



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Conference Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 9:36 A.M. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

PRESENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, President
Councilmember Gabe Albornoz
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Will Jawando

Councilmember Sidney Katz, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Craig Rice

The President in the Chair.

(1) **INTERVIEWS - [Board of Appeals Applicants](#)**

Interviewed Mr. Jon Cook, Dr. Issa Khozeimeh, and Mr. Scott Maravilla, applicants for appointment to the Board of Appeals.

The Council recessed at 10:05 A.M. and reconvened in the Council Hearing Room at 10:31 A.M.

The Council held a moment of silence.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. **Announcements - Agenda and Calendar Changes**

- (2) Ms. Limarzi, Clerk of the Council, announced that [the Council is seeking applicants for the Public Election Fund Committee, application deadline is February 6, 2019, at 5 P.M.; and that the Council is seeking applicants for the Charter Review Commission, application deadline is February 27, 2019, at 5 P.M.](#)

(4) B. **Acknowledgement**

Receipt of Petitions

There were no petitions received.

- C. Approved the minutes of December 7 and 11, 2018, and the closed session minutes of December 11, 2018, without objection. Mr. Rice was absent.

(5) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below.

Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Rice was absent.

- A. **Introduced** a resolution extending Bethesda Urban Partnership.
- C. **Introduced** a resolution establishing the Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission.
Mr. Riemer noted that Councilmember Rice was also a Lead Sponsor of the resolution. Council President Navarro and Councilmembers Hucker, Glass and Albornoz requested to be added as co-sponsors.
- D. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Department of General Services (DGS) - \$1,990,000 for Council Office Building Garage Renovation. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.
- E. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Transportation (DOT) - \$1,000,000 for Resurfacing: Residential/Rural Roads. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.
- F. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY19 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Recreation - \$17,016,000 for South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.
- G. **Introduced** a resolution to approve Declaration of No Further Need: Disposition of County Parking Lot 43 located at 8009 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.

(6) **BRIEFING - Fiscal Plan and Expenditure Overview**

Participating in the discussion were Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Mr. Smith, Legislative Analyst; Mr. Trombka, Senior Legislative Analyst, Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO); Mr. Espinosa, Director, and Mr. Hetman, Department of Finance.

Received an overview from the panel on factors affecting government revenues and expenditures, historical context of the Council's budget decisions, demographic and economic indicators, and factors resulting in the need for the FY19 savings plan proposed by the County Executive.

Councilmembers commented on the County's level of reserves and the goal of achieving reserves equal to 10% of adjusted government revenues. Requested additional information on the level of reserves and reserve targets in similar jurisdictions; as well as the impact of the federal government shutdown on revenue, reasons for increased poverty in the County, impact tax yields and Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDU) statistics, repayment obligations related to the *Wynne* case, and the reasons for decreased revenue from the fuel/energy tax. Councilmembers were asked to submit a list of their follow-up questions to Council staff in writing so information could be relayed to all.

Ms. Navarro commented that an in-depth discussion of the County's economic development strategy would be scheduled in the future.

Mr. Riemer suggested that the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) present its economic development plan to the Council.

Motion to Close

The Council adjourned the open session at 12:09 P.M. and reconvened in closed session from 12:12 P.M. to 1:10 P.M. in the Council Conference Room. Mr. Katz made the motion, which carried without objection.

Report of Closed Session of January 22, 2019

In compliance with Section 3-306(c)(2), General Provisions Article, Maryland Code, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The Council convened in closed session at 12:09 P.M. in the 3rd floor Council Conference Room for the purpose of consulting with counsel to obtain legal advice, and to consult about pending or potential litigation, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b)(7) and (8). The topic was pending litigation.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Mr. Katz, which carried without objection. The following persons were present: Councilmembers Navarro, Katz, Albornoz, Friedson, Glass, Hucker, Jawando and Riemer; Confidential Aides Silverman, Mandel-Trupp, Gibson, Nurmi, Goldstein, Ikheloa, Carranza, Kunes and Thorne; Ms. Ledner, Aide to Councilmember Rice; Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Mr. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney; Mr. Zyontz, Senior Legislative Analyst; Ms. Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst; Mr. Hansen, County Attorney, and Mr. Royalty and Mr. Markovs, Office of the County Attorney; Mr. Tibbitts, Office of the County Executive; Ms. Limarzi, Clerk; and Ms. Brown, Deputy Clerk.

Action: None taken.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council