

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of April 9, 2018

Resolution Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census, Regulatory Changes to Farm Alcohol Production, Pre-K and Child Care Programs and Public Hearings on County's Operating Budget





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> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with two proclamation presentations.

-  Council Vice President Navarro and Councilmember Floreen will present a proclamation recognizing Equal Pay Day.
-  Council President Riemer and Councilmembers Berliner and Rice will present a proclamation recognizing Poolesville Girls Basketball Team on State Championship

COUNCIL



Resolution in Opposition to a Citizenship Question on the 2020 Decennial Census

On April 9 at 9:55 a.m. the Council is scheduled to vote a resolution opposing the addition of a question about citizenship status on the 2020 Census, and urging Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh to take legal action on behalf of County residents to prevent a citizenship question from being added. The lead sponsor of the resolution is Council Vice President Nancy Navarro. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152114 .



Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 18-03, Farm Alcohol Production – Standards

At 10 a.m. the Council will introduce ZTA 18-03, Farm Alcohol Production – Standards. Council President Hans Riemer and Councilmember Craig Rice are the lead sponsors. Councilmembers George Leventhal, Sidney Katz and Nancy Floreen are cosponsors. A public hearing is scheduled for May 15. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152122 .

Currently, wineries are specifically allowed in Agricultural and Rural Residential Zones. ZTA 18-03 would incorporate many of the standards that were applicable to wineries and apply those standards and others to breweries, cideries and distilleries. In addition to the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, ZTA 18-03 would allow tasting rooms, the sale of food (to the extent allowed by the state manufacturing license) and up to nine events a year with 300 or more people. A larger number of events would be allowed only if the use is approved as a conditional use.



ZTA 18-04, Exemptions – Agricultural Zone

The Council also will introduce ZTA 18-04, Exemptions – Agricultural Zone. Councilmember Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. A public hearing is scheduled for May 15. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152124 .

ZTA 18-04 would allow the expansion of uses in the Agricultural Zone that were legal before October 30, 2014 but were subsequently made non-conforming. The Executive's transmittal letter includes the following statement: In light of the fact that there continues to be legitimate concerns about protecting farmland and agriculture, we need to restrict uses in those zones. For that reason this proposed amendment to the zoning text is proposed to apply only to those uses and structures that were existing and legal at the time the 2014 zoning text went into effect. ZTA 18-04 would expand, not restrict, the potential for non-farm uses in the Agricultural Zone. The ZTA, as proposed, would not limit the expansion of uses that were made non-conforming by the 2014 Zoning Rewrite.



White Flint 2 Sector Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-128)

The Council is scheduled to vote on White Flint 2 Sectional Map Amendment H-128, which would rezone approximately 253 acres and reconfirm the zoning on 207 acres. Council staff recommends approval of the SMA. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152126 .



Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-127)

The Council is scheduled to vote on Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area Minor Master Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-127), which would rezone approximately 57 acres and reconfirm the zoning on 60 acres.

Council staff recommends approval of the SMA. The staff report can be viewed at: http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152128 .



Rock Spring Sector Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-126)

The Council is scheduled to vote on Rock Spring Sector Plan Sectional Map Amendment (H-126), which would rezone approximately 245 acres and reconfirm the zoning on 290 acres. Council staff recommends approval of the SMA. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152154 .



Developing a Shared Strategy for Expanding Pre-Kindergarten and Early Care and Education Programs

At 10:10 a.m. the Council will discuss developing a shared strategy for expanding pre-kindergarten and early care and education programs in the County. Councilmembers have long expressed interest in expanding quality early childhood education and care services including pre-kindergarten opportunities and ensuring that the County's children enter kindergarten ready to learn. At the Council review of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) capital budget on March 13, Councilmembers requested a meeting to discuss the current state of early childhood programs in the County and develop strategies for expanding these services. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152150 .

