



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, May 13, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 9:48 A.M. on Monday, May 13, 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 Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. The proclamation was presented by Mr. Katz, recognizing Gun Violence Awareness Day.
- B. The proclamation was presented by Mr. Albornoz and Mr. Jawando, recognizing National Mental Health Awareness Month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Ms. Limarzi, Clerk of the Council, announced an addendum to the agenda adding item #.5 for introduction – Resolution to approve the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) system development charge; and adding item #1.5 – worksession on the FY20 operating budget – compensation for non-represented County employees.

(.5) **INTRODUCTION** - Resolution to approve WSSC System Development Charge

Supported Mr. Katz's motion, without objection, to introduce a resolution to approve the WSSC system development charge. Action is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2019.

ACTION on the following renegotiated collective bargaining agreement:

(1) Resolution to amend Resolution 19-87, indicating the Council's intent regarding provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Municipal & County Government Employees' Organization (MCGEO), Local 1994

Mr. Rice made a motion to accept the Executive's revised agreement with Municipal & County Government Employees' Organization (MCGEO), and noted the key points to change the general wage adjustment (GWA) from 2.4% in November 2019 to 2.25% in December 2019; change the additional FY11 service increment from 3.5% in January 2020 to 1% in January 2020; and change the lump sum from \$1,200 to \$1,000, as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Drummer noted that as part of the FY20 budget, the Council does not approve at this time the second and third years of the additional service increments contained in the Executive's revised agreement (1.25% in July 2020, and 1.25% in July 2021). The resolution approving the revised agreement does not approve the additional service increments for FY21 and FY22. Mr. Drummer also reviewed the proposed resolution in the staff report noting the Council's intent to approve the group insurance provisions as included in the FY20 operating budget, rather than the revised agreement, which is consistent with the Council's previous actions rejecting an 80/20 split and maintaining a 75/25 split in cost sharing.

Ms. Navarro commented on the need to formalize a structure for annually reviewing compensation cost sustainability before the Council begins its budget review process in order to have predictability in funding future compensation and benefits.

Adopted **Resolution 19-97**, resolution amending Resolution 19-87, indicating the Council's intent regarding provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with MCGEO. Mr. Friedson and Mr. Riemer were opposed, citing concerns about current revenues and fiscal sustainability.

(1.5) **WORKSESSION - FY20 Operating Budget - Compensation for non-represented County employees**

Ms. Navarro noted that compensation for non-represented County employees would be part of the final budget resolution, and that a straw vote would be taken today.

Unanimously supported Mr. Rice's motion that non-represented employees receive a GWA of 2.25% beginning in December 2019, the same as for MCGEO employees in the revised agreement, as contained in the staff report.

WORKSESSION - FY20 Operating Budget and FY19-24 CIP Amendments

(2) [Health and Human Services](#)

Mr. Albornoz, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee (HHS), reviewed the Committee's recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

Unanimously supported Mr. Hucker's motion to increase the amount on the reconciliation list to \$287,000 for a 24/7 security officer at Progress Place.

Mr. Rice suggested that the proposal to expand the Safe Passages monitored exchange and visitation program be changed to increase the number of hours per week rather than increase the available space in the building.

Unanimously supported Mr. Albornoz's motion to place \$150,000 on the reconciliation list for the expansion of Crittendon Programs in the East County.

Approved the FY20 Operating Budget and FY19-24 CIP amendments for the Department of Health and Human Services, recommended by the HHS Committee, as amended.

(3) [Early Care and Education Services, Infants and Toddlers, Child Care Subsidies, School Based Health and Mental Health Services, Linkages to Learning, High School Wellness Center, Partnerships, Cluster Projects, and Children's Opportunity Fund](#)

Mr. Rice, Chair of the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee, and Ms. Yao, Legislative Analyst, reviewed the recommendations of the joint HHS/E&C Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Approved the subject operating budget, as recommended by the HHS/E&C Committee.

(3.5) [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#)

Ms. Navarro, Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee, reviewed the Committee's recommendation, as contained in the staff report. Mr. Madaleno, Director, OMB, participated in the discussion.

Mr. Madaleno commented on the proposed transition to a two-year operating budget cycle and ten-year fiscal plan. Mr. Riemer suggested the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) develop a process for the transition and noted that this would be subject to deliberation by the full Council. Mr. Friedson expressed the view that the proposal was not fully developed and implementation should be postponed for a year.

Approved the subject operating budget, as recommended by the GO Committee.

The meeting recessed at 12:07 P.M. and reconvened at 1:31 P.M.

WORKSESSION - FY20 Operating Budget and FY19-24 CIP Amendments

(4) [Montgomery College](#)

Participating in the discussion were Dr. Pollard, President, and Ms. Blackwell, Board of Trustees, Montgomery College; and Mr. Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst.

Mr. Rice, Chair of the E&C Committee, and Mr. Howard reviewed the Committee recommendations for Montgomery College's FY20 operating budget, as contained in the staff report.

Unanimously approved the subject operating budget, as recommended by the E&C Committee.

(5) [CIP: Montgomery College](#)

Mr. Rice and Mr. Howard reviewed the Committee recommendations for Montgomery College's FY20 capital budget and amendments to the FY19-24 CIP, as contained in the staff report.

Unanimously approved Montgomery College's FY20 capital budget and amendments to the FY19-24 CIP, as recommended by the E&C Committee.

(6) [Montgomery County Public Schools \(MCPS\)](#)

Participating in the discussion were Dr. Smith, Superintendent, MCPS; Ms. Evans, President, Board of Education; and Mr. Howard.

Mr. Rice and Mr. Howard reviewed the recommendations for MCPS' FY20 operating budget, as contained in the staff report.

Unanimously supported Mr. Rice's motion to accept staff's recommended technical adjustment for the FY20 non-tax support grants fund of \$2,423,226, as contained on page 3 of the staff report, and accept the recommended shift between the federal and state grant listing in the amount of \$15,221 for the infants and toddlers grant. Noted that these actions do not affect MCPS' tax-supported appropriation.

Unanimously approved the subject operating budget, as recommended by the E&C Committee, as amended.

(7) [CIP: Montgomery County Public Schools](#)

Mr. Rice and Mr. Levchenko reviewed the recommendations for MCPS' FY19-24 CIP amendments, as contained in the staff report.

Unanimously approved MCPS' FY19-24 CIP amendments, as recommended by the E&C Committee.

(8) [Cost Sharing – Montgomery County Government, State Match Community Grants and Arts Capital Grants for Current Replacements/Modernizations](#)

Mr. Rice and Ms. Price, Legislative Analyst, reviewed the recommendation of the E&C Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Approved, without objection, Mr. Riemer's motion to place \$9,000 on the reconciliation list for The Menare Foundation.

Approved, without objection, Mr. Katz's motion to place on the reconciliation list \$50,000 for the Ivymount School, \$50,000 for the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School of Greater Washington, and \$75,000 for Manna Food Center.

Approved, without objection, Mr. Friedson's motion to place on the reconciliation list \$50,000 for the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and \$25,000 for Potomac Community Resources.

Approved, without objection, Mr. Albornoz's motion to place \$200,000 for CASA de Maryland, Inc. on the reconciliation list.

Unanimously approved the FY20 Cost Sharing project, as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council