.

In July 2020, Bill 21-20E went into effect transferring the duties of the Division of Animal Services from the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) to a new non-principal office in the Executive Branch called the Office of Animal Services (OAS). MCPD and OAS are currently in the process of reviewing and updating the MOU that was in effect for FY21.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Tom Koenig, executive director, OAS; Alexandra Lepiarz, deputy executive director, OAS; Dr. Gregory Lawrence, chief veterinarian, OAS; Bonnie White, business operations manager, OAS; Lavonia Byrd, field services supervisor, OAS; Jack Breckenridge, cruelty investigator, MCPD/OAS; Faith Koleszar, adoptions supervisor, OAS; and Derrick Harrigan, fiscal and policy analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

## Office of Consumer Protection

The PS Committee will receive an update from the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP). Representatives from OCP will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

OCP enforces consumer protection laws prohibiting unfair and deceptive business acts or practices to ensure a fair marketplace for consumers and businesses. Activities include complaint resolution, business registration, law enforcement, education, legislation, advocacy and outreach to vulnerable consumers.

Those expected to attend and provide information from OCP include Eric Friedman, director; K. Samuel Buo, administrator; Tracy Rezvani, investigative programs administrator; Maurice Valentine, public liaison for public campaign financing program.

### *Thursday, Oct. 21*

The Government Operation and Fiscal Policy (GO) committee will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m.** to receive an update on the cable television and communications plan and technology and enterprise business solutions. In addition, the Committee will review Expedited Bill 33-21, Personnel - Employee's Retirement System - Group E – Amendments.

The joint Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) and Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to discuss talent pipelines in the county and career pathways post COVID-19. In addition, the join Committee will receive an update on County grant-funded programs to support workforce development through English literacy.

The Education and Culture (E&C) Committee will meet at **3 p.m.** to review FY22 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY21-26 CIP - Transfer of Funds for the Charles W. Woodward High School Reopening Project and FY22 Supplemental Appropriations and Amendments to the FY 21-26 CIP Transfer of Funds - Capital Projects.

### **Cable Television and Communications Plan**

**Briefing:** The GO Committee will receive an update on the Cable Television and Communications Plan and discuss key County cable and television communications programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

The Cable Television Communication Plan is a special revenue fund provided by cable franchise agreements and fees from the Transmission Facility Coordinating Group. The plan provides effective management of the fund and the County's cable franchise agreement. In addition, the plan ensures quality Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) programming, broadband governance, planning, execution and operation of the County's communications network and effective management and deployment of wireless facilities throughout Montgomery County.

## **Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions**

**Briefing:** The GO Committee will receive an update from the Department of Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions (TEBS). Representatives from TEBS will provide the Committee with updates on key programs and initiatives and review any relevant spending or performance data.

## **Expedited Bill 33-21, Personnel – Employee’s Retirement System – Group E – Amendments**

**Review:** The GO Committee will discuss Expedited Bill 33-21, Personnel - Employee’s Retirement System - Group E - Amendments, which would move resident supervisors in the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation from Group J to Group E. The bill would also permit resident supervisors to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan for sworn deputy sheriffs and uniformed correctional officers, clarify the application of credited service for employees who move from the GRIP to Group E and generally amend the retirement laws.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Jennifer Harling, director, Office of Labor Relations; Linda Herman, executive director, Retirement Plans; Corey Orlosky, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); and Gino Renne, president, MCGEO.

## **Talent Pipelines in the County: Career Pathways Post COVID-19, Second Discussion**

**Review:** The joint PHED and E&C Committee will hold a second discussion on continued education and employment opportunities for career pathway students during and after the COVID-19 health pandemic. An initial Committee discussion was held on Mar. 15, 2021 and included discussion on the roles of the County’s education agencies in supporting career pathway students, an update of the impacts of the COVID-19 health pandemic on efforts to educate and secure employment for students and graduates, discussion on the collaboration between agencies including and consideration of ways to strengthen the career pathways pipeline post COVID-19.

## **County grant-funded programs to support workforce development through English literacy**

**Briefing:** The joint PHED and E&C Committee will receive an update on County grant-funded programs to support workforce development through English literacy.

## **FY22 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY21-26 CIP - Transfer of Funds for the Charles W. Woodward High School Reopening Project**

**Review:** The E&C Committee will review an amendment to the Montgomery County Schools (MCPS) FY21-26 CIP current revitalizations and expansions project and a related transfer within the FY22 capital budget to the MCPS local unliquidated surplus account. The Council will also introduce a transfer of \$4 million within the FY22 capital budget from the MCPS local unliquidated surplus account and a related amendment to the MCPS FY21-26 CIP Charles W. Woodward High School reopening project.

The transfer is needed for the current revitalizations and expansions project which includes three completed subprojects with surplus balances due to cost savings. These projects are at Seneca Valley High School, Tilden Middle School and Wheaton High School. Conversely, the Woodward High School reopening project is facing cost increases because the construction industry has experienced an unprecedented increase in material costs, disruption in supply chain and labor shortages. The unforeseen additional funding needed to complete the Woodward reopening project is \$4 million, which includes value engineering and a redesign of areas of the building.

The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on Oct. 26 and vote on these transfer requests and CIP amendments on Nov. 2, 2021.

### **FY22 Supplemental Appropriations and Amendments to the FY 21-26 CIP Transfer of Funds - Capital Projects**

**Review:** The E&C Committee will review an amendment to the MCPS FY21-26 CIP Dufief Elementary School addition and facility upgrade project and a related \$33.9 million transfer within the FY22 Capital Budget to the MCPS local unliquidated surplus account.

The Council will also introduce a transfer within the FY22 Capital Budget from the MCPS local unliquidated surplus account and related amendments to the MCPS FY21-26 CIP Burnt Mills Elementary School, Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School, South Lake Elementary School, Stone Gate Elementary School, Woodlin Elementary School and Poolesville High School projects.

The transfer is needed because MCPS identified unexpended funds from the Dufief Elementary School addition and facility upgrade project where improvements were to be made to address aging infrastructure and more specifically, overutilization at Rachel Carson Elementary School. However, projections indicate student enrollment will not grow at the previously projected rate, resulting in the reduction of the overutilization at Rachel Carson Elementary School.