- DHHS representatives will provide an overview of the Department's early care and education programs, implementation of the 2017 Early Care and Education Strategic Plan and the recently completed "Final Recommendations and Options for Pre-kindergarten Expansion" report.
- Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) representatives have been asked to present on MCPS early care and education programs, MCPS plans to increase funding and services for summer programming, extended day and additional seats for pre-kindergarten, and the organization's strategic vision for its role in a mixed delivery system for pre-kindergarten.
- Those expected to participate in the Council meeting include: Uma Ahluwalia, Director of DHHS; JoAnn Barnes, Chief of Children, Youth and Families at DHHS; Monica Ortiz Neustrup, Policy Officer for Early Care and Education at DHHS; Barbara Andrews, Administrator, Early Childhood Services, DHHS; Maria Navarro, Chief Academic Officer of MCPS; and Deann Collins, Director, Division of Title I and Early Childhood Programs and Services at MCPS.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

All public hearings will be held on April 10 at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.



Bill 9-18, Child Care – Ready to Learn Initiative – Established

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 9-18, Child Care – Ready to Learn Initiative – Established. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152136 .



Bill 7-18, Streets and Roads – Installation of County Communications Infrastructure

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 7-18, Streets and Roads – Installation of County Communications Infrastructure. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. Councilmembers Marc

Elrich, Tom Hucker, and Craig Rice are cosponsors. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152138 .



Bill 10-18, Administration – Director of County Climate Policy – Established

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 10-18, Administration – Director of Climate Policy – Established. Councilmember George Leventhal is the lead sponsor. Council Vice President Nancy Navarro and Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Tom Hucker are cosponsors. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152140 .



Bill 11-18, Buildings – Environmental Roof Design – Non-residential and Multi-family Buildings

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 11-18, Buildings – Environmental Roof Design – Non-residential and Multi-family Buildings. Councilmember Marc Elrich is the lead sponsor. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152142 .



Bill 12-18, Real Property – New Home Sales Contracts – Solar Panel Systems

The Council will hold a public hearing on Bill 12-18, Real Property – New Home Sales Contracts – Solar Panel Systems. Councilmember Marc Elrich is the lead sponsor. Councilmember Tom Hucker is a cosponsor. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152144 .



Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget

At 7 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on the County's Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget. Additional public hearings are scheduled on April 11 and 12 at 1:30 and 7 p.m. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7689&meta_id=152146 .

COMMITTEE



Expedited Bill 5-18, Special Taxing District – White Flint – Amendments

On April 9 at 9:30 a.m. the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee will meet to review Expedited Bill 5-18, Special Taxing District – White Flint – Amendments. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor. Bill 5-18 would modify the boundaries of the White Flint Special Taxing District and include certain exempt properties in the Special Taxing District if they redevelop. The staff report can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/Expedited-Bill-5-18> .

- The Council, sitting as the District Council, adopted Resolution No. 18-979 approving, with amendments, the White Flint 2 Sector Plan. The resolution recommended that the boundaries of the White Flint Special Taxing District be modified to correspond to the changes approved in the White Flint 2 Section Plan. The Council introduced an amendment to the 2016-2020 Subdivision Staging Policy on February 27 to amend the boundaries of the White Flint Metro Station Policy Area to correspond to the changes made to the White Flint 2 Sector Plan by Resolution No. 18-979.
- Expedited Bill 5-18 would modify the boundaries of the White Flint Special Taxing District to be consistent with the changes made by the District Council to the White Flint 2 Sector Plan. The bill also would include properties currently exempt from the special tax in the Special Taxing District if they redevelop through new construction or an addition to an existing building.

**FY19 Capital Improvements Program: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

On April 9 at 2 p.m. the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will meet to review the capital budget for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). On January 16, the County Executive released his recommended FY19 Capital Budget and FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). For M-NCPPC the County Executive recommended a total of \$217.035 million, which is a \$32.497 million increase over the Amended FY17-22 CIP. M-NCPPC's capital budget requests is a total of \$243.497 million for the FY19-24 CIP. The focus of the PHED Committee meeting will be on the following budget recommendations from the County Executive: reducing Park and Planning bonds by \$10.946 million; reducing current revenue by \$2.112 million; and reducing GO Bonds by an additional \$8.941 million. The staff report can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/M-NCPPC-CIP19-24> .

**FY19 Operating Budget: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

The PHED Committee also will review the operating budget for M-NCPPC. The County Executive recommended a total of \$137.7 million for M-NCPPC in the FY19 Operating Budget, which is a \$7.5 million increase over FY18. M-NCPPC operating budget requests total \$166.1 million for FY19. The staff report can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/M-NCPPC-FY19> .