



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Friday, May 29, 2020

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 1:03 P.M. on Friday, May 29, 2020.

PRESENT

Councilmember Sidney Katz, President
Councilmember Gabe Alborno
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Tom Hucker, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

Ms. Michaelson, Council Executive Director, provided background information pertaining to today's discussion, noting that the Governor began opening the State two weeks ago but gave discretion to individual counties on whether to begin reopening. She said data is trending favorably and the County Executive expects to begin Phase 1 reopening on June 1, 2020. She noted that action taken by the Council sitting as the Board of Health also applies to the municipalities in the County.

- (1) **INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING** – [Board of Health Regulation to adopt Executive Order 070-20, COVID-19 Local Order – Phase 1](#)

The public hearing was held and the record closed.

Mr. Drummer, Senior Legislative Attorney, reviewed the applicable procedures for the discussion and action today.

(2) **ACTION** - Resolution to approve Executive Order 070-20, COVID-19 Local Order – Phase 1 as the County Council

Participating in the discussion were Dr. Gayles, County Health Officer and Chief, Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); Dr. Stoddard, Director, Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS); and Ms. Parker, Office of the County Executive.

Ms. Navarro stated that she was appalled by the disrespectful and offensive behavior of hecklers at yesterday's press conference to announce plans for reopening the County. She asked about the communications plan for the Executive Order and noted the need to be able to provide technical assistance to businesses and the public as the County reopens.

Dr. Gayles reviewed the provisions included in Executive Order 070-20, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Dr. Stoddard and Ms. Parker reviewed the plans to provide information to businesses and the public through the County's webpage and social media. A single point of contact will be available to businesses, noting that the goal is to encourage compliance with the Executive Order. Dr. Gayles said during Phase 1, telework is still required where possible. He noted that the County dashboard reflects only Montgomery County data, but that the County metrics for reopening closely reflect State metrics.

Councilmembers spoke to the need for a robust communications strategy, including outreach to the most vulnerable communities, the need for a clear policy on the use of masks, the need to focus on equity in the workforce, the need to be able to respond in multiple languages, the need to expand testing and contact tracing, and the need to be cautious as the County reopens.

Adopted **Resolution 19-485**, approving Executive Order 070-20, COVID-19 Local Order - Phase 1.

Mr. Albornoz made the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL SITTING AS BOARD OF HEALTH

ACTION - Board of Health Regulation to adopt Executive Order 070-20,
COVID-19 Local Order – Phase 1

Adopted **Resolution 19-484**, approving Board of Regulation to adopt Executive Order 070-20.

Mr. Albornoz made the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 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