



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, March 25, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 12:35 P.M. on Monday, March 25, 2019.

PRESENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, President	Councilmember Sidney Katz, Vice President
Councilmember Gabe Albornoz	Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Evan Glass	Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Will Jawando	Councilmember George Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer	

The President in the Chair.

(1) **DISCUSSION** - [State Legislative Program](#)

Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Boucher, Ms. Samman, Ms. Morningstar, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Ms. Frey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and Ms. Mihill, Legislative Attorney.

Ms. Wenger provided background on how the State priorities list is developed annually and updated the Council on the status of Montgomery County's priorities list for 2019, as well as the status of the operating and capital budgets as the General Assembly approaches its final two weeks. Ms. Wenger stated that she will email information to Council staff on the current status of capital projects.

Reviewed the status of education, school construction and preK funding. Discussed the Supreme Court ruling in the Wayfair case on state taxation of remote sales and a legislative proposal that could increase special education funding.

Received an update on transportation issues, including Vision Zero and pedestrian safety, video bus lane enforcement, and personal mobility devices. Requested

that a briefing on the Dockless E-Scooter Pilot Program be scheduled as soon as possible. Discussed the I-495/I-270 Traffic Relief Plan, and Ms. Wenger agreed to email to Council staff a summary of HB1091, Public-Private Partnerships – Reforms.

Noted that there is a planned 2019 summer study of two bills on small cell antennas.

Discussed school bus monitoring cameras and a proposal to increase the fine for drivers who pass a stopped school bus. Ms. Navarro suggested increased public education is needed as well as a possible public hearing to address growing constituent confusion over legal issues such as needing to stop on a State highway even if the school bus is six lanes away.

Received updates on a number of remaining 2019 priorities, including increasing the renewable energy portfolio standard; increasing availability of affordable housing; Medicaid match for County funds used to supplement wages paid to developmental disability providers serving County clients; public health grant funding for tuberculosis (TB) treatment and prevention; funds to divert behavioral patients from hospital emergency departments; Make Office Vacancies Extinct (MOVE) program; businesses impacted by State construction projects; human trafficking and sexual assault; domestic violence; Next-Generation 911 in Maryland; and gang violence.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council