



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland at 9:06 A.M. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Alborno, President	Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson	Councilmember Tom Hucker
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 Councilmember Rice recognizing Bullying Prevention Awareness Month.
- B. Proclamation was presented by Councilmembers Rice and Katz recognizing Constitution Month.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. **Announcements** - Agenda and Calendar Changes

Ms. Rupp, Clerk of the Council, made the following announcements:

- a. A public hearing on WSSC Water's FY24 Spending Control Limits is scheduled for October 18, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.
- b. The Council has extended the deadline to receive testimony on **Bill 18-22**, Noise Control - Leaf Removal Equipment - Amendments, until October 14, 2022.

(1) B. **Acknowledgement - [Receipt of Petitions](#)**

There were no petitions received this week.

C. **Action - Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval this week.

(2) **WORKSESSION - [Thrive 2050 \(Review of Introduction and chapters on Compact Communities, Corridor Growth, Design, and Transportation\)](#)**

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

Discussed the first five chapters of Thrive 2050, highlighting changes made from the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee draft. Ms. Dunn indicated comments received too late for review prior to this session would be included in next week's discussion.

Ms. Dunn noted that the addendum dated October 3, 2022, contains a link to all correspondence pertaining to Thrive 2050 received as of September 30, 2022.

Reviewed the suggested edits to the Plan, as included in the staff report. Unless specifically noted here, the Council supported those edits without objection.

Mr. Riemer noted that White Flint should now be reflected as North Bethesda on the growth map.

Considered Mr. Friedson's view that River Road inside the Beltway should not be designated as a designated growth corridor because it is unlikely that a transit project would be master-planned in that area. Mr. Jawando, speaking in opposition, expressed the view that it was important to send a signal in support of equity across all areas in the County.

Defeated Mr. Friedson's motion to remove the designation of River Road inside the Beltway as a designated growth corridor:

YEAS: Friedson, Katz, Rice, Albornoz

NAYS: Hucker, Jawando, Navarro, Riemer, Glass.

Agreed to remove Darnestown from the Growth Map Activity Centers listing, as suggested by Mr. Friedson.

Supported without objection Mr. Riemer's motion to remove the word "urban" from Council staff's recommended language for the last paragraph in the section titled *The Connection Between Complete Communities and Corridor-Focused Growth* as follows:

Specific strategies also will be needed to ensure that the infill and redevelopment does not have negative environmental consequences such as expanding [urban] heat islands and increasing stormwater run-off problems.

Regarding the Design, Arts, and Culture: Investing and Building Community section, regarding how buildings can be constructed to be more adaptable, supported without objection Mr. Riemer's motion, with additional language suggested by Ms. Wright, to revise text on page 38 of the PHED Committee draft as follows:

Commercial buildings designated to accommodate single uses, while less expensive when considered in isolation, are inflexible and costly to reuse. [due to inferior structural integrity, inadequate floor-to-ceiling heights, and/or incompatible interior columns and floor plates.] In the future, buildings should be designed with additional flexibility in terms of structure, floor-to-ceiling heights, and floor plates so as to allow for adaptive reuse in the future.

The Council discussed Transportation and Communication as shown beginning on the bottom of page 14 of the staff report.

Dr. Orlin noted that the Executive Branch, including the Department of Transportation, provided comments on transportation issues that would be evaluated and presented during next week's discussion.

Councilmembers commented on the need to address the reality that mass transit cannot accommodate residents in some industries or provide service in all locations in the County, and that roadways will continue to be necessary.

