



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 1:18 P.M. on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

PRESENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, President
Councilmember Gabe Albornoz
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Will Jawando

Councilmember Sidney Katz, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Michael Armstrong, Colesville United Methodist Church.

PRESENTATION - Proclamation was presented by Mr. Hucker recognizing April as Earth Month.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) A. **Announcements** - Agenda and Calendar Changes

There were no changes.

- B. **Acknowledgement** - [Receipt of Petitions](#)

Acknowledged receipt of a petition from the Village of North Chevy Chase and residents opposing Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-01, Accessory Residential Uses - Accessory Apartments.

- C. **Approved** the minutes of March 12, 2019, without objection.

(2) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below.
Mr. Katz made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- A. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) - \$1,963,432 to expend the proceeds of the FY19 State of Maryland Senator Amoss Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Fund grant. A public hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

(3) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 4-19, Personnel - Merit System - Requesting Salary History Prohibited**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on April 1, 2019. A Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2019.

(4) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 5-19, Development Impact Tax for Transportation and Public School Improvements - Exemptions - Amendments**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on June 12, 2019. A joint GO and Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2019.

(5) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 6-19, Landlord-Tenant Relations - Termination of Lease - Tenant Health and Safety**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on June 6, 2019. A PHED Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for June 10, 2019.

(6) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 7-19, Environmental Sustainability - Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program - New Construction**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on April 1, 2019. A Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2019.

- (7) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to the Montgomery County Public Schools' (MCPS) FY19 Operating Budget - \$300,743 for the Learning in Extended Academic Programs Grant

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-61**, approving the subject special appropriation. Mr. Rice made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (8) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to MCPS' FY19 Operating Budget - \$1,350,000 for the Striving Readers' Comprehensive Literacy Grant

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-62**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation. Mr. Rice made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (9) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to MCPS' FY19 Operating Budget - \$2,068,305 for the Title IV, Part A: Student Support Enrichment Grant

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-63**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation. Mr. Rice made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (10) **DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION**

A. **Worksession** - Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan: Land Use

Ms. Navarro indicated that only straw votes would be taken today. Final action will be scheduled for a future date.

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board; Ms. Wright, Director, and Ms. Govoni, Housing Planner, Montgomery County Planning Department; Mr. Ossont, Deputy Director, Department of General Services (DGS); Mr. Spann, Director, Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC); and Ms. Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst.

Ms. Dunn reviewed the recommendations of the PHED Committee, as contained in the staff report.

Councilmembers supported the Committee's recommendations unless otherwise noted below.

For the Rock Creek Woods property, unanimously supported Mr. Katz' motion to approve option #3 and to extend the time period up to 30 years, as follows: Rezone as recommended in the Plan with the requirement to provide 15 percent of the units as Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDU) and five percent of the units as market-affordable units for up to [20] 30 years. Also require that with redevelopment a minimum of 20 percent of the units be provided as two-bedroom units and five percent of the units as three-bedroom units, and that priority be given to existing residents for the two- and three-bedroom units and the units under market-affordable rents.

Discussed the Aspen Hill Road extension parcel and the Committee's recommendation that it be returned to Halpine View through the County's disposition process. Also considered Mr. Jawando's alternative proposal that the portion of the Aspen Hill Road extension abutting the existing Parkway Woods property be conveyed to the Housing Opportunities Commission through the disposition process to achieve additional affordable housing along with the long-term redevelopment of Parkway Woods. Mr. Ossont confirmed that the County Executive initiates the disposition process and noted that the County Executive is not in agreement with the Committee's recommendation. He said there is no current plan to dispose of the property. Noted Mr. Spann's comment that HOC would be willing to partner with the owner of Halpine View to achieve additional affordable housing. Mr. Jawando expressed his concerns with the Committee's majority recommendation.

Approved Mr. Rice's motion to amend the Committee's recommendation for Halpine View, Parkway Woods and Halpine Hamlet, as shown on page 10 of the staff report, by increasing the floor area ratio (FAR) for the Parkway Woods property to 1.5. Mr. Jawando voted in the negative, preferring to increase the FAR on the Halpine View property as well as the Parkway Woods property as a means to achieve a net increase in affordable housing.

B. [Worksession - Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan: Transportation](#)

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Conklin, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Dr. Orlin, Council Deputy Director.

Dr. Orlin reviewed the PHED Committee recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Rice requested additional information from DOT staff regarding the level of bus ridership prior to the implementation of bus rapid transit (BRT) in the Veirs Mill corridor.

Councilmembers expressed no objections to the PHED Committee's recommendations.

C. Overview - [Vision Zero with a focus on the Veirs Mill Corridor](#)

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Conklin; Ms. Daphnis, Chair, Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee; Captain Didone, Montgomery County Police Department; Ms. Sturgis, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. McVary, Planning Coordinator, Montgomery County Planning Department; and Mr. Holland, CountyStat.

Received a briefing on Vision Zero and its objective to significantly reduce fatal and severe injuries to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists by 2030. Discussed short-term safety measures and noted suggestions from Ms. Daphnis including the need for continuous sidewalks on certain segments of Veirs Mill Road, lower speed limits, signalized crossings, red light enforcement, the acceleration of BRT design, and continuous bike facilities using existing infrastructure. Ms. McVary noted that these items are shown on Tables 1 and 2 in the draft Veirs Mill Corridor Master Plan.

Mr. Albornoz said street lighting needs to be improved at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Randolph Road, and that the State should mow the grass in the medians more frequently to enhance visibility.

Captain Didone commented that the Police Department would reapply for a State permit to install a redlight camera at the Newport Mill/Veirs Mill Road intersection, and suggested speed limits be reduced now, as there is a waiting period after speed limits are reduced before speed cameras can be utilized.

Mr. Hucker, Chair of the T&E Committee, said the Committee would further discuss Vision Zero at a later meeting.

The meeting recessed at 5:33 P.M. and reconvened at 7:35 P.M.

(11) **PUBLIC FORUM - [Montgomery County's campaign finance program](#)**

The public forum was conducted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council