

# COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



## **Week of March 22, 2021**

*Proclamations Recognizing Red Cross Month and Celebrating National Agriculture Day. Update on COVID-19 Vaccine and Public Health.*

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>

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## SUMMARY

Tuesday's Council session will begin with two proclamations. The first, recognizing Red Cross Month, will be presented by Councilmember Andrew Friedson. The second proclamation celebrates National Agriculture Day, presented by Councilmembers Craig Rice, Andrew Friedson and Nancy Navarro.

The meeting will continue with the Council sitting as the Board of Health. Dr. Travis Gayles, Dr. Earl Stoddard and Dr. Raymond Crowel will provide their weekly COVID-19 update to Councilmembers. After the update, the Council will receive a brief on current spending data in the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

The Council will also introduce two supplemental appropriations to the County Government's FY21 Capital Budget Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The first amendment funds transit radio system replacement and the second provides funding for emergency homeless shelters. The Council will then introduce resolutions to establish FY22 solid waste service charges, water quality Protection charges, and transportation fees. The Council will also take action on the confirmation of four County Executive appointments.

In the afternoon, six public hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m. The first hearing will discuss Bill 10-21, which would transfer the drafting of the County's economic development strategic plan to the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). The next hearing will be on Bill 11-21, requiring MCEDC to live stream and archive certain meetings.

Two public hearings will be held on supplemental appropriations to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget. The first is related to affordable housing and the second for medication assisted treatment programs. The last two public hearings of the day will discuss supplemental appropriations to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) FY21 Capital Budget. The first will forward fund projects completed by the Interagency Commission on School Construction and the second will fund the completion of relocatable classrooms.

The day will end with Council meetings to discuss the County Executive's recommendations on transportation-related amendments, followed by review of the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommendations on the Shady Grove Sector Minor Master Plan Amendment.

## COUNCIL

**The Council session will be held March 23 at 9:00 a.m.**

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

The Board of Health will update Councilmembers 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. [#COVID-19](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Coronavirus Relief Fund**

The Council will receive a briefing covering expenditure data on COVID-related appropriations provided by the County Executive Branch. To date, the Council has allocated more than \$250 million in funding for various COVID-related appropriations. Those expected to provide information include Richard Madaleno, chief administrative officer and Dr. Earl Stoddard, director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. [#COVID-19](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Department of Transportation - \$1,017,000 for Master Leases: Transit Radio System Replacement**

At the request of the County Executive, Council President Tom Hucker will introduce this supplemental appropriation to fund improvements necessary to incorporate Division of Transit Services radio operations into the new state-of-the-art public safety radio system. A total of \$1,017,000 would be appropriated, sourced from short-term lease financing.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 CIP, Department of Health and Human Services - \$13,647,000 for Emergency Homeless Shelter**

This supplemental appropriation will be introduced to provide \$13,647,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Emergency Homeless Shelter. Funds sourced from G.O. bonds and federal grants.

The Council staff report will be available by Monday, March 22. The Council agenda can be viewed [here](#).

### **Property Disposition - Lease of Space on Lot 41**

This resolution will be introduced for discussion regarding a lease renewal for county parking lot No.41, located at 4538 Middleton Lane, Bethesda, Maryland. Previously, the Department of Transportation (DOT) entered into a one-year lease agreement with My King Apparel, LLC, to allow it to continue its retail operations. The Division of Parking Management is now proposing to enter a fiveyear lease extension.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Resolution to establish FY22 Solid Waste Service Charges**

The Council will introduce a resolution to establish FY22 solid waste service charges. These charges are approved by the Council annually by resolution. The impact on customers would vary depending on the property and the services provided.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Resolution to establish FY22 Water Quality Protection Charge**

The Council will introduce a resolution to establish FY22 Water Quality Protection Charges. The Council first created the Water Quality Protection Charge in 2001 (Bill 28-00) and modified the charges in 2013 (Bill 34-12). The Water Quality Protection Charge is a part of residents' property tax bills. It funds improvements to the water quality of streams and reduces the impacts of stormwater runoff. The Council is required to set rates each fiscal year by resolution.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

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

The Council will introduce 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.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**All Council public hearings will be held on March 23 at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified**

### **Bill 10-21, Economic Development – Economic Development Strategic Plan – Economic Development Corporation**

Bill 10-21 would transfer the drafting of the County's economic development strategic plan from the County Executive's office to the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). The lead sponsor is Councilmember Friedson. The cosponsors Councilmember Riemer and Navarro, Council Vice President Alborno and Councilmember Katz. Currently, MCEDC is responsible for implementing the County's Economic Development Strategic Plan but the Executive remains responsible for drafting it. [#economicstrategy](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Bill 11-21, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation – Bylaws – Live Video Streaming of Open Meetings**

Bill 11-21 would require the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) to adopt bylaws requiring the live streaming and archiving of certain meetings to increase public transparency and access. The lead sponsor is Councilmember Glass. The cosponsors are Councilmembers Jawando, Katz and Navarro and Council Vice President Alborno and Councilmember Rice. [#BroadcastMCEDC](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Housing and Community Affairs**

Montgomery County has a shortage of all housing, but particularly affordable housing. The County has tools to support the development of new affordable housing and must find new and innovative ways to leverage funds to increase production to meet the housing goals. This \$500,000 special appropriation for the Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Montgomery Housing Initiative would authorize the Housing Production Fund. An appropriation for FY22 will be considered during upcoming budget deliberations. The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services - \$508,853 for Medication Assisted Treatment Program**

