

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of May 3, 2021

Proclamations recognizing Teacher Appreciation Day by Councilmember Friedson and Councilmember Rice, recognizing MCPD officers who responded to the insurrection on January 6th by Councilmember Katz and celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by Council President Hucker and the full Council

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 recognizes Teacher Appreciation Day and will be presented by Councilmember Friedson and Councilmember Rice. The second recognizes Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) officers who responded to the insurrection on January 6, 2021 and will be presented by Councilmember Katz. The third celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and will be presented by Council President Hucker and the full Council.

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. The Council is then expected to vote on the County Executive's recommended approach to, and financing plan for, the White Flint Special Taxing District, including the issuing of special obligation debt on behalf of the district. The Council is also expected to vote on a special appropriation of \$500,000 to help develop and advocate for a new global Pandemic Prevention Center in the County. Next, a resolution will be introduced and the Council may vote to indicate the Council's intent to approve or reject provisions of the collective bargaining agreement with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA).

The Council will then move to the consent calendar and vote on an amendment to allow the Office of the County Executive to increase the value of an existing contract with the Latino Economic Development Center for the Small Business Rental Assistance Program. The Council will also vote on an amendment to increase the value of a contract with Catholic Charities for the Housing First Rapid Rehousing Program. Next, the Council will vote on County Executive appointments to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Services and the White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee. The Council is also expected to vote on a recommendation to the County Executive for appointment of a Council representative to the Board of Investment Trustees for the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans and the Board of Trustees for the Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust.

In the afternoon, the Council will hold a public hearing on a Resolution to set FY22 Property Tax Credit for Income Tax, then continue to review the Ashton Village Center Sector Plan. The Council will also introduce Bill 16-21, which would modify the County's current building energy use benchmarking law to include additional County-owned, commercial and multifamily buildings to the meet long-term energy performance standards.

The Council session will be held May 4 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](#)

Amendments to the County Government's FY21-FY26 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Certain White Flint projects; and a resolution to amend Resolution 16-1570, White Flint Sector Plan Implementation Strategy and Infrastructure Improvement List

Vote expected: The Council is expected to vote on the County Executive's recommended approach to, and financing plan for, the White Flint Special Taxing District, including the issuing of special obligation debt on behalf of the district.

During Committee review, the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) and Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committees recommended amending the White Flint West Workaround project to use \$15.0 million in general obligation (G.O.) bond premium in FY21, including the Executive's recommended expenditure schedule and repayment period from FY33-FY43 for this funding advance.

The joint Committee also recommended amending Resolution 16-1570 to allow the White Flint West Workaround to proceed without interruption. In addition, the County Executive recommended certain fiscal note amendments to the other district CIP projects; however, the joint Committee did not support these amendments because the Council has not yet approved a repayment plan.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Mary Beck and Pofen Salem from the Office of Management and Budget.

Special Appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget, Office of the County Executive - \$500,000 for Connected DMV Contract, Global Pandemic Prevention Center

Vote expected: The Council is expected to vote on a special appropriation of \$500,000 to help develop and advocate for a new global Pandemic Prevention Center in the County. The funding will support 20 percent of Connected DMV's \$2.5 million strategy phase. Councilmember Hans Riemer initiated this special appropriation, which would support a contract with Connected DMV. The Center will identify and launch strategic projects needed to advance pandemic avoidance and preparedness, while providing the necessary collaboration and coordination for updated public health policy, research and discovery, applied technology, trials, manufacturing and distribution for strategic solutions.

[Collective Bargaining Agreement with MCVFRA](#)

Introduction and potential vote: A resolution will be introduced and the Council may vote to indicate the Council's intent to approve or reject provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (MCVFRA).

Those expected to attend and provide information include Eric Bernard, executive director, MCVFRA and Scott Goldstein, fire chief.

[Resolution to amend Resolution 19-782 and to amend FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Latino Economic Development Corporation of Washington, D.C.](#)

Vote expected: The Council is expected to vote on an amendment to allow the Office of the County Executive (CEX) to change the appropriation of funding for the Small Business Rental Assistance Program from the Economic Development Fund to CEX.

The change will support implementation of the Small Business Rental Assistance Program as approved in Council by Resolution 19-782 and allow CEX to increase the value of an existing contract with the Latino Economic Development Center by \$1,011,156. The funds will provide training and technical assistance to small businesses and support the Wheaton Incubator Without Walls and other eligible small and retail-oriented businesses in the County.

Resolution to amend FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: White Bird Clinic

The staff report for this item will be available on Tuesday.

