



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland, at 11:02 A.M. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

PRESENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro, President
Councilmember Gabe Alborno
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 Mr. John Haines, representing the Baha'i Community in Silver Spring.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Ms. Singleton, Clerk of the Council, announced an addendum to the agenda adding to the consent calendar for introduction a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Capital Budget, Department of General Services (DGS) - \$2,253,000 for Rockville Core Grey Courthouse project; and noted that Ms. Navarro had been added as the Lead Sponsor for **Bill 36-19**, Contracts and Procurement - Office of Grants Management - Established. She also noted that there would be a meeting on December 2, 2019, on the 2020 State Legislative Program.

(1) B. **Receipt of Petitions** - Receipt of Petitions

No petitions were received this week.

C. **Approved** the minutes of November 5, 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 County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Department of Finance - \$500,000 for the Economic Development Fund Grant and Loan Program.
- B. Adopted **Resolution 19-304**, appointing Clerk of the Council: Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
- C. Adopted **Resolution 19-305**, endorsing the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF) loan: Fox Television, LLC.
- D. Adopted **Resolution 19-306**, endorsing the MEDAAF loan: REGENXBIO, Inc.
- E. Adopted **Resolution 19-307**, endorsing the MEDAAF loan: RADA Technologies, LLC.
- F. Adopted **Resolution 19-308**, endorsing the MEDAAF loan: Urban One, Inc./TV one, LLC.
- G. Adopted **Resolution 19-309**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc. Board of Directors: Brian Wynne.
- H. Adopted **Resolution 19-310**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Commission on Child Care: L'Ornya Bowie, Keneisha Roberts, Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Tracey Clay, Tara Phillips, Laura Seminario-Thornton.
- I. Adopted **Resolution 19-311**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Early Childhood Coordinating Council: Jade-Ann Rennie, Michelle Belski.

- J. Adopted **Resolution 19-312**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Commission on Health: Elliott Brown, Christopher Burt, Kathleen Emami, Kendra Harris, Jessica Kronstadt, Jelani Murrain, Nadia Hashimi, Brittne Jackson.
- K. Adopted **Resolution 19-313**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Commission on People with Disabilities: Larry Bram, Eric Cole, John Whittle, Karen Hochberg, Michael Greenberg, Jametta Anderson, Neal Carter, Scott Hunger, Shonda McLaughlin, David Rice.
- L. **Introduced** a supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Capital Budget, DGS - \$2,253,000 for Rockville Core Grey Courthouse project.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
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IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Day #27**

(3) **Introduction of Bills**

- A. **Bill 36-19**, Contracts and Procurement - Office of Grants Management - Established

Introduced draft #4 of **Bill 36-19**, sponsored by Council President Navarro. Mr. Hucker, Mr. Rice, Mr. Albornoz, Mr. Katz and Mr. Riemer requested to be added as cosponsors. A public hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.

(4) **DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION**

- A. **Introduction - Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-09, Prohibited Roof Signs -Exceptions**

Introduced draft #3 of ZTA 19-09, sponsored by Councilmember Friedson. A public hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.

(5) **INTERVIEW - County Executive's appointee as Director, Department of Technology Services (DTS): Gail Roper**

Interviewed Ms. Gail Roper, the County Executive's appointee as Director of DTS. Confirmation is tentatively scheduled on December 3, 2019.

The meeting recessed at 11:59 A.M. and reconvened in the Council Conference Room at 12:35 P.M.

MEETING WITH REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER (RSC) DIRECTORS

Participating in the discussion were Mr. Bandeh, Ms. Matthews, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Montero-Diaz, RSC Directors.

Received an update from each Director on activities and issues of concern including aircraft noise in Bethesda; White Flint/Pike District placemaking events; North Bethesda demographics; expansion of English literacy classes with the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) and the Literacy Council of Montgomery County; implementation of English literacy classes at employer sites to include service employees and small businesses; library card registration increases; increased neighborhood engagement in Montgomery Hills, Oak View, and Quebec Terrace; Census 2020 focus; Purple Line construction and alternate transportation options; Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) housing development; neighborhood actions teams in the East County; additional staff to focus on East County economic development; Wheaton Recreation Center building and construction; Latin Economic Development Corporation partnership in the Wheaton District for the holiday season; Middlebrook Gardens neighborhood engagement; upcounty partnerships with community organizations, including PeaceJam, Nobel Peace Prize laureates, and youth conferences; emerging and aging infrastructure in town centers in Germantown and Olney, and wayfinding signage.

Mr. Glass commented on the lack of signage at the Silver Spring Transit Center for work that is currently underway and the need to prepare for future Purple Line work.

Ms. Navarro requested information on economic and workforce development gaps in the East County in conjunction with the County's new economic development platform.

Mr. Rice commented on supporting the staffing needs of the Regional Services Centers in the upcoming budget cycle to focus on bringing communities together.

Mr. Jawando requested follow-up on expanding the range of citizenship classes in the East County area.

Ms. Navarro requested information on retail spaces in Wheaton for early childcare centers and a briefing on green spaces and placemaking, such as public benches and public art.

Ms. Navarro suggested exploring options for town center refreshers, similar to the County's plan with libraries.

Mr. Friedson suggested the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) committee look at interim funding for aging shopping centers in parallel with zoning issues and placemaking practices.

Mr. Alborno commented on including the Arts and Humanities Council in placemaking plans for Germantown and the BlackRock Center for the Arts.

The Council recessed at 1:33 P.M. and reconvened in the Council Hearing Room at 1:35 P.M.

- (6) **PUBLIC HEARING** - Amendment to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) property acquisition: 1) transfer of Montgomery County GO Bond appropriation from Legacy Open Space to Acquisition: Non-Local Parks - \$6,800,000; and 2) Special Appropriation to the M-NCPPC Department of Parks' FY20 Capital Budget for Acquisition: Non-Local Parks - \$1,960,000

The public hearing was conducted. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on November 26, 2019. A PHED Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2019.

- (7) **PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION** - Supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY20 Operating Budget, Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) - \$4,000,000 for HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Mr. Riemer, Chair of the PHED Committee, reviewed the Committee's recommendation, as contained in the staff report.

Adopted **Resolution 19-314**, approving the subject supplemental appropriation.

The PHED Committee made the motion, which carried without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Approved/Signed by Clerk of the Council

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council