



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, April 5, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:35 P.M. on Monday, April 5, 2021.

PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Nancy Navarro
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Will Jawando

The President in the Chair.

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

Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Boucher, and Ms. Samman, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Mr. Lattner, County Attorney's Office; and Ms. Chen, Legislative Analyst.

Ms. Wenger provided the last scheduled update on the 2021 session of the Maryland General Assembly, next Monday, April 12, is sine die. She noted the huge improvement in revenue projections from a year ago when the pandemic first took hold.

Ms. Boucher provided an update on police reform legislation and pointed out key differences in the framework of the House and Senate bills, both of which repeal the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR) and replace it with new rules governing the investigation and disciplinary forces for law enforcement officers. Reviewed differences with the investigatory process and how accountability and discipline are addressed. Other aspects that were covered included the withholding of pensions, collective bargaining, effective date of legislation, preemption of local laws, expungement, MPIA and personnel records. Also, reviewed body-worn cameras legislation, Local Government Tort Claims

Act, funding for higher education loan repayment assistance program and scholarships, no knock warrants, and reporting requirements.

Ms. Boucher reviewed election legislation, including the creation of a Permanent Absentee Ballot List, increasing Early Voting Centers, facilitating voting for eligible incarcerated individuals, and more oversight of Procurement contracts.

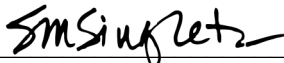
Ms. Wenger provided an update on legislation allowing the creation of a bracket system for local income tax; and on transportation legislation including the overhaul of Public-Private Partnership (P3) agreements related to widening of I-495 and I-270, and legislation to create more balance with the Maryland Transit Authority in providing financial assistance to small businesses that have seen revenue decline due to construction disruption, especially work on the Purple Line.

Ms. Samman gave a brief update on housing security issues, including prohibition against evictions if a tenant suffers a substantial loss of income or the prohibition of raising rent during a catastrophic health emergency; and also provided an update on the current status of the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2021.

Received an update on broadband infrastructure and internet access.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council