



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 9:34 A.M. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

PRESENTATION - The Elevating Asian American & Pacific Islander Voices - Video Series was presented.

BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR – FY22 Operating Budget

Approval of the Consent Calendar adopts the Committee recommendations.

Approved without objection Mr. Riemer's motion to remove Item #4, Libraries, from the consent calendar and consider it separately.

Approved the budget consent calendar items listed below.
Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (1) [Board of Elections](#)
- (2) [Office of Human Resources](#)
- (3) [Labor Relations](#)
- (4) [Libraries](#)
This was removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.
- (5) [Takoma Park Library Payment NDA](#)
- (6) [Office of Management and Budget](#)
- (7) [Office of the County Attorney](#)

- (8) [Office of Procurement](#)
- (9) [Office of Legislative Oversight and Independent Audit NDA](#)
- (10) [Leases](#)

- (11) [Department of Environmental Protection - General Fund](#)
- (12) [Department of Environmental Protection - Water Quality Protection Fund](#)
- (13) [Department of Environmental Protection - Recycling and Resource Management](#)
- (14) [CIP Amendment: Recycling and Resource Management Recycling and Resource Management: Full Upgrade of Existing Recycling Center Complex](#)

- (15) [Historical Activities NDA](#)
- (16) [Board of Appeals](#)
- (17) [Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings](#)
- (18) [Department of Permitting Services](#)
- (19) [KID Museum NDA](#)

- (20) [Prisoner Service NDA](#)
- (21) [Department of Correction and Rehabilitation](#)
- (22) [Circuit Court](#)
- (23) [State's Attorney](#)
- (24) [Sheriff's Office](#)
- (25) [Animal Services](#)
- (26) [Alcohol Beverage Services](#)

- (27) [Conference Center NDA](#)

WORKSESSION - FY22 Operating Budget

- (4) [Libraries](#)

Ms. Vassalo, Director, Montgomery County Public Libraries, and, and Legislative Analyst Chen participated in the discussion.

Discussed the reopening of the libraries and associated staffing issues.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 Operating Budget for Public Libraries, as submitted by the County Executive and recommended by the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee.

(28) [Office of Human Rights](#)

Mr. Albornoz, Chair of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee, and Legislative Analyst Mia reviewed the Committee recommendation, as contained in the staff report.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 Operating Budget for the Office of Human Rights, as submitted by the County Executive and recommended by the HHS Committee.

(29) [Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Participating in the discussion was Dr. Crowel, Director, DHHS, and Ms. McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst, and Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director.

Mr. Albornoz, in opening remarks, expressed appreciation to DHHS staff for the incredible work done during this very challenging time. He and Ms. McMillan reviewed the Committee recommendations, as contained in the staff report. Councilmembers expressed thanks to staff and community partners for their efforts in meeting the needs of the County's diverse and most vulnerable communities.

Mr. Rice, Chair of the E&C Committee, reviewed the recommendations of the joint HHS/E&C Committee for the Seneca Valley High School Wellness Center, Early Care and Education Services NDA, and Children's Opportunity Fund NDA, as contained in the staff report.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 Operating Budget for DHHS, as recommended by the HHS Committee.

Approved, unanimously, Mr. Albornoz's motion to add \$350,000 for EveryMind to help provide mental health services. Mr. Albornoz noted that this would provide funding through December 2021, and the HHS Committee would consider additional funding at a future meeting.

Mr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Albornoz for discussion, to add \$186,800 under category 2 to help establish an Equity Center, a community recovery center in Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village designed to address the systemic and individual needs of vulnerable communities, and to address the economic and social devastation caused by the pandemic. Ms. Navarro expressed concern that this proposal is outside the Council's budget process and should be considered holistically in the context of community hubs, and that more details should be provided before consideration by the Council. Dr. Crowel recommended the Council return to this at a later time but noted that work would continue on community hubs without approval of Mr. Katz's motion. Mr. Katz

later withdrew his motion. Mr. Albornoz said the HHS Committee would discuss the community hub model at a future meeting.

(30) [Homeless Services and Rental Assistance](#)

Mr. Glass, Lead Member for Homelessness on the HHS Committee, reviewed the recommendations of the joint HHS/PHED Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 Operating Budget for Homeless Services and Rental Assistance, as recommended by the joint HHS/PHED Committee.

Motion to Close

The Council adjourned the open session at 11:54 A.M. and reconvened remotely via video conference in closed session from 11:58 A.M. to 12:52 P.M. to consider acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b)(3), and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b)(7). Topic was Grace Episcopal School.

Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Council recessed at 12:52 P.M. and reconvened in open session at 1:35 P.M.

WORKSESSION - FY22 Operating Budget

(31) [Working Families Income Supplement NDA](#)

Participating in the discussion was Mr. Smith, Legislative Analyst.

Ms. Navarro, Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee, reviewed the Committee recommendations for the Working Families Income Supplement NDA, as contained in the staff report, which would double the state's tax refund to provide direct support for residents.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 operating budget for the Working Families Income Supplement NDA, as recommended by the GO Committee.

(32) [Municipal Property Tax Duplication NDA](#)

Ms. Navarro, Chair of the GO Committee, reviewed the FY22 operating budget for payments to municipalities, as contained in the staff report. Noted the work done over the years on the issue of property tax duplication, especially by

Mr. Katz, municipal leaders and Mr. Madaleno. A permanent solution of codifying a consistent process to allow for payments for shared services is expected to be finalized in the fall.

Mr. Smith noted that it is not necessary to approve the Executive's proposed resolution for this item as the GO Committee requested that the Executive continue working with the municipalities on revisions.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 operating budget for the Municipal Property Tax Duplication NDA, as recommended by the GO Committee.

(33) [Debt Service](#)

Ms. Navarro, Chair of the GO Committee, reviewed the FY22 operating budget for Debt Service, as contained in the staff report, noting that this item is tied to the County's AAA bond rating.

Supported, unanimously, the FY22 operating budget for the Debt Service, as recommended by the GO Committee.

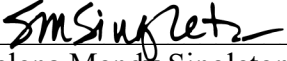
The meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M.

Report of Closed Session of May 12, 2021

In compliance with Section 3-306(c)(2), General Provisions Article, Maryland Code, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of Tuesday, May 12, 2021. The Council convened in closed session via video conference at 11:58 A.M. to consider acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3), and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7). The topic was Grace Episcopal School.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Mr. Riemer, which carried without objection. The following persons were present: Councilmembers Hucker, Albornoz, Friedson, Glass, Jawando, Katz, Navarro, Rice and Riemer; Chiefs of Staff Kunes, Carranza, Gibson, Mandel-Trupp, Ikheloa, Ledner, Nurmi and Silverman; Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Mr. Howard, Deputy Director; Mr. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney; Ms. McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst; Mr. Mia, Legislative Analyst; Mr. Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive; Mr. Dise, Director, and Mr. Ossont, Deputy Director, Department of General Services; Ms. Beck, Office of Management and Budget; and Ms. Singleton, Clerk of the Council.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council