

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of February 12, 2018

County Capital Budget, Solar Collection System Standards, Small Cell Tower Antennas and Spending Affordability Guidelines for FY19





Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with two proclamation presentations.

-  Councilmember Leventhal will present a proclamation honoring Chung Pak.
-  Councilmembers Rice, Floreen and Hucker will present a proclamation recognizing Andrew Komo, who is the grand prize winner in the National Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, and attends Montgomery Blair High School.

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Spending Affordability Guidelines for FY19 Operating Budget

On Tuesday, February 13 at 1:20 p.m. the Council is scheduled to vote on the Spending Affordability Guidelines for the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget. The deadline for the Council to adopt the guidelines

is the second Tuesday in February, which this year is February 13. Under the County Charter and County Code, the Council must set three spending affordability guidelines for the operating budget:

- A ceiling on property tax revenues, which are used to fund the aggregate operating budget.
- A ceiling on the aggregate operating budget. The aggregate operating budget is the total appropriation from current operating revenues, including appropriations for capital projects but excluding appropriations for: enterprise funds, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, specific grants for which the spending is contingent on the grants and expenditures equal to the estimated tuition and tuition-related charges at Montgomery College.
- The spending allocations for the County Government, the Board of Education, Montgomery College, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, debt service and current revenue funding of capital projects. The College's allocation excludes expenditures equal to the estimated tuition and tuition-related charges.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148966

Zoning Text Amendment 18-01, Solar Collection System – Standards

On Tuesday, February 13 at 1:25 p.m. the Council will introduce Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 18-01, Solar Collection System – Standards. Councilmembers Tom Hucker and George Leventhal are the lead sponsors. Councilmember Elrich is a cosponsor.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148968

ZTA 18-01 would provide more opportunities for “community solar” facilities. Community solar offers the benefit of solar to those who cannot, or prefer not to, install solar panels on their homes. These projects enable individuals, businesses, or organizations to purchase or lease a share in a community solar project.

- Maryland has a statewide goal to reach 25 percent renewable energy sources by 2020 with at least 2.5 percent of the goal coming from solar energy. On average, Maryland gets over 213 days of the sunshine.
- The sponsors of ZTA 18-01 believe it is in the public interest to expand the opportunities for solar production in areas where development is anticipated. The ZTA would retain the current limits on solar collection systems in the Agricultural Preservation Zone. The ZTA includes standards to prevent glare and to buffer the facility from surrounding land uses.

Zoning Text Amendment 18-02, Telecommunications Towers – Limited Use

The Council also will introduce ZTA 18-02, Telecommunications Towers – Limited Use. Council President Hans Riemer is the lead sponsor at the request of the County Executive. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148970

ZTA 18-02 proposes new zoning changes for small cell antennas. The proposed changes are more limited than the previous zoning changes proposed and are mostly focused on non-residential areas of the County. The ZTA would revise the use standards for antennas; revise the standards for antennas on existing structures; allow telecommunications towers as a limited use in certain zones; and generally amend telecommunications tower and cellular antenna provisions. A Council public hearing is scheduled for March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan

On Tuesday, February 13 at 10:15 a.m. the Council will meet to review and vote on the Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan. The Planning Board draft of the master plan can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomeryparks.org/uploads/2017/09/2017_eps-fmp.MCPB_DRAFT.pdf

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148978

The main purpose of the Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan is to create outdoor spaces where people of all ages, ethnicities, and incomes can meet, play, relax, exercise and enjoy nature in areas where more people live and work. These parks and open spaces will integrate the public network of streets, transit and other infrastructure, creating a framework around which sustainable future development can occur. This non-traditional master plan applies an innovative methodology to identify areas in the County with the highest need for parks and open spaces and recommend opportunities to increase the number of parks and the amount of open space in those communities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY18 Capital Budget and Amendment to FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Police - \$3,009,000 for Public Safety Communications Center

On Tuesday, February 13 at 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation that would provide funding for improvements to heating, ventilation and air conditioning needed to maintain the County's 911 service. It would provide initial funding for a new project in the FY19-24 CIP – the Public Safety Communications Center. This project includes a new building, that is expected to be purchased in FY19. The Public Safety (PS) Committee is tentatively scheduled to consider it with the rest of the CIP on February 26. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148972

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY18 Capital Budget and Amendment to FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Technology Services - \$32,000 for Public Safety System Modernization (PSSM)

Also at 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation that would provide \$32,000 for the PSSM, which will be used to purchase additional hardware required for the Local Fire and Rescue Departments (LFRDs). The funding is needed to leverage non-County contributions from the LFRDs. The Public Safety (PS) Committee is tentatively scheduled to review this appropriation on February 26. The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148974

Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY18 Capital Budget and Amendment to FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program, Department of Fire and Rescue Services - \$2,533,200 for the Clarksburg Fire Station

