COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Thursday, May 12, 2022


PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Nancy Navarro
Councilmember Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer
Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President
Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Sidney Katz

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. Hucker made the motion, which carried without objection.

(1) • Takoma Park Library Payment NDA
(2) • Merit System Protection Board
(3) • Animal Services
(4) • Historical Activities NDA
(5) • Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County NDA
(6) • Montgomery Coalition of Adult English Literacy NDA

Updated:
(7) • Community Engagement Cluster (rescheduled to 5/13/21)
(8) • Public Information Office
(9) • Department of Environmental Protection: General Fund
(10) • Department of Environmental Protection: Water Quality Protection Fund
(11) • Department of Environmental Protection: Recycling & Resource Management
(12) • Climate Change Planning NDA
(13) • Prisoner Medical Services NDA
(14) • Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
(15) • Circuit Court
(16) • State’s Attorney
(17) • Sheriff’s Office
(18) • Urban Districts
(19) • Future Federal/State/Other Grants
(20) • Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Shares Tax
(21) • State Property Tax Services NDA
(22) • Finance
(23) • Risk Management NDA
(24) • WorkSource Montgomery NDA
(25) • Conference and Visitor’s Bureau NDA
(26) • NDAs: County Associations; Public Technology, Inc.; Council of Governments; Boards, Committees, Commissions

(27) • Leases
(28) • KID Museum NDA
(29) • Conference Center NDA
(30) • Economic Development Fund
(31) • Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation NDA
(32) • Working Families Income Supplement NDA
(33) • Payments to Municipalities
(34) • Debt Service
(35) • Office of Agriculture
(36) • Council Office
(37) • Legislative Branch Communications Outreach NDA
(38) • Inauguration and Transition NDA
(39) • Community Use of Public Facilities

WORKSESSION - FY23 Operating Budget and FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

(40) • Montgomery College

Dr. Williams, President, Montgomery College, participated in the discussion.

Mr. Rice, Chair of the Education and Culture (E&C) Committee, reviewed the Committee’s recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

Approved the FY23 Operating Budget as recommended by the E&C Committee.

Supported without objection Mr. Rice’s motion to approve technical amendments for the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Math & Science Center,
Rockville Student Services Center, and the East County Education Center projects to reflect final State Aid awards for the Montgomery College FY23-28 CIP, as contained in the staff packet.

Approved the FY23-28 CIP, as amended.

- **Montgomery County Public Schools**

  Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wolff, President, Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE); Dr. Mc Knight, Superintendent, Dr. Dawson, Chief of Finance and Operations, Ms. Reuben, Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Schools, Dr. Nixon, Chief of Human Resources and Development, and Ms. Edwards, Chief of Districtwide Services and Supports, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

  Mr. Rice reviewed the Committee’s recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

  Supported without objection, Mr. Rice’s motion to allow the reappropriation of $35 million from the Montgomery College fund balance to assist in funding the FY23 Operating Budget.

  Approved the affordability reductions impacting the Technology Modernization project, as submitted by the County Executive.

  Approved the Montgomery County Public Schools FY23 Operating Budget and FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program, as amended.

- **Department of Recreation**

  Ms. Riley, Director, Department of Recreation (MCRD), participated in the discussion.

  Mr. Riemer, Chair of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee, summarized the Committee’s recommendations.

  Approved the MCRD FY23 Operating Budget and FY23-28 CIP as recommended by the PHED Committee.

- **Recreation – School Based Programs, Out-of-School Time Programs, and Skills for the Future NDA**

  Mr. Riemer reviewed the joint PHED/E& C Committees’ recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

  Approved the subject FY23 Operating Budget, as recommended by the
PHED/E&C Committees.

- **Police Accountability Board NDA**

  Mr. Katz, Chair of the Public Safety (PS) Committee, reviewed the Committee’s recommendation, as contained in the staff report.

  Approved the FY23 Operating Budget, as amended by the County Executive.

- **CIP: Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (rescheduled from 5/11/22)**

  Ms. Talley, Director, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR), and Ms. Silberman, Office of Management and Budget, participated in the discussion.

  Ms. Talley announced her intention to retire in January 2023.

  Mr. Katz reviewed the recommendations of the PS Committee, as contained in the staff report.

  Approved the subject FY23-28 CIP, as recommended by the PS Committee.

- **Libraries**

  Mr. Ossont, Deputy Director, Department of General Services (DGS), participated in the discussion.

  Mr. Jawando, Lead for libraries, reviewed the recommendations of the E&C Committee, as contained in the staff report.

  Mr. Friedson requested a joint E&C and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee meeting to discuss future library operations given current staffing levels and other operational concerns.

  Approved without objection, the FY23 Operating Budget, as recommended by the E&C Committee.

  Supported without objection, Mr. Jawando’s motion that the funds currently allocated for the Chevy Chase Library refresh be redesignated to a PDF for a replacement facility and to include budget language to require affordable housing as part of the new project.

  Mr. Albornoz requested an update from DGS in the fall with additional details of the new Chevy Chase library and housing project progress.
Approved without objection, the Library FY23-28 CIP, as amended.

(46)  •  Office of Grants Management

Approved without objection, the subject FY23 budget, as recommended by the joint Government Operations (GO)/Health and Human Services (HHS) Committees.

(47)  •  CIP: Cost Sharing MCG

Supported the staff recommendations included in the staff report, however noted the lack of time to properly address these items for the FY23 CIP.

Ms. Navarro requested language to indicate the Council’s intent to move forward with the Racial Equity and Social Justice study, establish a process to review this, and to align with State efforts. Mr. Friedson requested a meeting with stakeholders to establish a process to review grant awardees.

Approved the subject FY23-28 CIP, as submitted by the County Executive.

Mr. Friedson made the motion which carried without objection.

(48)  •  Community Grants NDA

Mr. Murphy, Director, Office of Grants Management and Ms. Chen, Legislative Analyst, participated in the discussion.

Ms. Chen provided an overview of the staff recommendations, as contained in the staff report, including the proposed shift of some contracts to other departments/agencies that are subject matter experts and can provide oversight of the program delivery; cost sharing proposals; and the scheduling of an oversight session to review proposed grants applications process and mechanisms to disperse funds.

Mr. Albornoz announced that this item will be discussed at a future date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 P.M.
This is an accurate account of the meeting:

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council