



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, December 6, 2021

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened via video conference at 12:34 P.M. on Monday, December 6, 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.

(1) DISCUSSION - State Legislative Program

Participating in the discussion were Ms. Wenger, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR), Ms. Samman, Division Chief, Licensure, Regulation and Education, Montgomery County Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS), Ms. McCartney-Green and Ms. Wellons, Legislative Attorneys.

Mr. Friedson reviewed the memo sent to Councilmembers on December 1 in support of \$865,000 of State funding for the Noyes Library. Mr. Friedson moved to add this to the State Capital Improvements Projects support list which passed unanimously among those present. Mr. Rice was temporarily absent.

Mr. Albornoz moved to approve the letter to Governor Hogan in support of fully funding the Office of Immigration Affairs, which passed unanimously among those present. Mr. Rice was temporarily absent.

Discussed the list of local Bills and suggested Council positions on each.

Regarding **Bill MC 23-22**, Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rice was temporarily absent.

Regarding **Bill MC 21-22**, Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Riemer made the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rice was temporarily absent.

Regarding **Bill MC 12-22**, Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Katz made the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rice was temporarily absent.

Regarding **Bill MC 8-22**, Mr. Friedson, Mr. Jawando and Mr. Katz expressed concerns with this Bill, noting that there are some aspects of the Bill that may undermine the Friendship Heights, Rockville Pike and Silver Spring Business Improvement Districts (BID). Mr. Glass noted his support to hold recommendation on this Bill, but wants to ensure that the Council engages with the delegation and stakeholders to determine the Council's position. Mr. Riemer requested more information on the BIDs requirements for approval. Mr. Hucker requested data related to the Washington, D.C. legislation related to BIDs and asked for a chart with more information to compare requirements of other nearby jurisdictions. He also requested supporting information from the Bill sponsors to ensure that this will benefit business owners. Mr. Friedson reiterated that it is important for Montgomery County to maintain a similar BID structure to nearby jurisdictions, specifically Friendship Heights, so that those BIDs can remain cross-jurisdictional. Mr. Albornoz requested feedback from other members of the State delegation to get more information to advise the Council on taking a position. Council determined to hold on a recommendation for this Bill until additional information is provided.

Regarding **Bill MC 15-22**, Agreed to hold on a recommendation for this Bill until additional information is provided and can be discussed in the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee.

Regarding **Bill MC 1-22**, Council agreed to hold on a recommendation for this Bill until additional information is provided.

Regarding **Bill PG/MC 107-22**, Council voted to oppose this Bill. Mr. Friedson made the motion. Mr. Jawando voted against and Mr. Glass and Mr. Hucker abstained.

Regarding **Bill MC 18-22**, Mr. Friedson noted that this Bill supports the Vision Zero program and is a racial equity/social justice priority. Mr. Riemer shared that this Bill would create a new operational procedure for automated camera enforcement and that this could be accomplished by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the departments. Mr. Hucker shared that the automated ticket program does not require a police officer to sign off and would be better suited for an office worker rather than a police officer, already limited in staff, to manage the process. Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Friedson made the motion which passed unanimously.

Regarding **Bill MC 22-22**, Council agreed to hold recommendation on this Bill until more information is obtained

Regarding **Bill PG/MC 106-22**, Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Rice made the motion which passed unanimously.

Regarding **Bill PG/MC 105-22**, Council voted to support this Bill. Mr. Rice made the motion which passed unanimously.

Regarding **PG/MC 109-22**, Council agreed to hold recommendation on this Bill until more information is obtained

Regarding **PG/MC 111-22**, Council agreed to hold recommendation on this Bill until more information is obtained

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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Clerk of the Council