Also at 1:30 p.m. the Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation that would provide for an intergovernmental transfer of funding from WSSC for the design and construction of a sewer in historic Clarksburg. This sewer is necessary before construction of the new Clarksburg Fire Station occurs. The PS Committee is tentatively scheduled to review this appropriation on February 26.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7509&meta_id=148976

COMMITTEE

Capital Improvements Program: Public Arts Trust

On February 12 at 9:30 a.m. the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee will review the Public Arts Trust, as part of its work on the Fiscal Year 2019-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Suzan Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, and Deborah Lambert of the Office of Management and Budget are expected to attend.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7602&meta_id=148982

The Public Arts Trust was established in 1995 by the County Code. The purpose of the Public Arts Trust is to incorporate art into public facilities and sponsor privately-funded temporary or permanent displays of art on public property.

Capital Improvements Program: Libraries

The HHS Committee also will review ongoing projects and one project scheduled to be closed out in the Executive's Recommended FY19-24 CIP for Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL). Anita Vassallo, Acting Director of MCPL, and other representatives from MCPL and from Department of General Services and the Noyes Children's Library Foundation are expected to attend.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7602&meta_id=148905

There are five ongoing projects and one project scheduled for close out in the Executive's recommended FY19-24 CIP for MCPL. The HHS Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Council for four of the ongoing projects and the one close out project today. The HHS and Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committees will review and make its recommendation for the last ongoing project, the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center, on March 5.

Capital Improvements Program: Fire and Rescue Services

On February 12 at 9:30 a.m. the Public Safety (PS) Committee will meet to review the FY19-24 Fire and Rescue Services CIP. Chief Scott Goldstein of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services (MCFRS); Greg Ossont, Deputy Director of the Department of General Services; Dominic Del Pozzo, Budget Manager of MCFRS; and Rachel Silberman of the Office of Management and Budget are expected to attend.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7603&meta_id=148907

The County is recommending a total of \$113.724 million for the FY19-24 Fire and Rescue Services CIP. This is a decrease from the approved CIP (FY 17-21), which totaled \$141.4 million. This change reflects the completion of the Kensington Fire Station 25 and the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus projects.

Capital Improvements Program: Wheaton Redevelopment Program

On February 12 at 2 p.m. the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committees will meet to review the Wheaton Redevelopment Program.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7605&meta_id=148909

Construction on the Wheaton Redevelopment Project and demolition of the Regional Services Center has begun. The County Executive's FY19-24 CIP incorporates changes to the project schedule, but does not include any substantive changes to the project.

- The Wheaton Redevelopment Project was established in 2000 with the goal of encouraging private reinvestment in Wheaton through targeted, complementary public investment. The Wheaton

Revitalization Project will provide a government office building, below ground parking garage, and a town square as part of the revitalization strategy for this area.

- This mixed-used development will improve mobility, reduce traffic congestion, increase employment opportunities and create open, community use space.
- To learn more visit: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/wheatondev>

Capital Improvements Program: Parks

On February 12 at 2:30 p.m. the PHED Committee will meet to review Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) Capital Improvements Program request for FY19-24. John Nissel, Deputy Director, Montgomery Parks; Mitra Pedoeem, Deputy Director, Department of Parks; Michael Ma, Chief, Park Development Division; John Hench, Chief, Park Planning and Stewardship Division; Carl Morgan, CIP Manager, Park Development Division; and Kate Bentley, CIP Assistant, Park Development Division, are expected to attend.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7605&meta_id=148911

The M-NCPPC Capital Improvements Program (CIP) request for FY19-24 is \$243.5 million, an increase of \$59 million (31.9 percent) over the amended FY17-22 CIP (\$184.5 million). The FY19-24 CIP consists of 46 projects: three new projects and 43 active, ongoing projects. The Executive recommends funding \$217 million, which is an increase of \$32.5 million (17.6 percent) over the amended CIP and \$26.5 million below the agency request. It is a decrease in tax supported funds.

Capital Improvements Program: Recreation

The PHED Committee also will review the Recommended FY19-24 CIP and FY19 Capital Budget for the Department of Recreation. The following individuals are expected to participate in the worksession: Robin Riley, Acting Director of the Department of Recreation (MCRD); Jeffrey Bourne, Division Chief for Facilities & Capital Programs, MCRD; Deborah Lambert of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); David Dise, Director of the Department of General Services (DGS); AND Greg Ossont, Deputy Director of DGS.

The staff report can be viewed at:

http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=169&event_id=7605&meta_id=148913

For FY19-24, the Executive recommends a total of eight ongoing Recreation projects totaling \$23.5 million, which is a decrease of \$44.4 million or 65.4 percent from the amended FY15-20 program. The decrease is primarily due to the substantial progress or completion of projects.

