



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, February 8, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:34 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2021.

PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President
Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer

The President in the Chair.

(1) **DISCUSSION** - [State Legislative Program](#)

Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Samman, Ms. Boucher, and Ms. Morningstar, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Ms. Chen, Legislative Analyst, and Ms. Wellons, Legislative Attorney.

Received an update on the 2021 session of the Maryland General Assembly, including the status of HB612/SB496, Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act. Mr. Hucker requested that Ms. Wenger forward the detailed breakdown on the Act to all Councilmembers.

Ms. Wenger noted that no match is required this year for local bond initiatives, and that a comprehensive list of projects should be available next week. Mr. Hucker requested that OIR share the bond tracking sheets with Councilmembers.

Requested clarification in future staff reports if “no position” is a recommendation, or if it means that no position has yet to be taken, or if it means there are no issues with a bill.

Reviewed the purpose and took positions on the following bills:

Supported, without objection, HB52/SB454, Real Property – Alterations in Actions for Repossession and Establishment of Eviction Diversion Program; HB729/SB530, Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Actions – Filing Surcharge and Prohibited Lease Provisions; HB761/SB632, Election Law – Contested Elections; and HB638/SB624, Public Safety – Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms (“Ghost Guns”).

Mr. Hucker requested a written update on bills the Council has identified as priorities, and also requested that a “public safety” session be scheduled to review legislation that pertains to the overhaul of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights and other police reform legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:



Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council