(3) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. **Received and Released - Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2022-11: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Principal Hiring, Selection and Evaluation Policies**

- B. Adopted **Resolution 19-1389**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Commission on Aging: Arunima Ghosh, Yvette Monroe, Mary Sweeney, Wayne Berman, Jean Dinwiddie, Robert Levey, Richard Ricciardi, Beverly Rollins, Barbara Selter, Arthur Williams
- C. Adopted **Resolution 19-1390**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Commission on People with Disabilities: Samson "Sammi" Hampton, Coni Nepomuceno, Lisa Quinn, Richard Shermanski, John Whittle, Melissa Wyman, Michael Greenberg, Tonya Gilchrist, Karen Goss, Karen Herson, Angela Hughes Byrd, Samuel Korper, Cindy LaBon, Ricardo Lopez, Teresa Villani
- D. Adopted **Resolution 19-1391**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee: Anthony Alston
- E. Adopted **Resolution 19-1392**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee: Matt Harris
- F. Adopted **Resolution 19-1393**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Board of Social Services: Michele Levy, Loveline Tangwan, Suzanne Tobin
- G. Adopted **Resolution 19-1394**, approving an amendment to the FY23 Operating Budget Resolution 19-1285, Section G, FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc.
- H. Adopted **Resolution 19-1395**, approving an amendment to the FY23 Operating Budget Resolution 19-1285, Section G, FY23 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Inc.

The Council recessed at 11:01 A.M. and reconvened at 1:04 P.M.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation presented by Council President Alborno and the County Executive recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- B. Proclamation presented by Councilmember Jawando recognizing National Health Week

The Council recessed at 1:23 P.M. and reconvened at 1:31 P.M.

(4) **PUBLIC HEARING - [Bill 25-22, Forest Conservation - Trees](#)**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on October 12, 2022. A Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2022

(5) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION - [Amendment to the FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program \(CIP\) and Special Appropriation to the County Government's FY23 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Department of Transportation - Bowie Mill Road Bikeway \(No. 502108\), \\$2,245,000 \(Source of Funds: State Aid and General Obligation Bonds\)](#)**

The public hearing was conducted and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1396**, approving the subject CIP Amendment and Special Appropriation. Mr. Jawando made the motion, which carried without objection.

(6) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION - [Amendment to the County Government's FY23-28 Capital Improvements Program \(CIP\) and Supplemental Appropriation #23-12 to the FY23 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools - Planned Life Cycle Asset Replacement: MCPS \(No. 896586\), \\$602,651 \(Source of Funds: Aging Schools Program\)](#)**

The public hearing was conducted and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1397**, approving the subject CIP Amendment and Special Appropriation. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried without objection.

(7) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION - [Supplemental Appropriation #23-14 to the FY23 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services - Montgomery County Child Care Resource Center - ARPA Child Care and Development Fund Discretionary Grants, \\$417,500 \(Source of Funds: State Grant\)](#)**

The public hearing was conducted and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1398**, approving the subject Supplemental Appropriation. Mr. Friedson made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (8) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - [Supplemental Appropriation #23-16 to the FY23 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government Department of Health and Human Services - Montgomery County Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Support Services Grant, \\$318,421 \(Source of Funds: State Grant\)](#)

The public hearing was conducted and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1399**, approving the subject Supplemental Appropriation. Ms. Navarro made the motion, which carried without objection.

- (9) **WORKSESSION** - [Thrive 2050 \(Review of chapters on Housing and Parks, the Conclusion and any follow-up regarding new chapters\)](#)

Ms. Dunn and Mr. Anderson participated in the discussion.

Ms. Dunn provided an overview of the proposed changes by the Planning Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee to the newly named “Housing For All: More of Everything” chapter.

Supported staff recommendations to revise language supporting tenant’s rights and fair housing efforts.

Supported the staff recommendation to remove the term ‘over-housing’ from the document.

Supported staff recommendation that housing data regarding racial equity and social justice is accurate and thoroughly reviewed.

Received a summary of the PHED Committee’s changes to the “Parks and Recreation for an Increasingly Urban and Diverse Community” chapter.

Received a summary of the Committee’s changes and discussion points of the “Conclusion” chapter, including feedback to include indicators for measuring progress; the implementation process; compliance with State planning requirements; tools to implement the Plan; how Master Plans, Functional Plans, Zoning Ordinances, and other regulations fit into the Thrive Plan; Capital Improvements Program investments, Facilities Plans, funding sources, and other resources as they relate to the Thrive Plan. Ms. Dunn also noted that the Plan will include language to complete an overall assessment of the Plan every five years.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Rupp", written over a horizontal line.

Judy Rupp  
Clerk of the Council