

Resolution No: 15-1619
Introduced: August 1, 2006
Adopted: October 3, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) FY07 Operating Budget – Soccer Club Game Fee Subsidies at SoccerPlex – \$142,450

Background

1. Article 28, section 2-118(a)(6) of the Annotated Code of Maryland permits the County Council to amend the budget of the M-NCPPC by resolution on the Council's initiative, or at the request of the Commission, after receipt of a recommendation from the County Executive, and after public hearing upon reasonable notice to the public.
2. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by six members of the Council.
3. As part of the FY07 budget, the County Executive proposed a game fee subsidy for games at SoccerPlex. The Council deferred action on this subsidy so that it could be considered at the same time as amendments to the lease between M-NCPPC and the Maryland Soccer Foundation.
4. The Council believes that game fees at SoccerPlex should be reduced to make it more affordable for County soccer teams to play games there. This special appropriation will be used to reduce the cost of each game by \$50 when a majority of team members are County residents. Soccer clubs are encouraged to pass on the savings to players in the form of reduced fees.
5. This special appropriation is for the FY07 Operating Budget only. The merits of continuing a subsidy in future years will be evaluated by the Council at a future time and should not be assumed.

6. A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget is requested as follows:

Fund	Operating Cost	Source of Funds
Park Fund	\$142,450	County Government General Fund

7. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

Action

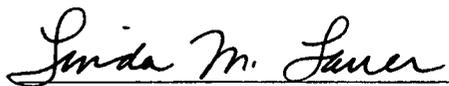
The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following actions:

1. A special appropriation to the FY07 Operating Budget is approved for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Soccer Club Game Fee Subsidies at SoccerPlex as follows:

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Park Fund	\$142,450	County Government General Fund

2. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council