

# COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



## **Week of April 12, 2021**

*Proclamations celebrating 23 years of The Kojo Nnamdi Show, recognizing Herman Taylor and the Minority Business Economic Council and recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month*

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

Tuesday's Council session will begin with three proclamations. The first celebrates 23 years of the Kojo Nnamdi Show and will be presented by Councilmember Glass along with the full Council. The second recognizes Herman Taylor and the Minority Business Economic Council and will be presented by Council President Hucker. Third, a proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month will be presented by Councilmember Katz.

The meeting will continue with the Council sitting as the Board of Health and Dr. Travis Gayles, Dr. Earl Stoddard and Dr. Raymond Crowel will provide their weekly COVID-19 pulse report update to Councilmembers. Next, the Council sitting as the Board of Health is scheduled to introduce, hold a public hearing and vote on the third amended Board of Health regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County and provide guidance on summer camps.

The council will hold a briefing on the fiscal year 2022 budget before moving on to the consent calendar. The council will introduce a resolution to renew the contract for audit services of SB & Company, then vote on the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Financial Assurance Plan, a resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of parking revenue bonds and vote to confirm the County Executive's appointment for special projects manager, Judith Costello.

The afternoon begins with a public hearing on the approval of transportation fees, charges and fares for the 2022 fiscal year. The meeting continues with meetings to discuss Capital Improvement Program amendments related to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, WSSC, Montgomery College and the Department of Health and Human Services. A discussion will also be held on an annexation petition to incorporate property from Montgomery County into the City of Rockville.

*The Council session will be held April 13 at 9 a.m.*

### [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and County Public Health Planning](#)

**Update:** Sitting as the Board of Health, the Council will receive an update on the County's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery and vaccination efforts.

Those expected to provide information include Dr. Travis Gayles, 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. Join the conversation with [#COVID-19](#)

### [Resolution to adopt a Third Amended Board of Health Regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the County](#)

**Introduction, public hearing and vote expected:** The Council, sitting as the Board of Health, is scheduled to introduce, hold a public hearing and vote on a Third Amended Board of Health Regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County and provide guidance on summer camps.

Council President Hucker and Council Vice President Albornoz have proposed the amendments to add guidance for the operation of summer camps as follows:

- Only campers from Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. would be permitted to attend;
- Camps must separate participants into groups of 25 for indoor activities and 50 for outdoor activities;
- Members from a group would not be permitted to mix with members of a different group at the camp;
- Each camp would be required to have a COVID Protocol Plan approved by the health officer or the health officer's designee;
- The plan would be required to include strategies for social distancing and infection control strategies;
- A participant who tests positive or who is in close contact with someone who has tested positive would be sent home or remain in quarantine;
- Sports activities would be required to follow the rules for youth sports;
- Additional requirements for a residential camp would include a cap of 25 persons in a sleeping area with social distancing and infection control strategies; and
- Members of each sleeping group must stay with their group for the entire camp session.

## **FY22 Budget Overview Program**

**Briefing:** The County Executive submitted the recommended FY22 Operating Budget in March 2021. The Council will receive a briefing on this budget as it works toward approval. The County Executive's recommendations include, among other items, funding for MCPS and Montgomery College and a 3.4% increase to the Parks and Planning Departments' budget.

The proposed FY22 Operating Budget totals \$6 billion, an increase of \$127.8 million from the approved FY21 Operating Budget. A total of \$2.78 billion is allocated to fully fund Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). \$312 million is allocated to Montgomery College and \$161 million to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

As the County faced the global pandemic, 2021 is unlike any other year in the County's history. In FY20 and FY21, the Council appropriated more than \$382 million to respond to the pandemic. The County's revenue growth is minimal in 2022, with total tax supported revenues anticipated to increase by 0.8% from the 2021 budget.

Federal aid will play an outsized role in the County's ability to balance the budget in both fiscal years. The County is anticipating receiving more than \$380 million in Federal reimbursements and aid across FY21 and FY22.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Rich Madaleno, chief administrative officer, Mike Coveyou, director, Department of Finance and Jennifer Bryant, director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

## **Resolution to renew Council contract for audit services**

**Introduction:** The Council will introduce a resolution to extend SB & Company's contract for an additional year. The current contract expires on July 13, 2021 and the contractor's services are needed to conduct the Fiscal Year 2021 audit.

SB & Company also audited the financial statements of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans, the financial statements of the Montgomery County Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust, and other audit work.

## **FY20 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Financial Assurance Plan**

**Vote expected:** The council is expected to vote on the submission of Montgomery County's third Financial Assurance Plan (FAP) to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

This plan is being filed with MDE in order to document all actions implemented by Montgomery County to comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

The plan also documents annual and projected five-year costs to meet the impervious surface restoration (ISR) requirement in the 2010 MS4 Permit and demonstrate the County's ability to pay for these activities through the Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC).

Those expected to attend and provide information include Adam Ortiz, director, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Frank Dawson, chief, Watershed Management Division, DEP and other County staff.

