

# 2026 COUNCIL and COMMITTEE SESSION SUMMARY

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**January 12, 2026 – January 14, 2026**

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**Monday, January 12, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
EC		
Mon	<b>9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 3CHR – Televised on CCM and streaming live</b>	
Jan 12	(1) Update - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) International Enrollment (Prouty/Cummings)	Update
	(2) Update - Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Anti-Racist Audit Recommendations (Prouty/Cummings)	Update

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
	<b>9:15 PRESENTATION</b>	
	A. Proclamation celebrating Muslim American Heritage Month, by the County Council	Presented Proclamation
	<b>9:30 GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
	A. <b>Announcements</b> - Agenda and Calendar Changes	Announcements
	i. The Council will hold a public hearing on the <a href="#">Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan</a> on January 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Rocky Hill Middle School Cafeteria, 22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg, MD 20871. Those wishing to provide testimony must register in advance via the Council's <a href="#">website</a> or by calling 240-777-7803. More information can be found on the Council's <a href="#">website</a> .	
	ii. The Council will receive testimony on the FY27 Capital Budget and FY27-32 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on February 9, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on February 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for County Government, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, WSSCWater, Washington Suburban Transit Commission, Revenue Authority, Housing Opportunities Commission and municipality and State projects. Those wishing to provide testimony must register in advance via the Council's <a href="#">website</a> or by calling 240-777-7803. Registration will close on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.	
	B. <b>Action</b> - Approval of Minutes: October 7 and 28, 2025 Closed sessions; December 2 and 9, 2025 Council sessions	Approved (9y; LAS, DL ta)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

<b>RES/ORD</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	(1) 9:30 <b>INTERVIEWS</b> - Candidates for the Council's representative on the Merit System Protection Board: George Margolies and Barbara Sapin (Xu)	Held interview
	(2) 10:00 <b>INTERVIEW</b> - County Executive's nominee for Labor Relations Administrator for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1664, AFL-CIO: Mark Gaston Pearce (Tenenbaum)	Held interview
	(3) 10:30 <b>CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	Approved (11y)
	A. <b>Receipt and Release</b> - Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2026-1: Economic Indicators for Montgomery County and Surrounding Jurisdictions, January 2026 Update (Trombka)	Received and released
	B. <b>Acknowledge Receipt</b> - The Council acknowledges receipt of the following Inspector General publication: 1) Performance Audit of the Fiscal Management Division, OIG Publication #26-07, and 2) Improper Allocation of Emergency Medical Services Transport Insurance Reimbursement Program (EMST) funds to Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCVFRA) (Gosalia)	Acknowledged receipt
	C. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for Bus Rapid Transit (Anbinder) <i>GO Committee worksession is scheduled for 1/15/26.</i>	Introduced
	D. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution to approve the Spending Affordability Guidelines (SAG) for the FY27 Operating Budget (Smith) <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	Introduced
	<b>Update:</b> E. <u>Introduction - Resolution to approve a Special Appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Health and Human Services, Respite Care Program, \$250,000; Senior Nutrition Program, \$450,000; and Homecare Services - Social Services to Adults, \$300,000 (Source: General Fund Undesignated Reserves)</u> (Clemons Johnson) <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	Introduced; WJ requested to be added as co-sponsor
	F. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution to approve Supplemental Appropriation #26-48 to the FY26 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Health and Human Services, Homeless Solutions Grant, \$1,346,171 (Source of Funds: State Grant) (Clemons Johnson) <i>Public hearing/action is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	Introduced

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RES/ORD	SUBJECT	
	G. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution to approve a Special Appropriation to the FY26 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Government, Office of Food Systems Resilience, Resident and Community Gardening Grant Program, \$100,000 (Source of Funds: General Fund Undesignated Reserves) (Clemons Johnson)	Introduced
	<i>Public hearing is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	
	H. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution to approve Supplemental Appropriation #26-2 to the FY26 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of General Services, Energy Conservation: MCG (No. P507834), \$1,163,055 (Source of Funds: Utility Incentives) (Mia)	Introduced
	<i>Public hearing/action is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	
	(4) 10:30 <b>BRIEFING</b> - DMVMoves Initiative, Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) (Kenny)	Briefing
	<b>RECESS</b>	
	<b>1:15 PRESENTATION</b>	
	B. Joint proclamation recognizing Korean American Day by Council President Fani-González with the County Executive	Presented Proclamation
	(5) 1:30 <b>PUBLIC HEARING - Expedited Bill 35-25</b> , County Administration - Immigrant Protections (Promoting Community Trust - Immigrant Protections Act) (Wellons)	PH held; record open until COB 1/21/26
	<i>PS/GO Committee worksession is scheduled for 1/28/26.</i>	
	(6) 1:30 <b>PUBLIC HEARING - Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 25-14, Optional Method Public Benefits - Overlay Zones</b> (Ndou)	PH held; record open until COB 1/22/26
	<i>PHP Committee worksession will be scheduled for a later date.</i>	
	(7) 1:30 <b>PUBLIC HEARING - Resolution to approve the Creation of Viva White Oak Development District</b> (Ali)	PH held; record open until COB 1/21/26
	<i>GO/ECON Committee worksession is scheduled for 1/28/26.</i>	