The County received a Maryland Department of Health grant to implement the Medication Assisted Treatment program for offenders with a diagnosis of opiate use disorder. The total grant is \$678,470; with \$508,853 being the FY21 portion of the grant. Funds will be used for screening, examination, behavioral health treatment, and medication assisted treatment.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**Supplemental Appropriation to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) FY21 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 CIP - \$216,204 for Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement: MCPS**

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) received State Aid funding in the amount of \$216,204 from the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program, requiring a special appropriation and amendment. This public hearing will discuss the special appropriation to forward fund the Interagency Commission on School Construction approved projects and reimburse MCPS for completed projects. [#MCPSCIP](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**Supplemental Appropriation to MCPS' FY21 Capital Budget - \$5,000,000 for Relocatable Classrooms**

This public hearing will discuss a supplemental appropriation for the Relocatable Classrooms project, which provides \$5million for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to prepare relocatable classrooms by the start of the 2021-22 school year. [#MCPSCIP](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**The following agenda item is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. unless otherwise specified**

**Amendments to the FY21-26 CIP - Transportation**

The Council will meet to discuss transportation-related amendments to the FY21-26 CIP. The County Executive is recommending reductions in transportation spending. Overall the Executive is recommending CIP spending (excluding WSSC) to decline by \$168,674,000 or 5.1% from the FY21-26 CIP approved last May to his recommended amended CIP, which is down from \$4,351,340,000 to \$4,182,666,000. The breakdown by agency and category can be found on page 2 of the Council staff report. Officials from the Department of Transportation (DOT) are expected to attend and provide information at the meeting and the council is expected to make a decision on the amendments. [#transportation](#)

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**The following agenda item is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. unless otherwise specified**

### **Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment**

The Council will meet to review the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommendations on the Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Master Plan Amendment. The recommendations cover urban design, land use, zoning, housing, parks, trails and open space, sustainability, historic resources, and community facilities.

The plan area is adjacent to the municipalities of Rockville, Gaithersburg and the Town of Washington Grove. Since the Plan's approval twelve years ago, there have been several changes to the County's land use planning policies and practices, including the adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance in 2014, an update to the County's Subdivision Staging Policy in 2016 and new data-driven approaches to transportation planning.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

## **COMMITTEES**

**The following Committee meetings will take place on Monday, Mar. 22, 2021**

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee will meet on **Monday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m.** and the Transportation and Environment Committee will meet at **2:30 p.m.**

### **Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee**

**GO:** Councilmembers Nancy Navarro (Chair), Andrew Friedson and Sidney Katz

**9:30 a.m.**

### **FY21-26 Amended Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – General Government – County Offices and Other Improvements**

The Committee will discuss the County Executive's \$212.4 million FY21-26 amended CIP for the Department of General Services (DGS). The briefing includes a review of the Executive's proposed amendments, updates on facility planning studies and projects funded by the Exelon-Pepco and AltaGas-WGL merger funds. The Committee will also receive a status update on the MCPS Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation project.

The committee will discuss the following seven topics within the CIP:

- Asbestos Abatement: MCG
- Council Office Building Renovations
- Energy Systems Modernization
- EOB HVAC Renovation
- Facility Planning: MCG

- MCPS Bus Depot and Maintenance Relocation
- Red Brick Courthouse Structural Repairs

Those expected to provide information at the meeting include David Dise, director, DGS, Greg Ossont, deputy director, DGS, Gary Nalven, fiscal and policy analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee**

**T&E:** Council President Tom Hucker (Chair) and Councilmembers Evan Glass and Hans Riemer

**2:30 p.m.**

### **2020 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Financial Assurance Plan**

The Committee will discuss 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), document 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 provide information at the meeting include Adam Ortiz, director, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Patty Bubar, deputy director, DEP; Frank Dawson, chief, Watershed Management Division, DEP; Amy Stevens, Manager, Stormwater Facility Inspection and Maintenance; and Rich Harris, OMB.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Ten Year Plan 2020 - 2029**

The Committee will close out its meeting by reviewing and making recommendations on the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan transmitted by the County Executive. The plan includes information on the legal and regulatory environment for solid waste management and background on the County's solid waste programs and facilities.

Those expected to provide information at the meeting include Adam Ortiz, director, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Patty Bubar, deputy director, DEP; Willie Wainer, chief, Recycling and Resource Management Division, DEP; and Rich Harris, OMB.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).



**The following Committee meetings will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 24, 2021**

The Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m.** and the joint Health & Human Services/Education & Culture (HHS/E&C) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.**

**Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee**

**PHED:** Councilmembers Hans Riemer (Chair), Andrew Friedson (Lead for Parks) and Will Jawando

**9:30 a.m.**

**County's Federal Engagement Strategy on Economic Development**

The PHED Committee will receive a briefing from BHI and MCEDC about each organization's strategy to engage Federal laboratories to promote economic development in the County and State. Those expected to provide information include Rich Bendis, Biohealth Innovation (BHI), Brian Darmody, Association of University Research Parks, Ben Wu, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC), Brad Steward, MCEDC, Christy Blake, MCEDC, and Phil Singerman, MCEDC

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**Special Appropriation - \$1,500,000 for Support for COVID-19 Response - Small Business Rental Assistance**

The PHED Committee will review and make a recommendation on the special appropriation introduced by Councilmember Jawando to assist small businesses impacted by the pandemic by providing grants to assist with arrears rent payments or current rent payments. Those expected to provide information include Jerome Fletcher, Office of the County Executive, Taggart Hutchinson, Office of the County Attorney, Marla Bilonick, executive director, Latino Economic Development Center.

The Council staff report can be viewed [here](#).

**The following Committee meetings will take place on Thursday, Mar. 25, 2021**

The joint Public Safety (PS) and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will meet on **Thursday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m.** and the joint Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) and Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee meet at **1:30 p.m.**