[Resolution to amend FY21 Operating Budget Resolution 19-472, Section G, FY21 Designation of Entities: Catholic Charities of the Archdioceses of Washington, Inc., and Harvest Intercontinental Ministries Unlimited d/b/a Harvest Intercontinental Church](#)

Vote expected: The State of Maryland has provided an extension of the Homeless Solutions Grant with an additional \$58,669 to be used for Rapid Rehousing. The program allows the County to offer time limited rent assistance and case management.

The Council will vote on an amendment to increase the contract with Catholic Charities for the Housing First Rapid Rehousing Program from a total of \$378,125 to \$436,794. The amendment will also reflect the legal name change of the entity providing services from Bethel World Outreach Church to Harvest Intercontinental Church.

Resolution to extend time for Council action on Executive Regulation 12-20, Adoption of the 2018 International Green Construction Code

Vote expected: The Council will vote on a Resolution to extend time until September 28, 2021 to vote on Executive Regulation 12-20, Adoption of the 2018 International Green Construction Code (IgCC). The IgCC includes measures that result in better indoor environments and a lower impact on natural resources.

The building sector comprises 50 percent of the County's community-wide greenhouse gas emissions. Improving the efficiency of new and existing buildings is a critical step that the County seeks to take to meet its emissions reduction goals.

The 2018 IgCC applies to certain new buildings and additions to existing buildings of more than 5,000 square feet. It includes solar photovoltaic options, energy modeling options and building design improvements.

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY21 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service - \$956,513 to provide a COVID-19 nominal fee stipend for active volunteer members, and to restore association support, nominal fee, and Length of Service Award Program adjustment

Introduction: The Council will introduce a \$956,513 supplemental appropriation to the FY21 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, which will fund a COVID-19 nominal fee stipend for active volunteer members and restores association support, nominal fee and Length of Service Award Program adjustments not approved in the original FY21 Operating Budget. Council President Hucker is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive.

FY22 Property Tax Credit for Income Tax

Public Hearing: The Council will hold a public hearing on a Resolution to set FY22 Property Tax Credit for Income Tax. Each year the Council may set a property tax credit to offset a portion of the income tax revenue resulting from a County income tax rate that is greater than 2.6 percent.

This credit is automatically provided to each property that is an owner-occupied dwelling of a homeowner. If approved, this will provide a \$692 property tax credit for each owner-occupied dwelling in the County.

Ashton Village Center Sector Plan

Review: The Ashton Village Center Sector Plan is designed to transform Ashton into a viable and vibrant rural village center. The council will continue to review recommendations for the plan area including land use, zoning, community design and transportation issues.

The plan area includes 127 acres around the intersection of MD 108, known as Olney Sandy Spring Road, and New Hampshire Ave. (MD 650). The plan envisions the Ashton Village Center as a compact, low-rise, walkable and bikeable rural village with a mix of land uses.

The plan provides zoning and design recommendations intended to allow the density and uses expected for a rural village, while ensuring that new development complements Ashton's existing commercial center and rural character.

Since two state highways (MD 108 and MD 650) form a crossroads at the core of the Ashton Village Center, this plan also provides transportation recommendations related to vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle mobility in the plan area.

Those expected to provide information include: Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson; Gwen Wright, director, Planning Department; Robert Kronenberg, deputy director, Planning Department; Patrick Butler, Upcounty division chief, Montgomery Planning Department; and Montgomery Planning Department staff.

[Bill 16-21, Environmental Sustainability - Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Performance Standards – Amendments](#)

Introduction: The Council will introduce Bill 16-21 Environmental Sustainability - Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Performance Standards – Amendments. Council President Hucker is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive.

In 2014 the County established its first benchmarking law, Environmental Sustainability – Chapter 18A, for County-owned and commercial building areas 50,000 square feet and above to annually track and report building and energy performance details to the County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Montgomery County encompasses more than 5,000 commercial and multifamily properties covering more than 288 million square feet of rentable building area. Commercial buildings also account for 26 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in Montgomery County.

Bill 16-21 would modify the County's current benchmark law to include additional County-owned, commercial and multifamily buildings to the meet long-term energy performance standards.

The legislation would create a 15-voting member Building Performance Improvement Board that will advise DEP on implementation of building energy performance standards and establish a Building Performance Improvement Plan (BPIP) process for properties that cannot reasonably meet performance standards.

Committee Meetings on Monday, May 2

The Education & Culture (E&C) Committee will meet on **Monday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.** to review the operating budget for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the operating budget and FY21-26 CIP amendments for Montgomery College.

The members of the Education & Culture (E&C) Committee include Chair Craig Rice and Councilmembers Will Jawando (Lead for Libraries) and Nancy Navarro.

