



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, February 4, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 12:32 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2019.

PRESENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, President
Councilmember Gabe Albornoz
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Sidney Katz, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker

The President in the Chair.

(1) [State Legislative Program](#)

Received an update on the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly. Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Boucher, Ms. Morningstar and Ms. Samman, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Ms. Frey, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and Ms. Mihill, Legislative Attorney.

Received an update on the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and estimated cost increases and funding priorities. Discussed increased funding for full-day preK and the need to ensure classrooms and staff are in place to handle the future expansion.

Discussed HB79, Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Establishment and Hours, and the fiscal estimate spreadsheet that was distributed with Ms. Jurgensen, Director, Board of Elections. Supported HB79 with the amendment recommended by Council staff and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) to ensure local jurisdictions have discretion to increase the number of centers.

Supported, without objection, HB109/SB285, Environment - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products - Prohibition; HB151/SB168, Clean Cars Act of 2019; and HB257, Civil Actions - Immunities - Donated Food.

Supported, in principle, HB166/SB280, Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen). Because of the complexity of the legislation, it is anticipated that there will be amendments that will need to be considered in the future.

Supported, without objection, MC/PG114-19, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) - Collective Bargaining - Technical Unit. Ms. Navarro read a statement of support from Mr. Huckler, who could not attend today's meeting due to illness. Mr. Guy Andes, Government Relations Manager, WSSC, participated in the discussion.

Ms. Wenger gave an update on two proposed 5G (fifth generation of wireless data networks) bills; one in support of local governments and the other in support of the wireless industry. This issue will be taken up at a later meeting after the bills have been introduced.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council