### **Issuance and Sale of Parking Revenue Bonds**

**Vote expected:** At the request of the County Executive, the Council will introduce a resolution to refinance parking revenue bonds supported by the Bethesda Parking Lot District. Executive staff estimate that the County could save \$1.2 million over the next 12 years by refinancing.

The County typically refinances bond series in low interest rate environments or when savings are possible. The Department of Finance intends to refinance three bond series that are currently supported by parking fees and fines.

### **Optional Procedure for Condemnation of Land, Advance Taking for Oak Drive/MD 27 Sidewalk Project**

**Introduction:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) is preparing to begin the construction of a sidewalk along segments of Oak Drive and Kingstead Road in Damascus as authorized under the Phase 1 of the Oak Drive/MD 27 Sidewalk project. The planned construction impacts 24 properties along the west side of Oak Drive and on the south side of Kingstead Road.

The project includes the construction of a five-foot wide sidewalk with a five-foot wide green buffer between the road and sidewalk along a 4,200-foot segment of Oak Drive, and along a 350-foot segment of Kingstead Road.

Negotiations with property owners for the necessary acquisitions began in August 2020. The County has been unable to reach a settlement with two property owners, who own four properties in the area.

To maintain the DOT's construction schedule, authorization from the County Council is sought to obtain possession of the remaining four properties under the County Code's optional method of condemnation of land for streets and roads.

### **Amendments to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) FY21-26 CIP**

**Review:** The Council will review amendments to the (CIP) for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Last year, the Council approved \$245 million for the biennial FY21-26 CIP for M-NCPPC.

Last year, the Council approved an FY21 Savings Plan in response to budgetary concerns due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This reduced the FY21-26 CIP for M-NCPPC by \$528,000. M-NCPPC requested a handful of amendments to the approved CIP affecting new, ongoing and completed projects.

The County Executive supports the amendments proposed by M-NCPPC with two additional changes, and recommends funding at \$222.6 million, which is a 2.2 percent reduction from the agency request.

Those expected to attend include Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery County Planning Board, Michael F. Riley, director of parks, Andrew Frank, chief, Park Development Division and other County staff.

### [M-NCPPC Semi-Annual presentation to the Council](#)

**Briefing:** The council will receive a briefing on the Semi-Annual Report, a presentation from the Planning Board. Occurring in the Spring and Fall, the report is an opportunity for the Board to brief the Council on the accomplishments of the Parks and Planning Departments and provide an update on work program items.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery County Planning Board, Gwen Wright, director, Planning Department, Mike Riley, director, Parks Department and additional Planning Board members and department staff.

### [WSSC Water's FY22-27 CIP](#)

**Review:** The Council will review the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSCWATER) FY22-27 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The six-year Proposed CIP is approximately \$3.8 billion, an increase of 2.8 percent from the approved FY21-26 CIP.

The proposal includes six-year funding increases for water and sewer reconstruction, water pipe rehabilitation and advanced metering infrastructure. Six-year funding decreases applied to advanced metering infrastructure, the Potomac Water Filtration Plant and the Piscataway Bio-Energy Project.

Those expected to attend and provide information from WSSC include Carla Reid, general manager and CEO, Karyn Riley, director, Intergovernmental Relations, Steve Shofar, division chief, intergovernmental affairs, Department of Environmental Protection and other staff.

### [Montgomery College CIP amendments](#)

**Review:** The Council will review amendments to the Montgomery College Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Montgomery College's amended six-year CIP request totals \$295.6 million, a \$1.015 million increase from the FY21-26 approved six-year total. The County Executive recommends a general college affordability reconciliation totaling \$9.397 million. The Council will discuss how these reductions might be applied to individual projects.

A key discussion point will be the FY22 increase for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Math and Science Center. This covers State-approved escalation costs for furniture and equipment, split between the County and the State. A \$1.5 million gap exists because the Governor's recommended FY22 budget provides only \$3.0 million of the State's \$4.5 million share.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, Montgomery College and other Montgomery College staff.

### **[City of Rockville Annexation Request \(ANX 2020-00146\), 16160 and 16200 Frederick Road \(MD 355\)](#)**

**Review:** Sitting as the District Council, the Council will review a proposed annexation to the City of Rockville that includes 11.96 acres of land from Montgomery County. The Annexation Area consists of 10.23 acres of privately-owned parcels referred to as the Victor Property and 1.73 acres of State of Maryland Highway 355 right-of-way.

The current use of the Victor Property is the King Buick GMC automotive sales center. Zoned as general retail, it allows for a mix of commercial and residential uses. The petitioner requests the City's Mixed-Use Corridor District (MXCD) zoning, to match the zoning of an adjacent parcel that is already within city limits. The petition also proposes a new zone with similar land uses that would be comparable to uses proposed in the Shady Grove Minor Master Plan Amendment.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Casey Anderson, chair, Montgomery County Planning Board and Mid-County Planning staff.

