



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Thursday, November 15, 2018

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 11:12 A.M. on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Hans Riemer, President  
Councilmember Roger Berliner  
Councilmember Nancy Floreen  
Councilmember Sidney Katz

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, Vice President  
Councilmember Marc Elrich  
Councilmember Tom Hucker  
Councilmember George Leventhal  
Councilmember Craig Rice

The President in the Chair.

(.5) **DISCUSSION - [Compensation Cost Trends](#)**

Participating in the discussion were Senior Legislative Analyst Howard and Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Senior Legislative Analyst Trombka.

Received a briefing on compensation cost trends in the County, including a comparison of compensation costs and revenue growth trends; and spending on new positions versus cost increases for existing positions.

(1) **INTERVIEW - [Applicant for Board of Appeals Member](#)**

Interviewed Ms. Bernadette Garrett for appointment to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Berliner and Ms. Floreen were temporarily absent.

(2) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below. Ms. Navarro made the motion, which carried without objection. Mr. Berliner, Mr. Hucker, Ms. Floreen and Mr. Leventhal were temporarily absent.

- A. Adopted **Resolution 18-1297**, amending Resolution 18-1144, Section G, FY19 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Award Status: The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc., WorkSource Montgomery, Inc., The Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. (Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute, Inc.).
- B. **Approved** the appointment of special counsel to provide legal services in connection with pursuing a legal challenge to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) recent "small cell" order.

(3) **DISCUSSION/ACTION - Resolution to approve FY20 Council Grants process**

Ms. Chen, Council Grants Manager/Legislative Analyst, participated in the discussion.

Adopted **Resolution 18-1298**, approving the FY20 Council Grants process.

The joint Health and Human Services (HHS) and Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee made the motion. Mr. Berliner and Ms. Floreen were temporarily absent.

**Motion to Close**

The Council adjourned the open session at 12:26 P.M. and reconvened in closed session from 12:57 P.M. to 2:25 P.M. in the Council Conference Room. Ms. Navarro made the motion, which carried. Mr. Berliner and Ms. Floreen were temporarily absent.

**Report of Closed Session of November 15, 2018**

In compliance with Section 3-306(c)(2), General Provisions Article, Maryland Code, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of Thursday, November 15, 2018. The Council convened in closed session at 12:57 P.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Council Conference Room to conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct, pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, §3-305 (b)(12). Topic was discussion of investigative proceeding on possible criminal conduct.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Ms. Navarro, which carried without objection. The following persons were present: Councilmembers Hucker, Elrich, Berliner, Floreen, Leventhal, Katz, Navarro, Rice and Riemer; Confidential Aides Jablow, Mandel-Trupp,

Gibson, Goldstein, Kunes, Silverman, Ikheloa and Tibbitts; Mr. Harris, Aide to Councilmember Leventhal; Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Mr. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney; Mr. Hamlin, Legislative Attorney; Ms. Healy, Legislative Information Officer; Mr. Smith, Legislative Analyst; Mr. Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Hansen, County Attorney, and Mr. Markovs, County Attorney's Office; Mr. Blansitt, Inspector General, and Mr. Morgan, Office of the Inspector General; Mr. Espinosa, Director, and Ms. Hawkins, Department of Finance; Ms. Nurmi and Ms. Kirkland, Office of the County Executive; Ms. Limarzi, Clerk; and Ms. Brown, Deputy Clerk.

**Action:** None taken.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

*Approved/Signed by the Clerk*

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Clerk of the Council