



## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

**APPROVED**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Capital Crescent Trail Conference Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland at 1:32 P.M. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

### PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, President  
Councilmember Andrew Friedson  
Councilmember Sidney Katz

Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President  
Councilmember Will Jawando  
Councilmember Hans Riemer

### ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Hucker

Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Nancy Navarro

The President in the Chair.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. **Review of Council policies and procedures.**

Participating in the discussion were Mrs. McCartney-Green and Ms. Sokoni, Legislative Attorneys; Ms. Wellons, Senior Legislative Attorney; and Ms. Michaelson, Executive Director of the Council.

Received suggested changes to the Council Rules of Procedures. Discussed changes recommended to take place before the new Council takes office in December, and another set of recommendations pertaining to the facilitation of virtual meeting participation.

Specific rules discussed included the definition of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority and a quorum; reviewed the definition and expectations of attendance, in-person and virtual; public hearing advertising in an online publication; allowing the President to provide electronic copies of bills rather than paper copies;

changes to the publication of amendments to make progress tracking more transparent; transcripts of Council meetings; closed meeting confidentiality requirements; clarification of the rules for the presiding officer; clarification of the rules related to ceding time; the creation of informal workgroups; the requirements for the advance notice of agenda items from Councilmembers; the procedures for introducing a special appropriation and a committee's review of it; the process for the introduction and public hearings for legislation; communications on behalf of the Council from the President; consultation with Executive branch agencies; the expiration of resolutions; and the powers and duties of the President.

Supported without objection changing the required advance notice of public hearings to 14 days, unless otherwise required by law, to align with the Maryland Constitution.

Another meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss additional information needed to formally change the Rules of Procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

This is an accurate account of the meeting:

  
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Judy Rupp, Clerk of the Council