



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 9:30A.M. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker, President	Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, Vice President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson	Councilmember Evan Glass
Councilmember Will Jawando	Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Nancy Navarro	Councilmember Craig Rice
Councilmember Hans Riemer	

The President in the Chair.

### PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation was presented by Mr. Glass, Mr. Albornoz, and Mr. Rice recognizing National Employment Disability Awareness Month.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) A. Announcements - [The Council is seeking applicants for the Charter Review Commission](#)

Ms. Singleton, Clerk of the Council, announced that the Council is seeking applicants for the Charter Review Commission. The application deadline is November 15, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.

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

No petitions were received this week.

- C. **Action** - Approval of Minutes

Approved the minutes of September 21, 2021, without objection.

(3) **COUNCIL SITTING AS BOARD OF HEALTH**

[Updates from County Government and Montgomery County Public Schools - Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Health Planning](#)

Participating in the discussion were Dr. Stoddard, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Crowel, Director, Dr. Bridgers, Acting Chief Health Officer, and Mr. O'Donnell, Manager, Public Health and Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Received an update on the County's positivity rate and transmission rate, vaccination rates, booster information, an expected timeline for the pediatric vaccine receipt from the State, data on the number of pediatrician offices, pharmacies and other community partners that have requested to receive the pediatric vaccine from the State. Additional information was provided on plans to support equitable access to vaccinations, as well as tentative school sites that have been identified for weekend and possibly evening pediatric vaccine sites, along with collaborative plans to provide transportation to these sites.

Mr. Hucker requested that DHHS and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) expand the proposed pediatric vaccine school sites to elementary schools, specifically in Title I areas, to allow for greatest access.

Ms. Navarro requested that DHHS incorporate plans to provide vaccines while students are in school or attending after school activities to help eliminate transportation barriers to access the vaccine.

Mr. Glass requested that DHHS ensure that communication and support is provided to low-income communities and that it is incorporated into the planning process.

At the request of Mr. Katz, Dr. Bridgers clarified that legal council suggested that if Thursday, October, 21, 2021 was counted as the first day of moderate transmission, then on the indoor face-covering mandate would end at 12:01 A.M. on Friday, October 29, 2021.

The Council, sitting as the Board of Health, voted to end the indoor face-covering mandate at 12:01 A.M on Thursday, October 28, 2021 if the County continued to have consecutive days of moderate transmission. Mr. Hucker made the motion, which carried without objection.

Received report from MCPS regarding their COVID-19 response. Participating in the discussion were Mr. D'Andrea, Chief of Staff, MCPS, and Dr. Stoddard.

Discussed updates to the MCPS COVID-19 Dashboard, screening testing, rapid testing, positivity data, student quarantine data and changes to quarantine guidelines.

To address concerns that students are being removed from class for weekly testing, Mr. Rice requested that MCPS work to reduce time that students are out of class for testing.

In response to Mr. Hucker's request for accurate COVID Dashboard data, Mr. D'Andrea will follow up with Mr. Hucker to provide accurate MCPS COVID-19 data.

(4) **Action** – [Appointment to the Montgomery County Planning Board](#)

Appointed Ms. Carol Rubin to the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Mr. Reimer made the motion which carried without objection.

(5) **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the following consent calendar items listed below, with the exception of item I that will be rescheduled for a later date. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which carried without objection.

- A. **Introduced** a special appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Operating Budget, Guaranteed Income Non-Departmental Account (NDA) - Guaranteed Income Pilot Program - \$1,993,832. A public hearing is scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.
- B. **Introduced/Adopted Resolution 19-1027**, amendment to Resolution 19-872, Approval of and Appropriation for the FY22 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Government, Budget Provision #67, Screening and Legal Representation in Deportation Cases; and, Section G, FY22 Designation of Entities for Non-Competitive Contract Award Status: Ayuda, Inc., HIAS, Inc., KIND, Inc. d/b/a/ Kids in Need of Defense, and Luminus Network, Inc. (formerly FIRN, Inc.)
- C. **Adopted Resolution 19-1028**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board: Fiona Graham.

- D. Adopted **Resolution 19-1029**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Commission on Child Care: Jennifer Penrose.
- E. Adopted **Resolution 19-1030**, confirming the County Executive's appointments to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: Carolyn Hoffmann, Jessica Volz, Mindy Thiel, Carissa Zheng.
- F. Adopted **Resolution 19-1031**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Commission on Health: Brent Berger.
- G. Adopted **Resolution 19-1032**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Board of License Commissioners: Michelle Graham.
- H. Adopted **Resolution 19-1033**, confirming the County Executive's appointment to the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee: Jay Elvove.
- I. **Action** - Confirmation of County Executive's appointment to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission: Christopher Zappi.  
Removed from consent calendar; to be rescheduled for future date

The Council recessed at 11:34 P.M. and reconvened at 1:31 P.M.

- (6) **PUBLIC HEARING** - FY22 Capital Budget and Amendments to the MCPS FY21-26 Capital Improvements Program - Transfer of Funds for the Charles W. Woodward High School Reopening Project

The public hearing was conducted. Mr. Friedson was temporarily absent. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on October 26, 2021. An Education & Culture (E&C) Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2021.

- (7) **PUBLIC HEARING** - FY22 Supplemental Appropriations and Amendments to the MCPS FY 21-26 Capital Improvements Program Transfer of Funds - Capital Projects

The public hearing was conducted. Mr. Friedson was temporarily absent. Additional material for the Council's consideration should be submitted by the close of business on October 26, 2021. An E&C Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2021.

(8) **DISTRICT COUNCIL SESSION**

**Introduction - [Subdivision Regulation Amendment \(SRA\) 21-02, Administrative Subdivision - Biohealth Priority Campus](#)**

Introduced draft #1 of SRA 21-02, sponsored by Mr. Friedson and co-sponsored by Mr. Hucker. A public hearing is scheduled November 30, 2021 at 1:30 pm.

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Day #29**

(9) **Call of Bills for Final Reading:**

- A. **Motion under Council Rule of Procedure 10(d)/Action on Expedited Bill**  
**Expedited Bill 30-21**, Landlord-Tenant Relations - Restrictions During Emergencies - Extended Limitations Against Rent Increases and Late Fees (A motion under Rule 10(d) to take the bill from the table must be made prior to a motion and roll-call vote to adopt the bill.)

This item was deleted from the agenda and rescheduled for November 2, 2021.

(10) **ACTION - [WSSC Water's FY23 Spending Control Limits](#)**

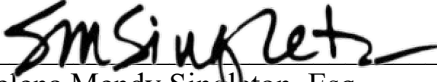
Mr. Hucker, Chair of the Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee, said each fall, the Montgomery County Council and Prince George's County Council consider spending control limits for WSSC Water, noting that WSSC Water requested a 9% rate increase. The T&E Committee supported a 6% rate increase scenario. However, Prince George's County Council initially supported a 7% rate increase and then approved a 6.5% rate increase to better align with Montgomery County's proposed limit. Mr. Hucker explained that unless the two governing bodies align with the same rate increase, WSSC Water may increase their rates by 9%.

Adopted **Resolution 19-1034** with amendments, approving the FY22 Annual WSSC Water Spending Control Limits at 6.5%.

Mr. Glass made the motion, which carried without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.  
Clerk of the Council