



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened the Council Conference Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 9:18 A.M. on Tuesday, May 23, 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.

MOTION TO CLOSE

Agreed to meet in closed session to discuss appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, pursuant to Maryland Code, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(1)(i). The topic was Inspector General (IG) appointment.

Mr. Katz made the motion, which carried without objection. Mr. Glass, Mr. Hucker and Mr. Riemer were temporarily absent.

The Council convened in closed session at 9:18 A.M. The Council recessed at 9:50 A.M. and reconvened in open session in the Council Hearing Room at 9:55 A.M.

REMEMBRANCE honoring Steve Goldstein, Councilmember Rice's former Chief of Staff

PRESENTATION - Proclamation was presented by Mr. Rice and Mr. Hucker recognizing Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

There were no agenda or calendar changes.

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

Acknowledged receipt of petitions from residents of Montgomery County supporting the restoration of community green space at the old Kensington Elementary School; and asking the Montgomery County Council to declare their support for the resettlement of refugees in Montgomery County regardless of religion, race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity or country of origin.

C. There were no minutes for approval this week.

(2) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

A. **Introduced** a special appropriation to the FY19 Operating Budget, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) - \$1,248,757 for a School Safety Safe Schools Grant. A public hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.

B. **Introduced** a special appropriation to the FY20 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks for Planned Lifecycle Asset Replacement: Local Parks – Play Equipment, \$250,000; Urban Park Elements, \$200,000; Josiah Henson Historic Park, \$250,000; Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park, \$200,000; and Minor New Construction - Non-Local Parks, \$250,000. A public hearing is scheduled for July 9, 2019, at 1:30 P.M.

C. **Received and Released** the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report 2019-7, Racial Equity Profile for Montgomery County.

Clerk's note: OLO Report 2019-8 changed to 2019-7.

(3) **BRIEFING** - [Update on Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative](#)

Participating in the discussion were Dr. J. Vincent Eagan, Principal Investigator, Jupiter Independent Research Group; Ms. Tiffany Ward, Community Racial

Equity Manager, Montgomery County Government; and Dr. Elaine Bonner-Tompkins, Senior Legislative Analyst, Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO).

Received a briefing on OLO Report 2018-8, Racial Equity in Government Decision-Making: Lessons from the Field; and on OLO Report 2019-7, Racial Equity Profile for Montgomery County, including promising practices for advancing racial equity, benchmarks on racial and ethnic disparities in the County, and remarks regarding the importance of community conversations to advance racial equity and the County's intent to hire a Racial Equity Chief to lead the County's racial equity and social justice initiative.

Discussed the impact of reducing disparities by race and ethnicity in educational attainment as a driver of narrowing other disparities evident in the Racial Equity Profile; accessory dwelling units as an option for increasing affordable housing locally; the need for data on voting and civic engagement by race and ethnicity; whether foster children are at greater risk for entering the criminal justice system; how disparities reflected in the Racial Equity Profile reflects the lives of actual residents and current disparities mirror the disparities evident decades ago by race, ethnicity and place; the favorable impact of early childhood education and after-school programming on reducing disparities in opportunity; how improving public transportation options in the County is an equity issue; access to early education and after-school programming; and the need for timely data and trend data to consider whether the County is achieving desired progress in narrowing disparities by race and ethnicity.

Mr. Rice requested that the data around minimum wage jobs be extrapolated to provide additional information.

Mr. Riemer, Chair of the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee, noted that the Committee has continued to discuss zoning issues pertaining to accessory dwelling units and suggested Planning staff consider the model used in Seattle to enhance racial equity.

Mr. Albornoz requested that civic engagement and voting participation be quantified by race and ethnicity and suggested that each County department designate an employee to focus on racial equity issues.

Ms. Navarro noted that a Town Hall on Racial Equity and Social Justice is scheduled for June 26, 2019, at 7 P.M. at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

The meeting recessed at 11:44 A.M. and reconvened at 1:32 P.M.

- (4) **PUBLIC HEARING - Resolution to amend the 2016-2020 Subdivision Staging Policy in association with blighted/condemned buildings or affordable housing**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on June 13, 2019. A PHED Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2019.

- (5) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION - Resolution to approve Declaration of No Further Need: Disposition of Darnestown Telecommunications Tower**

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Adopted **Resolution 19-143**, approving the subject resolution.

Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried unanimously.

- (6) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 10-19, Legislative Branch - Economic Impact Statements - Amendments**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on July 10, 2019. A Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2019.

- (7) **PUBLIC HEARING - Bill 11-19, Administration - Internal Audit - Inspector General - Amendments**

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on July 10, 2019. A GO Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2019.

- (8) **INTERVIEWS - Montgomery County Planning Board (MCPB)**

Interviewed Mr. Casey Anderson, applicant for reappointment as Chair of the MCPB; and Mr. Julian Haffner, applicant for member of the MCPB.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Report of Closed Session of June 11, 2019

In compliance with §3-306(c)(2), General Provisions Article, Maryland Code, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of Tuesday, June 11, 2019. The Council convened in closed session at 9:18 A.M. in the 3rd floor Council Conference Room to discuss appointment, employment, assignment,

promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, pursuant to Maryland Code, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(1)(i). The topic was IG appointment.

The meeting was closed on a motion by Mr. Katz, which carried without objection. The following persons were present: Councilmembers Navarro, Katz, Albornoz, Friedson, Glass, Jawando, Huckler, Rice and Riemer; Confidential Aides Mandel-Trupp, Gibson, Kunes, Silverman, Ikheloa, Thorne, Nurmi, Carranza and Ledner; Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director; Ms. Mihill, Legislative Attorney; Allison Lerner, Chair, Michael Faden, Vice-Chair, and Jerome Brown, Member, Inspector General Nominating Panel.

Action: Received list of candidates from Nominating Panel; agreed to interview candidates.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by the Clerk

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq.
Clerk of the Council