



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville Maryland at 9:35 A.M. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Alborno, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President
Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro

The President in the Chair.

BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR - FY23 Operating Budget

Approval of the Consent Calendar adopts the Committee recommendations.

Approved the budget consent calendar items listed below.

Mr. Rice made the motion, which carried without objection. Ms. Navarro was absent.

- (1) [Board of Elections](#)
- (2) [Board of Appeals](#)
- (3) [Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings](#)
- (4) [Office of County Attorney](#)
- (5) [Alcohol Beverage Services](#)
- (6) [General Services: Fleet Management](#)
- (7) [Department of General Services](#)
- (8) [Utilities](#)
- (9) [Motor Pool NDA](#)
- (10) [Public Election Fund NDA](#)
- (11) [Office of Consumer Protection](#)
- (12) MC311 (*this item was deleted*)

- (13) [Office of Management and Budget](#)
- (14) [Office of Procurement](#)
- (15) [Cable Television and Communications Plan](#)
- (16) [Technology and Enterprise Business Solutions](#)
- (17) [Telecommunications NDA](#)
- (18) [Device Client Management NDA](#)
- (19) [Interagency Technology Policy and Coordination Committee NDA](#)
- (20) [CIP FiberNet](#)
- (21) [CIP ultraMontgomery](#)
- (22) [Office of Human Resources](#)
- (23) [Office of Labor Relations and Labor Relations Management Committee NDA](#)
- (24) [Ethics Commission](#)
- (25) [Office of Intergovernmental Relations](#)
- (26) [Office of Inspector General](#)
- (27) [Emergency Management and Homeland Security](#)
- (28) [Climate Response NDA](#)
- (29) [Homeowners Association Roads Reimbursement NDA](#)
- (30) [Rockville Parking District NDA](#)
- (31) [Vision Zero NDA](#)
- (32) [Parking Lot Districts](#)
- (33) [Office of Legislative Oversight](#)
- (34) [Independent Audit NDA](#)
- (35) [Department of Permitting Services](#)
- (36) [Office of People's Counsel](#)
- (37) [Charter Review Commission NDA](#)
- (38) [Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice](#)

WORKSESSIONS - FY23 Operating Budget

- (39) [DOT Mass Transit Fund and FY23 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares](#)

Participating in the discussion were Dr. Orlin, Senior Analyst; Mr. Conklin, Director, Mr. Wolanin, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT); and Mr. Nalven, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Mr. Huckler, Chair of the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee, reviewed the Committee's recommendations as contained in the staff report.

Discussed Mr. Riemer's proposal to establish Ride On fares of \$1.50 to subsidize Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) fares at \$1.50, so that fares for Ride On and WMATA (METRO) buses are equalized, noting that WMATA will not offer free fares; and Councilmembers' preference to maintain free Ride On service. Mr. Conklin

commented that they are considering moving toward a subsidized fares program, similar to the current pilot program in Washington, D.C. Mr. Rice noted that it is unlikely bus ridership would return to pre-pandemic levels and the need to be mindful of resources.

Mr. Katz noted his suggestion that Alcohol Beverage Service (ABS) revenue be earmarked for free Ride On service.

Supported without objection, Mr. Friedson's motion to add \$29,071 to the County Executive's budget to fund Tobytown bus service. Ms. Navarro was absent.

Approved the DOT Mass Transit Fund and the subject FY23 Operating Budget, as amended. Mr. Rice was opposed, and Ms. Navarro was absent.

(40) [DOT General Fund](#)

Dr. Orlin reviewed the recommendations of the T&E Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Discussed the Safe Routes to School project and whether it could be accelerated. Mr. Glass suggested a joint T&E/Education and Culture (E&C) Committee or a full Council meeting on a holistic approach to keep children (and residents) safe be scheduled for a future date.

Approved without objection the subject operating budget, as recommended by the T&E Committee. Ms. Navarro was absent.

(41) [CIP Revisions: selected transportation projects](#)

Dr. Orlin reviewed the recommendations of the T&E Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Rice suggested it would be helpful to have information on the amount of bikeway usage and encouraged staff to develop evaluation criteria and ways to encourage usage.

Approved without objection the subject operating budget, as recommended by the T&E Committee. Ms. Navarro was absent.

(42) [Police](#)

Participating in the discussion were Chief Jones and Assistant Chief Francke, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD).

Mr. Katz, Chair of the Public Safety (PS) Committee, noted that the Committee supported increasing the number of participants in the cadet program from 12 to 25. Legislative Analyst Farag reviewed the recommendations of the PS Committee as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Alborno requested staff provide information on whether the Homeowners Tax Credit was factored into the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) contract and for non-represented employees.

Mr. Jawando requested a PS Committee meeting on information technology (IT) issues in MCPD be scheduled.

Mr. Friedson suggested a deeper review of compensation for MCPD management personnel should be scheduled for later this year.

Approved without objection the subject operating budget, as recommended by the PS Committee. Ms. Navarro was absent.

(43) Criminal Justice Complex CIP Project (*rescheduled to 5/12/22*)

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

Mr. Stowe, Director, Office of Human Rights, participated in the discussion.

Supported Mr. Rice's motion to add to the reconciliation list a one-time \$56,000 for the Montgomery County Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation and \$100,000 (ongoing) for the annual Juneteenth celebration, without objection. Ms. Navarro was absent.

Approved the subject operating budget, as recommended by the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:



Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council