



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Thursday, May 9, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 9:36 A.M. on Thursday, May 9, 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.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. **Announcements** - Agenda and Calendar Changes

Ms. Limarzi, Clerk of the Council, announced an addendum to the agenda, deferring item #5, FY20 operating budget for the Office of Management and Budget, and item #23, recommended FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Amendments to Cost Sharing – Montgomery County Government, State Match Community Grants, and Arts Capital Grants, until May 13, 2019.

#### (1) **ACTION** - [Appointments to the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund](#)

Adopted **Resolution 19-96**, appointing to the Committee to Recommend Funding for the Public Election Fund: David Scull, Chair; Nancy McMahan Farrar, Vice Chair; Lee Annis; Sam Statland; and Stephen Whitted. Mr. Hucker and Mr. Rice were temporarily absent.

**BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR - FY20 Operating Budget and FY19-24 CIP Amendments:**

*Approval of the Consent Calendar adopts the Committee recommendations.*

Approved the budget consent calendar items listed below. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (2) County Executive
- (3) County Attorney
- (4) Inspector General
- (5) Office of Management and Budget  
*This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered on May 13, 2019.*
- (6) Office of Procurement
- (7) Office of Legislative Oversight and Independent Audit Non-Departmental Account (NDA)
- (8) Council Office
- (9) NDA: Legislative Branch Communications Outreach
- (10) Board of Elections
- (11) Innovation Fund NDA
- (12) NDA: Charter Review Commission
- (13) Intergovernmental Relations
- (14) Community Engagement Cluster except for Regional Business Hub  
*Regional Business Hub to be reviewed separately in worksession below*
- (15) Merit System Protection Board
- (16) Ethics Commission
- (17) NDAs: County Associations, Public Technology, Inc., Council of Governments, and Boards, Committees, Commissions; Inauguration and Transition
- (18) NDA: Takoma Park Library Annual Payment
- (19) NDA: Historical Activities
- (20) Libraries
- (21) NDA: Arts and Humanities Council
- (22) **CIP:** Public Arts Trust
- (23) Cost Sharing - MCG, State Match Community Grants and Arts Capital Grants for Current Replacements/Modernizations  
*This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered on May 13, 2019.*
- (24) Environmental Protection - Water Quality Protection Fund
- (25) Utilities
- (26) **CIP:** Stormwater Management
- (27) **CIP:** Storm Drains
- (28) Parking Lot District Funds and associated CIP amendments
- (29) **CIP** - Master Lease: Digital Evidence Storage
- (30) Recreation
- (31) **CIP:** Shared Agency Booking System replacement
- (32) Office of Agriculture

- (33) [NDA: Conference and Visitor's Bureau](#)
- (34) [NDA: Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation](#)
- (35) [NDA: Conference Center](#)
- (36) [Economic Development Fund](#)
- (37) [Urban Districts](#)
- (38) [Police Department](#)
- (39) [NDA: Prisoner Services](#)
- (40) [Office of Human Rights](#)

**WORKSESSION - FY20 Operating Budget and FY19-24 CIP Amendments**

- (41) [Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\) - General Fund](#)

Mr. Hucker, Chair of the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee, and Mr. Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst, reviewed the Committee recommendations, as contained in the staff report.

Mr. Levchenko noted that after the T&E Committee's worksession, the Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee met on May 1, 2019, and recommended shifting \$5,000 from the FY20 recommended budget for the Office of Agriculture to the DEP general fund budget for the biennial publication of the Champion Tree Directory. That change will be reflected in the budget tracking numbers.

Ms. Hochberg, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Climate Change Policy, participated in the discussion on the notification yesterday that \$400,000 that was previously identified by Executive Branch staff as available to conduct an assessment and prioritization of various greenhouse gas reduction and mitigation/adaptation strategies is no longer available and will be used instead to fill a budget gap.

Unanimously supported Mr. Hucker's motion to add, in addition to the \$400,000 already on the reconciliation list, an additional \$400,000 (in two tranches of \$200,000) to be set up in an NDA to fund climate change initiatives, including a study and action report.

In a straw vote, approved the FY20 general fund budget for DEP, as recommended by the T&E Committee, as amended.

- (42) [DEP - Solid Waste Services](#)

Mr. Hucker and Mr. Levchenko reviewed the T&E Committee recommendations, as contained in the staff report. Mr. Ortiz, Director, Department of Environmental Protection, participated in the discussion.

After discussion, agreed without objection, to keep \$164,920 for A Wider Circle in the FY20 Solid Waste Disposal Fund, as recommended by the Executive.

Mr. Hucker agreed to draft a letter to the Executive, which will be circulated to Councilmembers, recommending that in FY21 and beyond, these funds be moved from the Solid Waste Disposal Fund to a more appropriate budget, such as DHCA or HHS.

In response to Mr. Katz's request, Mr. Ortiz agreed to look into the possibility of reverting back to the policy of not charging Rebuilding Together a tipping fee.

In a straw vote, approved the FY20 solid waste services for DEP, as recommended by the T&E Committee.

(43) [CIP: General Government Economic Development project White Oak Science Gateway](#)

Mr. Riemer, Chair of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee, and Mr. Smith, Legislative Analyst, reviewed the Committee's recommendation. Mr. Ossont, Deputy Director, Department of General Services, participated in the discussion.

Ms. Navarro stated that a resolution would be introduced to reaffirm the Council's commitment to the White Oak Science Gateway project.

In a straw vote, approved the subject FY19-24 CIP amendment, as recommended by the PHED Committee.

(44) [NDA: Incubator Programs - Economic Development Partnership](#)

Mr. Riemer and Mr. Smith reviewed the recommendations of the joint PHED and Education and Culture (E&C) Committee. Mr. Fletcher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, and Ms. Boyer, Economic Development Manager, Department of Finance, and Ms. Montero-Diaz, Director, Midcounty Regional Services Center, participated in the discussion.

Ms. Navarro expressed concern about the reduction in funding for the Wheaton Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and said that the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) should be strengthened, given ongoing issues associated with redevelopment activity in Wheaton.

Supported without objection Mr. Riemer's motion keep funding for the Biomanufacturing Industry Center in the NDA.

Supported without objection Mr. Friedson's motion to keep funding for the Kitchen Incubator in the NDA.

Mr. Friedson clarified that \$85,000 was approved for NonProfit Village's base contract.

Mr. Smith noted that the County Executive sent a recommended adjustment that was a \$142,000 decrease in the required shift to the Debt Service budget, from \$1,070,000 to \$928,000. Approved without objection Mr. Rice's motion to allocate \$142,000 in the NDA for the Incubator Study.

In a straw vote, approved the FY20 Operating Budget for Incubator Programs - Economic Developments Partnerships NDA, as amended.

(45) [Community Engagement Cluster: Regional Business Hub](#)

Ms. Navarro noted that the PHED Committee placed funding for two full-time equivalents (FTEs) (\$230,000) for Regional Services Centers on the reconciliation list.

Approved without objection Mr. Albornoz's motion that more information must be received on the plan for the Regional Business Hub before the Executive Branch moves forward with hiring to fill two FTE (\$229,583) positions. Mr. Albornoz also expressed the view that the positions should be filled with bilingual individuals.

Approved without objection Mr. Katz's motion to approve the County Executive's proposal to shift \$356,741 and 2.0 FTEs for the Small Business Solutions Group from the Office of the County Executive to the Regional Services Centers.

In a straw vote, approved Mr. Katz's motion to approve the FY20 Operating Budget for the Community Engagement Cluster: Regional Business Hub, as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

*Approved/Signed by the Clerk*

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Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.  
Clerk of the Council