COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President

Councilmember Andrew Friedson Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Will Jawando Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Nancy Navarro Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

ACTION on the following:

(1) Resolution to approve FY22 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Senior Analyst Orlin clarified that the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee concurred with the County Executive's proposal to extend the Ride On Fare Holiday from July 1 through September 2021, not September 2022 as was erroneously included in the staff report.

Adopted **Resolution 19-856**, approving FY22 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares, as recommended by the T&E Committee.

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

(3) Resolution to establish FY22 Water Quality Protection Charge

Adopted **Resolution 19-857**, establishing the FY22 Water Quality Protection Charge, as recommended by the T&E Committee.

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

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(4) Resolution to approve WSSC System Development Charge

Adopted **Resolution 19-858**, approving WSSC Water's System Development charge.

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

(5) Resolution to approve Executive Regulation 7-21, Systems Benefit Charges - Residential Waste Estimates

Adopted **Resolution 19-859**, approving Executive Regulation 7-21 as submitted by the County Executive.

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

(2) Resolution to establish FY22 Solid Waste Service Charges

Adopted **Resolution 19-860**, establishing FY22 Solid Waste Service Charges, as recommended by the T&E Committee.

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

(6) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Wrap-Up

Council Executive Director Michaelson and Deputy Director Howard participated in the discussion.

Received an overview of the Council's tentatively approved ARPA funding and County Executive's recommended changes to the FY22 budget to reflect guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury, as contained in the staff report.

Considered Mr. Riemer's motion to add \$45,000 for A Wider Circle to the Council's Category 1 to receive ARPA funding. Ms. Navarro noted that Councilmembers have been approached by many other organizations regarding ARPA funding, and expressed concern that, while very supportive of A Wider Circle, it should not be treated differently from other organizations with respect to the established funding process. Mr. Howard noted that the Council would return to review unallocated funds and what is eligible for ARPA funding and consider Category 2 requests after the budget is adopted.

Mr. Albornoz requested a statement be issued immediately to explain the funding process to the County's non-profit partners. Mr. Rice said it must be made clear that those requests included in Category 2 have no advantage over other requests.

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Unanimously supported Mr. Riemer's motion to add A Wider Circle to Category 1 for \$45,000 in ARPA funding.

Motion to Close

The Council adjourned the open session at 10:08 A.M. and reconvened remotely via video conference in closed session from 10:14 A.M. to 12:04 P.M. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried unanimously.

Report of Closed Session of May 19, 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 Wednesday, May 19, 2021. The Council convened in closed session via video conference at 10:14 A.M. to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(8), and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, pursuant to Maryland Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7). The topics were social worker licensing and pending litigation against the County Revenue Authority. 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, Gibson, Mandel-Trupp, Ikheloa, Ledner, and Silverman; Ms. Shuman Aide to Councilmember Albornoz; Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Mr. Howard, Deputy Director; Mr. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney; Mr. Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive; Mr. Hansen, County Attorney; Mr. Markovs and Mr. Talcott, County Attorney's Office; Dr. Crowel, Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Singleton, Council Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council