- One of the projects, North Bethesda Community Recreation Center, reflects no expenditures during the six-year period. The PHED Committee will review six projects in the recommended FY19-24 CIP. The HHS Committee is scheduled to review the Public Arts Trust project on February 12, and components of the Cost Sharing: MCG project will be scheduled for review according to their related issue areas.
- The Wheaton Library and Community Recreation Center project, which is included in the Public Libraries CIP, is scheduled to be discussed in a joint meeting of the PHED and HHS Committees on March 5.

Capital Improvements Program: General Government – Economic Development Projects

The PHED Committee also will review projects in the Executive's Recommended FY19-24 CIP for General Government - Economic Development. Tina Benjamin, Special Projects Manager for the Office of the County Executive, and representatives from the Department of Finance, Office of Management and Budget and Department of General Services are expected to attend. The staff report will be available on February 13.

The PHED Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Council for six of the seven ongoing projects. The PHED and GO Committees will jointly review and make recommendation for the last ongoing project, the Wheaton Redevelopment Project, on March 12 preceding this meeting. Other projects include:

- Conference Center Garage for the North Bethesda Conference Center
- Life Sciences and Technology Centers (Germantown Life Sciences Park)
- Marriott International Headquarters and Hotel Project
- White Flint Redevelopment Program
- White Oak Science Gateway Redevelopment Project
- Long Branch Town Center Redevelopment
- Projects recommended for close out

Capital Improvements Program: Housing Opportunities Commission

The PHED Committee also will review projects that have been requested by the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), including the following:

- HOC Guarantee Bond Projects
- HOC MPDU/Property Acquisition Fund
- HOC Opportunity Housing Development Fund
- Supplemental Funds for Deeply Subsidized HOC Owned Units Improvements

Stacy Spann, Executive Director of the HOC, and other representatives of the HOC and the Office of Management and Budget are expected to attend. The staff report will be available on February 13.

Capital Improvements Program: Housing and Community Affairs

The PHED Committee also will review the County Executive's FY19-24 Recommended Capital Improvements Program Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Clarence Snuggs, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA); Chris Anderson, Chief of the Division of Community Development; Jalal "Jay" Greene, Chief of the Division of Housing; Tim Goetzinger of DHCA Management and Budget; and Pofen Salem of the Office of Management and Budget are expected to attend. The staff report will be available on February 13.

- This project provides funding for facility planning studies that are not eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding. It is included in the CIP because the efforts generally take more than one year. As a part of the FY18 Savings Plan, the Council approved a \$125,000 reduction in the FY18 funds. As there is an unencumbered balance, DHCA explained that the reduction was not likely to significantly impact any planned studies.

Capital Improvements Program: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)

The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (T&E) Committee will meet on February 15 at 9:30 a.m. to review the County Executive's Recommended FY19-24 CIP for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). The staff report will be available on February 13.

Capital Improvements Program: Transportation

The T&E Committee also will discuss the transportation components of the CIP. The discussion will feature an overview of the County Executive's recommendations, along with specific analysis and recommendations on Highway Services, Traffic Operations, and bridge projects. The staff report will be available on February 13.

Capital Improvements Program: General Government Projects

The GO Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review the General Government Projects component of the CIP, which include infrastructure maintenance and County office building projects including Facility Planning, Council Office Building and Garage renovations, the Rockville Core Project and Red Brick Courthouse. The staff report will be available on February 13.

 **Capital Improvements Program: General Government – Technology Modernization**

The GO Committee also will review the Technology Modernization component of the General Government CIP. The staff report will be available on February 13. The Technology Modernization (TechMod) project is being closed down after 10 years of successful operations. Important programs such as MCTime, ERP, MC311 and the HHS ERP system were completed and brought these projects on time and on budget in this project. The total amount spent over these ten years was more than \$130 million. Centralized funding, and availability of a unified change management team to help user departments cope with modernization impacts were significant success factors for this project.

 **Capital Improvements Program: FiberNet**

The GO Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review FiberNet, which is the major telecommunications network that feeds mission critical programs in public safety, general government and agencies outside of County government with services such as voice, data, Internet access, wireless networking and video transmissions.

FiberNet reaches more than 580 locations with broadband capacity, and is overseen by the Chief Information Officers (CIO) of all major agencies. New technologies such as Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) are on the implementation schedule to improve the effectiveness of the system. It is fully funded through Cable Fund revenues, and the FY19 request is \$3.8 million. There is an additional amount requested that will be reviewed in the operating budget request. The staff report will be available on February 13.

 **Capital Improvements Program: ultraMontgomery**

The GO Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review the ultraMontgomery project, which provides for capital funding to support economic development and technology leadership in the County. The \$680,000 request supports planning, engineering, design and construction along Route 29 in White Oak, along the planned Purple Line, as well as connections to the Ashburn, VA data centers and global Internet hubs for County businesses. This project started in 2017 as a sand alone effort; before, it was part of the FiberNet Project (see above). The staff report will be available on February 13.