



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, March 8, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:32 P.M. on Monday, March 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, and Ms. Boucher, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR); Mr. Lattner, County Attorney's Office; Chief Jones, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD); and Ms. Wellons, Legislative Attorney.

Ms. Wellons provided a summary of MC14-21/HB433, Public Campaign Financing – Expansion, to expand public campaign financing for candidates for the offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Sheriff, and State's Attorney. Mr. Reimer made a motion to take a position in support of MC14-21/HB433. Mr. Friedson made a motion, which was not objected to by the maker of the original motion, that language be added that the state appropriate funding. Unanimously supported MC14-21/HB433, as amended.

Ms. Wenger provided an update on the 2021 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Ms. Boucher provided an overview of SB627, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights – Repeal and Procedures

for Discipline, as passed by the Senate. Key provisions include making the Chief more responsible and accountable for disciplinary decisions; ensuring uniformity throughout the State by preempting local laws and prohibiting collective bargaining regarding investigations, interrogations, and discipline; and ensuring significant civilian involvement in the hearing board process. Discussed preemption and how SB627 would impact **Expedited Bill 34-20**, Police – Disciplinary Procedures – Police Labor Relations – Duty to Bargain – Amendments, which is pending. Mr. Lattner agreed to follow-up and provide Councilmembers with information on how SB627 might impact Expedited Bill 34-20.

OIR agreed to provide a summary of changes to the latest House version of the police reform legislation when it is available, as well as a comparison chart of the House and Senate bills.

Received brief updates on SB71, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Body-Worn Cameras; SB74, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Employee Assistance Programs and Early Intervention Programs; SB178, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Personnel Records – Investigations of Law Enforcement Officers (Anton’s Law); SB419, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Search Warrants; SB599, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Surplus Military Equipment; SB600, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Office of the State Prosecutor – Investigation and Prosecution of Deaths Caused by Police Officers; SB626, Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Law Enforcement Officers – Use of Force, Reporting, and Whistleblower Protections.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:



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Clerk of the Council