### **[Department of Health and Human Services CIP amendments](#)**

**Review:** Sitting as the District Council, the Council will review the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) CIP amendment transmitted by the County Executive in January. The Council will also generally discuss the work of DHSS in evaluating mental health and social services offered at County schools.

One amendment adds funding for construction of a School-based Health and Linkages to Learning Center site at Neelsville Middle School and construction of a school-based health center site at South Lake Elementary School.

A second amendment provides an accelerated project schedule as well as changes to the sources of funding for the Avery Road Treatment Center project. The council will also consider funding for the Seneca Valley High School Wellness Center.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Rolando Santiago, chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services (BHCS), DHHS, JoAnn Barnes, chief, Children, Youth and Family Services, DHHS, David Dise, director, Department of General Services (DGS) Seth Adams, director, Department of Facilities Management, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Meghan Westwood, executive director, Maryland Treatment Centers, Inc. and other departmental staff.

## **Public Hearing on April 13 at 1:30 p.m.**

### **Resolution to approve FY22 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares**

The Council will receive public testimony on a resolution authorizing changes to FY22 transportation fees, charges and fares that would go into effect July 1, 2021.

The changes increase certain hourly, daily and monthly parking fees in all three Parking Lot Districts (PLDs) and expand enforcement hours in the Silver Spring and Wheaton PLDs. The resolution also changes two transit fares related to Metrorail to bus transfers.

## **Committee Meetings on Monday, April 12**

The joint Health & Human Services (HHS) and Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet on **Monday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.** to review a special appropriation for a homeless shelter and the operating budgets for homeless services, rental assistance and the Housing Initiative Fund. The Audit Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to receive a briefing from SB & Company.

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

### **Supplemental Appropriation and CIP Amendment - DHHS - \$13,647,000 for Emergency Homeless Shelter**

**Review:** The joint Committee will review a supplemental appropriation to provide \$13,647,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for an emergency homeless shelter. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021.

Existing County facilities supporting homeless sheltering and associated services are insufficient for the current population and future demand. Due to COVID-19, maximum occupancy at each County homeless shelter has decreased to allow for social distancing.

The appropriation will fund the acquisition of a facility and construction costs to retrofit the facility to include space for congregation, meal service and medical and case management offices.

### **FY22 Operating Budget - Homeless Services, Rental Assistance and Housing Initiative Fund**

**Discussion:** The joint Committee will review programs funded in the FY22 Recommended Budget that support homeless and formerly homeless individuals and provide rental assistance in the County. The Committee will also review the budget for the County's Housing Initiative Fund.



The County Executive is recommending \$3.081 million for the operating costs of the homeless shelter system, \$89 million for the Housing Initiative Fund to provide affordable housing production, preservation and support for rental assistance and homeownership programs, and community-based services.

In addition, the Committee will review a \$1 million funding increase for the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and an additional \$490,000 for rapid rehousing services. The joint Committee will also receive an update on the Point-in-Time Survey and the new COVID Rental Relief Program.

### **Briefing from SB & Company, the County Government's independent auditor and discussion on company contract renewal**

**Briefing:** The Audit Committee will receive a briefing from SB & Company (SB) on the audit of the basic financial statements of the County Government and the findings of two reports summarizing the findings.

**Discussion:** The Committee will also review a contract amendment to extend SB & Company's contract for an additional year. The current contract expires on July 13, 2021 and the contractor's services are needed to conduct the Fiscal Year 2021 audit.

SB & Company also audited the financial statements of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans, the financial statements of the Montgomery County Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust, and other audit work.

Those expected to provide information include Graylin Smith, managing partner, SB & Company and company staff. Michael Coveyou, director, Montgomery County Department of Finance and Linda Herman, executive director, Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans, will also be in attendance with staff from their respective departments.

## **Committee Meetings on Wednesday, April 14**

The joint Health and Human Services (HHS) and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will meet Wednesday, **April 14 at 2 p.m.**

The Committee will discuss BIPOC Health Initiatives/Program and Census Team COVID Outreach Preregistration, and Vaccination Efforts.

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

The members of the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee include Chair Nancy Navarro and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson and Sidney Katz.

## **Committee Meetings on Thursday, April 15**

The Public Safety (PS) Committee will meet **Thursday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m.** and the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.**

The PS Committee will discuss the FY22 Operating Budget and FY21-26 CIP Amendments – Police.

The T&E Committee will discuss the FY22 Operating Budget and FY21-26 CIP Amendments – WSSC, and Operating Budget Consent Items related to the General Services Fleet, Utilities, Climate Response NDA, Homeowners Association Roads Reimbursement NDA, Rockville Parking District NDA and the Vision Zero NDA.

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

The members of the Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee include Chair and Council President Tom Hucker and Councilmembers Evan Glass and Hans Riemer.

## **Committee Meetings on Friday, April 16**

The Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet **Friday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.**

The Committee will discuss the Housing Initiative Fund, FY21 Designated Reserve for Affordable Housing and a CIP Amendment: Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund.

The members of the Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee include Chair Hans Riemer and Councilmembers Andrew Friedson (Lead for Parks) and Will Jawando.