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<b>RES/ORD</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	
	(8) 1:30 <b>PUBLIC HEARING</b> - Resolution to approve an Amendment to the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #26-40 to the FY26 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Public Safety Joint Operations Center (P362607), \$2,439,000 (Source of Funds: Recordation Tax GO Bonds) (Cummings/Farag)	PH held; record open until COB 1/22/26
	<i>PS Committee worksession will be scheduled for a later date.</i>	
	<b>ADJOURN</b>	

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

<b>RES/ORD</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	(1) <b>COUNCIL TOUR</b> - Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan (Dunn)	Tour held

## COUNCIL and COMMITTEE SESSION SUMMARY

**January 15, 2026 – January 21, 2026**

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**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
<b>GO</b>		
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – 3CHR – Streaming live</b>	
<b>Jan 15</b>	(1) Resolution authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for Bus Rapid Transit (Anbinder)	Recommended approval
	(2) Discussion - Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2025-14, <i>Retirement Benefit Trust Fund Governance in Montgomery County</i> (Trombka)	Discussion

**Friday, January 16, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
	<b>REVISED</b>	
	<b>1:00 [12:45] DISCUSSION - FY27 Budget Schedule and Process</b>	Discussion
	<i>Held at the Brookside Gardens Auditorium, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD</i>	
	<b>ADJOURN</b>	

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
	<b>9:15 PRESENTATION</b>	
	A. Proclamation recognizing Human Trafficking Prevention Day, by Councilmember Luedtke	Presented Proclamation
	<b>9:30 GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
	<b>A. Announcements - Agenda and Calendar Changes</b>	Announcements
	i. The Council will hold a public hearing on the Planning Board Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation for the Rose-Budd House on February 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Office Building. Those wishing to provide testimony must register in advance on the Council <a href="#">website</a> or by calling 240-777-7803. More information can be found on the Council <a href="#">website</a> .	

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

<b>RES/ORD</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p>ii. The Council will receive testimony on the FY27 Capital Budget and FY27-32 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) on February 9, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on February 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for County Government, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, WSSCWater, Washington Suburban Transit Commission, Revenue Authority, Housing Opportunities Commission and municipality and State projects. Those wishing to provide testimony must register in advance on the Council <a href="#">website</a> or by calling 240-777-7803. Registration will close on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.</p>	
	<b>B. Action - Approval of Minutes:</b> None	
	<b>LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Day #2</b>	
	<b>(1) 9:30 Introduction of Bills:</b>	
	<p><b>A. Bill 1-26</b>, Human Rights and Civil Liberties - County Minimum Wage - Actual Impact Analysis - Amendments (Ogorzalek)</p>	Introduced
	<p>Lead sponsor: Council President Fani-González Co-sponsors: Councilmember Stewart, Council Vice President Balcombe, Councilmembers Luedtke, Katz and Sayles <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 2/24/26 at 1:30 p.m.</i></p>	
	<p><b>B. Bill 2-26</b>, Taxation - Fuel-Energy Tax - Green Bank - Amendments (Ogorzalek)</p>	Introduced; WJ requested to be added as a co-sponsor.
	<p>Lead sponsors: Councilmembers Luedtke, Friedson, and Glass Co-sponsors: Council Vice President Balcombe, Councilmembers Stewart, Katz and Evans <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 2/24/26 at 1:30 p.m.</i></p>	
	<p><b>C. Bill 3-26</b>, Administration - Immigration Enforcement Guidance - Required (The County Values Act) (McCartney-Green)</p>	Introduced; MB requested to be added as a co-sponsor.
	<p>Lead sponsor: Councilmember Mink Co-sponsors: Councilmembers Stewart, Jawando, Friedson, Evans, Sayles and Glass <i>Public hearing will be scheduled for a later date.</i></p>	
	<p><b>D. Bill 4-26</b>, Buildings - Task Force on Data Centers - Established (McCartney-Green)</p>	Introduced
	<p>Lead sponsor: Councilmember Glass <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 2/24/26 at 1:30 p.m.</i></p>	
	<p><b>E. Bill 5-26</b>, Police - Mask or Facial Coverings - Prohibited (The Unmask ICE Act) (McCartney-Green)</p>	Introduced; EG requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

