



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 9:35 A.M. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Sidney Katz, President  
Councilmember Gabe Alborno  
Councilmember Evan Glass  
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Tom Hucker, Vice President  
Councilmember Andrew Friedson  
Councilmember Will Jawando  
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

The invocation was given by Sister Dilshad Fakhroddin, Islamic Community Center of Potomac.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- (.5) The Council President announced that the Council is seeking [applicants for Representative on the Board of Trustees for Employee Retirement Plans and the Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust](#). The deadline is January 6, 2020, at 5:00 P.M.

Ms. Singleton, Clerk of the Council, announced a revision for Item 2F: the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee has recommended approval of a resolution to authorize filing of grant application to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) for the 2019 Enhanced Mobility Program.

(1) B. **Receipt of Petitions - Receipt of Petitions**

Acknowledged receipt of a petition from residents of Montgomery County supporting a name change for the Washington Redskins football team.

C. **Approved** the minutes of November 19, 2019, without objection.

(2) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below.

Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried. Mr. Friedson abstained on Item 2D.

A. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) FY20 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - \$1,462,000 for School Security Systems, State School Safety Grant Program. A public hearing/action is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.

B. **Introduced** a special appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - \$164,279 to increase the number of School Community Health Nurse positions. A public hearing/action is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.

C. **Received** the End-of-Year Report of the Council's Audit Committee.

D. **Adopted Resolution 19-319**, urging the federal government to prevent nuclear war.

Mr. Friedson abstained.

E. **Adopted Resolution 19-320**, approving the end-of-year transfer for FY19 County Government Operating Budget.

F. **Adopted Resolution 19-321**, authorizing the filing of grant application to COG for the 2019 Enhanced Mobility Program.

G. **Approved** amendment to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) FY19-24 CIP for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) property acquisition:

Adopted **Resolution 19-322**, approving the transfer of Montgomery County GO Bond appropriation from Legacy Open Space to Acquisition: Non-Local Parks - \$6,800,000.

Adopted **Resolution 19-323**, approving a Special Appropriation to the M-NCPPC Department of Parks' FY20 Capital Budget for Acquisition: Non-Local Parks - \$1,960,000.

- H. Adopted **Resolution 19-324**, amending Resolution 19-128, Section G, FY20 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: The Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
- I. Adopted **Resolution 19-325**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Community Action Board: Laura Irwin, Ronald Jennings.
- J. Adopted **Resolution 19-326**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the County-Wide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board: Mark Pharaoh, David Pullen, Karen Kincer, Chyuan (Michael) Ma.
- K. Adopted **Resolution 19-327**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission: Okianer Christian Dark, Anthony Cohen, Matthew Logan, Tina Patterson.
- L. Adopted **Resolution 19-328**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the UpCounty Citizens Advisory Board: Matilda Adu.
- M. Adopted **Resolution 19-329**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission: Thomas Hucker.
- N. Adopted **Resolution 19-330**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board: Robin Peters.

(3) **ACTION - Appointment to Merit System Protection Board (MSPB)**

Ms. Navarro nominated Ms. Sonya Chiles to serve on the MSPB. There were no other nominations.

Adopted **Resolution 19-331**, appointing Sonya Chiles to the MSPB.

Ms. Navarro made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (4) **ACTION** - [Amendment to Montgomery County Planning Board's work program: Addition of Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment](#)

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Stewart, Chair, Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board; Mr. Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; and Ms. Wright, Director of Planning, M-NCPPC.

Reviewed the issue, as contained in the staff report. Ms. Wright noted that a June 2020 start date, rather than May 2020, would be more realistic.

Supported, without objection, Mr. Riemer's motion to amend the Montgomery County Planning Department's work program to add the Great Seneca Science Corridor Minor Master Plan Amendment.

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Day #20**

- (5) **Introduction of Bills**

A. [Bill 41-19, Tree Canopy Fees - Exemptions](#)

Introduced draft #4 of **Bill 41-19**, sponsored by Councilmember Rice. A public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.

- (6) **UPDATE on County Revenues**

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Coveyou, Acting Director, and Mr. Platt, Chief Economist, Department of Finance; and Mr. Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Received an overview of current revenues, revenue projections, and economic indicators from the panel. Noted that data is limited regarding the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) on income tax revenue and makes the estimating of future revenues difficult; revenues are expected to decrease, wage and salary growth was flat, and that more information would become available by March 15, 2020.

Mr. Rice requested additional information on adjustments to estimates of residential employment, new construction, and transfer and recordation taxes.

(7) **DISCUSSION - Compensation Cost Trends**

Mr. Trombka, Senior Legislative Analyst, Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO); and Mr. Howard, Senior Legislative Analyst, presented an overview of compensation cost trends in the County.

Mr. Hucker suggested a briefing with all agencies would be helpful to gain a fuller understanding of the budget picture and requested additional information on wage growth and management and consulting costs.

Defeated Mr. Jawando's motion to postpone consideration of the policy statement included in the staff report by a vote of 4 to 5. Councilmembers Glass, Jawando, Hucker and Albornoz voted in the affirmative.

Approved by a vote of 6 to 3 Mr. Riemer's motion to adopt the following policy statement, with Councilmembers Jawando, Albornoz and Hucker voting in the negative:

As a means to preserve long-term budget sustainability, the annual growth rate of total compensation costs (including all wage and benefit costs) should be similar to the annual growth rate of tax-supported revenues. In submitting a recommended annual operating budget, the Executive should indicate how recommended compensation cost increases compare with projected rates of revenue growth. Should recommended compensation cost increases exceed the projected one-year or six-year rate of growth, then the Executive should provide a written explanation of: (a) how operating budget resources are re-allocated to pay for total compensation costs; and (b) how the recommended rate of compensation cost growth can be sustained over time.

(7.1) **ACTION - Resolution to amend Resolution 19-128, Section G, FY20 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Renters Alliance, Inc.**

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive; and Mr. Demarais, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA).

Councilmembers expressed concern regarding the delay in the request for proposals (RFP) process but acknowledged the need to meet the State's matching requirement for a grant to support 2020 census activities in the County.

Adopted **Resolution 19-332**, amending Resolution 19-128, Section G, FY20 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Montgomery County Renters Alliance, Inc.

Mr. Jawando made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (8) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Department of Finance - \$500,000 for the Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-333**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation, as submitted.

Mr. Hucker made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (9) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Capital Budget and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP, Department of Transportation (DOT) - \$15,910,000 for the White Flint West Workaround

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-334**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation and amendment to the FY19-24 CIP in the amount of \$18,168,000, which reflects a technical adjustment.

The T&E Committee made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (10) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Capital Budget, Department of General Services (DGS) - \$2,253,000 for Rockville Core Grey Courthouse project

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-335**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation, as submitted.

Mr. Albornoz made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (10) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Special appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Bethesda Urban District - \$60,000 for Pike District Placemaking Study

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-336**, approving the subject special appropriation, as submitted.

Mr. Friedson made the motion, which carried without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

***Approved/Signed by Clerk of the Council***

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.  
Clerk of the Council