



Committee: None

Staff: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst

Purpose: To receive testimony/final action - vote expected

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AGENDA ITEM #8

June 14, 2022

Public Hearing/Action

SUBJECT

Hearing/Action - Supplemental Appropriation #22-84 to the FY22 Operating Budget

Montgomery County Government

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters,
Local 1664 FY22 General Wage Adjustment, \$26,965 (Source of Funds: Undesignated Fire Fund
Reserves)

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This supplemental appropriation will fund the FY22 collective bargaining agreement with the Montgomery County Career Firefighters Association IAFF Local 1664, which included a provision that if the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area for the 12-month period ending March 2022 exceeded 1.5 percent, then a Supplemental Appropriation would be transmitted to increase the general wage adjustment from 1.5 percent up to a maximum of 2.25 percent, effective the pay period beginning June 19, 2022. As of March 2022, the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area was 7.3 percent, thus triggering the requirement.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

M E M O R A N D U M

May 4, 2022

TO: Gabe Albornoz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-84 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire
Fighters, Local 1664 FY22 General Wage Adjustment, \$26,965

I am recommending a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in the amount of \$26,965 for the Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1664 FY22 general wage adjustment. This Appropriation will fund an increase in the general wage adjustment for IAFF Local 1664 bargaining unit members, as well as a pass-through to Fire and Rescue Management from 1.5 percent to 2.25 percent effective the pay period beginning June 19, 2022.

This increase is needed because the FY22 collective bargaining agreement with the Montgomery County Career Firefighters Association IAFF Local 1664 included a provision that if the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area for the 12-month period ending March 2022 exceeded 1.5 percent, then a Supplemental Appropriation would be transmitted to increase the general wage adjustment from 1.5 percent up to a maximum of 2.25 percent, effective the pay period beginning June 19, 2022. As of March 2022, the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area was 7.3 percent, thus triggering the requirement.

I recommend that the County Council approve this Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$26,965 and specify the source of funds as Undesignated Fire Fund Reserves. This Supplemental will reduce Fire Fund Reserves by \$26,965 and is consistent with the fund balance policy for tax supported reserves.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

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ME:rs

Attachment: Supplemental Appropriation #22-84

cc: Jennifer R. Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Jennifer Harling, Chief Labor Relations Officer, Office of Labor Relations
Scott Goldstein, Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Jeffrey Buddle, President, Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, IAFF

Resolution No: _____

Introduced: _____

Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Supplemental Appropriation #22-84 to the FY22 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, International Association
of Fire Fighters, Local 1664 FY22 General Wage Adjustment, \$26,965

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 FY22 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$26,965	\$0	\$0	\$26,965	Undesignated Fire Fund Reserve

3. This increase is needed because the FY22 collective bargaining agreement with the Montgomery County Career Firefighters Association IAFF Local 1664 included a provision that if the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area for the 12-month period ending March 2022 exceeded 1.5 percent, then a supplemental appropriation would be transmitted to increase the general wage adjustment from 1.5 percent up to a maximum of 2.25 percent, effective the pay period beginning June 19, 2022. As of March 2022, the CPI-U for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria area was 7.3 percent, thus triggering the requirement.
4. The County Executive recommends a supplemental appropriation to the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$26,965 for the Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1664 FY22 general wage adjustment and specifies that the source of funds will be undesignated fire fund 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 FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$26,965	\$0	\$0	\$26,965	Undesignated Fire Fund Reserve

The funds appropriated in this special appropriation must be placed in a Fire Department Fund account, in which any unspent funds will be re-appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023. This is a correct copy of Council action.

Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council