Montgomery County Public Schools FY22 Operating Budget

Review: The E&C Committee will review the requested \$2,780,512,190 FY22 MCPS Operating Budget, which fully funds the operating request from MCPS and is \$40,418,494 above the Maintenance of Effort level required for FY22. This is an increase of \$24,255,131 or 0.88 percent from the FY21 Approved Budget.

The Board of Education (BOE) projects a total enrollment of 164,890 MCPS students for FY22, which is an increase of 4,324 students from FY21 enrollment. The FY21 budget originally projected 167,041 students, but due to COVID-19 and remote learning, public school systems across the state saw declines in official enrollment.

The budget request includes \$882.2 million in State Aid funding. The total amount includes \$31.3 million in restricted and unrestricted Blueprint for Maryland's Future funding and \$29.7 million in Hold Harmless Grants to address what would have been a decrease in State Aid due to the decline in official enrollment counts.

The budget request also includes \$30 million to implement the 2.5-year plan for moving from thinking about the "number of students" to the level of need among students. This approach will focus on four areas of support, which include: mitigate learning disruption across schools, focus on the most poverty impacted schools, emphasize well-being support and digital learning,

Those expected to attend and provide information include Dr. Jack Smith, superintendent, MCPS; Dr. Monifa McKnight, deputy superintendent of schools, MCPS; Dr. Janet Wilson, chief of teaching, learning, and schools, MCPS; Derek Turner, chief of engagement, innovation, and operations, MCPS; Essie McGuire, associate superintendent of operations, MCPS; Daniel Marella, associate superintendent of finance, MCPS; Thomas Klausing, executive director of finance, MCPS; Ivón Alfonzo-Windsor, supervisor of the budget unit, MCPS; and Rich Harris, fiscal and policy analyst, Office of Management and Budget.

Montgomery College FY22 Operating Budget and FY21-26 CIP

Review: The Committee will also review the \$312.6 million Montgomery College (MC) FY22 Operating Budget and FY21-26 CIP and resume discussions from March related to a non-recommended reduction of \$1.433 million in FY22 current revenue to use toward the Information Technology: College Project.

The College's total requested budget reflects a decrease of \$5.8 million from FY21, however the County's contribution request increased by \$500,000 from FY21 to support two County-led initiatives: Montgomery Can Code (MCC) and the Innovation Hub Initiative. Each project is expected to receive \$250,000.

MCC delivers summer coding camps to MCPS middle school children to help start early preparation of a skilled workforce. The Innovation Hub is an outgrowth of MCC and will be accessible to all community residents. Located at the College's Mannakee Building on Rockville Pike, the Hub will feature collaborative spaces to expand access to education in STEM fields, technology, local entrepreneurship and community-based problem solving.

The College's FY22 operating budget assumes no increase in tuition. The rate per semester hour is the same as FY20 and FY21: \$132 for County residents; \$269 for State residents; and \$374 for nonresidents. The College's Fall 2021 credit-hour enrollment is projected at a total of 19,236 students or 380,096 credit hours, which represents a 6.75 percent decrease from the FY21 budgeted credit hours.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created enrollment uncertainties for community colleges across the nation. In the first year of the pandemic, the College's Fall 2020 enrollment saw a decline of 6 percent from the prior year, which is less than the 10 percent average decline at institutions nationally. Due to the pandemic, the College has been awarded federal and state relief funding for both institutional purposes and direct student aid.

The College did not request new positions for FY22, with full-time and part-time faculty and staff forgoing wage increases as well. In addition, the College has implemented a hiring freeze through July 2021.

Those expected to attend and provide information include Dr. DeRionne Pollard, president, MC; Linda Hickey, budget coordinator, MC; Liz Greaney, chief business and financial strategy officer, MC; Susan Madden, chief government relations officer, MC; Donna Schena, senior vice president for administrative and fiscal services, MC; Kristina Schramm, interim director, capital Planning, design, and engineering, MC; and Rafael Murphy, fiscal and policy analyst, Office of Management and Budget.

Committee Meetings on Wednesday, May 5

The Health & Human Services (HHS) Committee meet on **Wednesday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m.** to review mobile health clinic services and telehealth.

Committee Meetings on Thursday, May 6

The Planning, Housing & Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet **Thursday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.** to review the budget for the Housing Opportunities Commission. The Government Operations & Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will meet at **1:30 p.m.** to review budgets for multiple offices including the Community Engagement Cluster, the Public Information Office, MC311, Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice, the Office of the County Executive, the Council Office and the Legislative Branch NDA. The Committee will also review property tax options. The meeting will conclude with multiple operating budget consent items.