



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Monday, January 27, 2020

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 12:33 P.M. on Monday, January 27, 2020.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Sidney Katz, President  
Councilmember Andrew Friedson  
Councilmember Will Jawando  
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz  
Councilmember Evan Glass  
Councilmember Nancy Navarro  
Councilmember Hans Riemer

### ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, Vice President

The President in the Chair.

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

Received an update on the 2020 session of the Maryland General Assembly and reviewed pending legislation. Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Boucher, and Ms. Samman, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Ms. Frey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Ms. Sawin, Member, Montgomery County Board of Education Compensation Commission; and Ms. Mihill, Legislative Attorney. Acknowledged the attendance of Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr.

Received updates on HB1, Built to Learn Act of 2020; and SB1000, Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation, based on the Kirwan Commission recommendations. Ms. Navarro requested that the Council President schedule time for Mr. Rice, who was deeply involved with the Kirwan Commission, to brief the Council of the implications of SB1000 for Montgomery County.

Ms. Boucher summarized the recent amendments to MC13-20, Montgomery County - Board of Education - Compensation, that were adopted by the Montgomery County Delegation's Education, Elections, and Housing Committee on January 24, which were substantially different from Delegate Luedtke's amendments contained in the staff report. Councilmembers spoke to the need for higher compensation to address the financial equity issue of who is able to serve on the board, as well as the level of responsibility, and the time commitment and schedule required. Agreed, without objection, to support an amendment to MC13-20 to implement the recommendations in the final report of the Montgomery County Board of Education Compensation Commission, and agreed that any increase in compensation for Boardmembers should occur simultaneously. Councilmembers also noted that staffing for Boardmembers needs to be addressed.

Supported, without objection, MC19-20, Montgomery County - Elections - Early Voting Centers, as amended; HB233/SB212, Criminal Law - Assault in the First Degree - Suffocation or Strangulation; and SB3, Electronic Smoking Devices, Other Tobacco Products, and Cigarettes - Taxation and Regulation.

Agreed, without objection, to table until the next meeting HB 209/SB 313, Plastics and Packaging Reduction Act.

Supported, without objection, HB296, Environment - Single-Use Plastic Straws - Use in a Food Service Business, with amendments to allow local governments to enact standards that are at least as stringent as HB296. This language would preserve the County's ability to enforce its law.

Majority supported taking no position on S229, Toll Roads, Highways, and Bridges - County Government Consent Requirement - Expansion. Mr. Albornoz stated that he does not support the bill at this time. Mr. Katz noted that he planned to send a letter of support. Requested positions of other counties.

Discussed education and school construction funding. Mr. Rice read a statement pertaining to funding the Kirwan Commission recommendations in which the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) adopted a policy on "Equity with New Revenue Sources," that advocates sharing new State educational revenue sources to support both state and local education goals.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 P.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