Resolution No.: 18-1114

Introduced: April 24, 2018
Adopted: May 9, 2018

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #18-424 to the FY18 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Government

Supplemental for Snow Removal/Wind and Rain Storm Cleanup

Department of Transportation - \$10,050,760 Department of General Services - \$2,674,693

Background

- 1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
- 2. The County Executive has requested the following FY18 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services:

Transportation	Personnel Services \$3,016,650	Operating Expenses \$7,034,110	Total \$10,050,760	Source of Funds General Fund Undesignated Reserves
General Services	\$67,153	\$2,607,540	\$2,674,693	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

3. This increase is needed because expenditures for snow removal and storm cleanup exceed the FY18 appropriation of \$6,262,007 (\$3,377,017 in the Department of Transportation and \$2,884,990 in the Storm Removal Non-Departmental Account). After review of actual

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expenses related to staff overtime, contractual services, and materials usage, a supplemental appropriation is requested.

During the winter of 2017-2018, Montgomery County experienced 15 snow/ice events with total accumulation of approximately 16 inches. While some of the events did not result in plowing, both County and contractual personnel were required to report and/or be on standby and equipment was ready and made available based on weather forecasts. The total cost associated with snow removal operations was \$15,227,253, of which \$5,706,981 was budgeted.

Wind and rain storm cleanup expenditures to date are \$3,010,207, of which \$555,026 was budgeted.

In addition to expenditures incurred to date, this supplemental appropriation provides \$750,000 to cover anticipated wind and rain storm cleanup costs through the end of the fiscal year. Damage from wind and rain storms is unpredictable, with most of the cleanup historically required from April through September.

- 4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY18 Operating Budget in the amount of \$12,725,453 for snow removal and wind and rain storm cleanup and specifies that the source of funds will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
- 5. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

A supplemental appropriation to the FY18 Operating Budget of the Department of Transportation and the Department of General Services is approved as follows:

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General Services	\$67,153	\$2,607,540	\$2,674,693	General Fund Undesignated Reserves

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Clerk of the Council