

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 9:03 A.M. on Tuesday, November 16, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation was presented by Mr. Jawando recognizing World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Announcements Agenda and Calendar Changes
- (.5) The Council is seeking applicants for the Board of Appeals

Ms. Singleton, Clerk of the Council, announced that the Council is seeking applicants for the Board of Appeals. The application deadline is December 3, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.

(1) B. Acknowledgement - Receipt of Petitions

No petitions were received this week.

C. **Action** – Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of October 12, 2021, without objection. Mr. Riemer was temporarily absent.

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(2) DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION

A. Introduction - Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-10, Accessory Structures - Use Standards

Introduced draft #1 of ZTA 21-10, sponsored by Councilmembers Friedson and Jawando. A public hearing is scheduled for January 18, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

(3) **BRIEFING** – <u>Planning</u>, <u>Housing and Economic Development</u> (<u>PHED</u>) <u>Committee Draft of Thrive Montgomery 2050</u>

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; Ms. Wright, Director, Planning Department; and Ms. Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst.

Received a briefing on Thrive Montgomery 2050 and the recommendations of the PHED Committee. Ms. Wright noted that work began on this document three years ago, that over 200 community meetings and extensive community outreach was done in addition to 10 PHED Committee worksessions held for review of the draft Plan. The three core objectives of Thrive are economy, equity, and the environment, and are incorporated into every part of the plan. Mr. Anderson reviewed the vision for growth and noted that the East County was included as a Growth Corridor for equity and inclusiveness, and that the importance of the Agricultural Reserve is highlighted. Noted concurrent efforts to develop attainable housing strategies and to address the Silver Spring downtown area and adjacent communities. Noting misinformation circulating in the community, Mr. Anderson stressed that nothing in Thrive authorizes the government to take away private property and that any future zoning changes would go through the normal Council processes.

Mr. Riemer, Chair of the PHED Committee, thanked everyone involved in the development of Thrive, noting the huge community-driven effort to obtain public input, and said that Thrive syncs up the General Plan first developed in 1964 with current zoning.

Councilmembers noted the need to be forceful in dispelling misinformation and communicate in a culturally and linguistically proficient way, to elevate the importance of design, the importance of the Agricultural Reserve and the environmental benefits associated with its protection, the need for further outreach and education of the community regarding the plan, the need to consider economic competitiveness, diversity, the aging population, housing affordability and public health; and the need to mitigate the effects of climate change. This is a visionary document and implementation will be considered separately over many years.

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(5) CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. **Introduced** a resolution to approve Correct Copy of Montgomery County Planning Board Regulation No. 3-21 on Forest Conservation Trees. A public hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.
- B. **Introduced** a special appropriation to Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) FY22 Operating Budget \$252,242,245 for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (Source of Funds: Federal Relief Grant American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). A public hearing/action is scheduled for November 30, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.
- C. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to Montgomery County Public School's (MCPS) FY22 Operating Budget \$1,205,690 for the Trauma and Behavioral Health Grant (Source of Funds: Federal Relief Grant American Rescue Act of 2021 Supplemental Aid Grant). A public hearing/action is scheduled for November 30, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.
- D. **Introduced** approval of the lease (term) extension between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and (M-NCPPC) and Meadowbrook Foundation, Inc. (Meadowbrook Stables). A public hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.
- E. Introduced/Adopted Resolution 10-1054, approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Impact Silver Spring, Inc., Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc., Family Services, Inc.
- F. Acknowledged/Received The Inspector General publications: 1) COVID-19 Rental Assistance Programs, OIG Publication #22-004; 2) Performance Audit of the Administration of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans and Consolidated Retiree Health Benefits Trust, OIG Publication #22-005; 3) Updates to AP 1-2 and 1-5 Recommended, OIG Publication #22-006; and 4) Office of Inspector General Work Plan & Projected Budget, Fiscal Years 2022-2025.
- I. Adopted **Resolution 19-1055**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the East County Citizens Advisory Board: William Bentley, L. Terrell Daniel, Dawn Hill, Gertrude Jones, Leonard Newman, Kimberly Price-Evans.
- J. Adopted **Resolution 19-1056**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Library Board: Laura Briskin-Limehouse, Janice Levine, Grace Manubay, Vikram Pant, Suzette Spencer.

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K. Introduced a special appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Capital Budget and Amendment to the FY21-26 CIP, Department of General Services (DGS) - \$3,600,000 for Council Office Building Renovations (Source of Funds: General Obligation Bonds).

The Council recessed at 11:26 A.M. and reconvened at 1:31 P.M.

(6) **PUBLIC HEARING** - Redistricting, **Expedited Bill 41-21**, Elections - Council Districts - Boundaries

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on November 23, 2021. A Council worksession is tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2021.

(7) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Special appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of the County Executive – Online Sales and Telework Grant Program, \$869,733 (Source of funds: State grant) and an amendment to FY22 Resolution 19-872, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-competitive Award Status—Conference and Visitor's Bureau

The public hearing was conducted and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1057**, approving the subject special appropriation and amendment to FY22 Resolution 19-872, Designation of Entities for Noncompetitive Award Status - Conference and Visitor's Bureau.

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

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- (8) **Introduction of Bills:**
 - A. Introduction Bill 44-21, Montgomery County Green Bank Funding Fuelenergy tax revenue

Introduced draft #1 of **Bill 44-21**, sponsored by Council President Hucker and Councilmember Friedson. A public hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.

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Councilmembers Riemer, Navarro, Katz, Albornoz, Rice, and Jawando requested to be added as co-sponsors.

B. Introduction - Expedited Bill 45-21, Elections - Public Campaign Financing - Restrictions

Introduced draft #2 of **Expedited Bill 45-21**, sponsored by Councilmembers Glass, Katz, Riemer, and Albornoz, and co-sponsored by Councilmembers Navarro, Rice, and Hucker.

A public hearing is scheduled for December 7, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below. Ms. Navarro made the motion, which carried without objection.

- G. Adopted **Resolution 19-1058**, supporting Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Endorsing Equity Emphasis Area as a Key Planning Concept and Tool to Inform Decision Making and Action
- H. Adopted Resolution 19-1059, supporting Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Endorsing High-Capacity Transit Areas as a Key Planning Concept and Tool to Inform Decision Making and Action

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Stegleton, Esq.

Clerk of the Council