RES/ORD	SUBJECT	
	Lead sponsor: Councilmember Jawando Co-sponsors: Councilmembers Mink, Stewart, Evans and Sayles <i>Public hearing will be scheduled for a later date.</i>	
	<b>(2) 9:45 Call of Bills for Final Reading:</b>	
	A. <b>Bill 24-25</b> , Transportation Demand Management - Repeal (McCartney-Green) <i>TE Committee recommends enactment with amendments.</i>	Enacted as amended (11y)
	<b>(3) 10:00 DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION</b>	
	A. <b>Introduction</b> - Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 26-01, Commercial Uses - Data Center (Wellons) Lead sponsors: Council President Fani-González, Council Vice President Balcombe and Councilmember Sayles <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 2/24/26 at 1:30 p.m.</i>	Introduced
	B. <b>Introduction</b> - Resolution to approve additions to the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings' (OZAH) Comprehensive Fee Schedule (Ndou) <i>Public hearing/action is scheduled for 2/3/26 at 1:30 p.m.</i>	Introduced
	C. <b>Briefing</b> - Planning Board Draft of the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan (Dunn) <i>Public hearing is scheduled for 1/21/26 at 7:00 p.m.</i>	Briefing
	<b>(4) 11:00 CONSENT CALENDAR</b>	Approved (11y)
	A. <b>Receipt and Release</b> - Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2026-2, <i>High School and Middle School Course Availability in Montgomery County Public Schools</i> (Latham)	Received and released
20-1012	B. <b>Introduction/Action</b> - Resolution to extend time for Council action on Executive Regulation #21-25, Emergency Safety Plan for Multifamily Apartment Buildings to June 30, 2026 (Mia/Ali)	Introduced/Approved
20-1013	C. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to approve an Amendment to the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #26-24 to the FY26 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Transportation, Burtonsville Access Road (CIP No. 500500), \$1,050,000 (Source of Funds: GO Bonds) (Kenny) <i>TE Committee recommends approval.</i>	Approved
20-1014	D. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Rockville for Use of Development Impact Taxes for Transportation Improvements (Kenny) <i>TE Committee recommends approval.</i>	Approved

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RES/ORD	SUBJECT	
<b>20-1015</b>	E. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to approve an Amendment to the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #26-38 to the FY26 Capital Budget, Montgomery County Government, Department of Transportation Rockville Transportation Improvements (No. 502609), \$6,816,000 (Source of Funds: Impact Tax) (Kenny)	Approved
	<i>TE Committee recommends approval.</i>	
<b>20-1016</b>	F. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to confirm the Council's appointment to the Board of Appeals: Amit K. Sharma (Xu)	Approved
<b>20-1017</b>	G. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to confirm the County Executive's nominee for Labor Relations Administrator for the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1664, AFL-CIO: Mark Gaston Pearce (Tenenbaum)	Approved
<b>20-1018</b>	H. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment to the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee: Jonathan Brown II (Cooper-Wall)	Approved
<b>20-1019</b>	I. <b>Action</b> - Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointments to the Victims Services Advisory Board: Debra D'Agostino, Ashlee Sims, Angela Dawson, Celeste Iroha, Christina Embrey, Yael Freimann, Franklin Marks, Paul Prokop, Debbie Vitalis, Fangning Wang (Cooper-Wall)	Approved
	<b>ADJOURN</b>	
<b>Wednesday, January 21, 2026</b>		
RES/ORD	SUBJECT	ACTION
	<b>7:00 PUBLIC HEARING</b> - Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan (Dunn)	
	<i>Held at Rocky Hill Middle School Cafeteria, 22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg, MD</i>	
	<i>PHP Committee worksession is scheduled for 2/2/26.</i>	
	<b>ADJOURN</b>	