



COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPROVED

Monday, November 28, 2022

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland convened in the Council Hearing Room, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, Maryland at 12:34 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022.

PRESENT

Councilmember Gabe Albornoz, President
Councilmember Andrew Friedson
Councilmember Will Jawando
Councilmember Craig Rice

Councilmember Evan Glass, Vice President
Councilmember Tom Hucker
Councilmember Sidney Katz
Councilmember Hans Riemer

ABSENT

Councilmember Nancy Navarro

The President in the Chair.

DISCUSSION - [State Legislative Program](#) - Montgomery County Local and Bi-County Bills - 2023 General Assembly.

Participating in the discussion were Mrs. McCartney-Green, Legislative Attorney; Ms. Wellons, Senior Legislative Attorney; Mr. Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst; Ms. Dunn, Senior Legislative Analyst; Ms. Wenger, Director, Ms. Boucher, Deputy Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR).

Mr. Albornoz announced that today's session was a briefing, and the next (20th) Council would further discuss and take formal positions on the bills during future meetings.

Reviewed the local and bi-county bills as shown on the chart included in the staff report. Regarding **MC 3-23**, Montgomery County - Voting Methods, requested staff follow-up with the Board of Elections regarding its needs regarding efficient tabulation of ranked choice voting. Regarding **MC/PG 106-23**, Off-Street Parking Requirements Near Mass Transit Stations, Mr. Riemer expressed concern on how this would impact existing Parking Lot Districts (PLDs) and suggested that further analysis from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) would be useful. Councilmembers

expressed concern that the bill would restrict the authority of the County Government regarding parking. Mr. Jawando requested any accompanying documents associated with the Bill be provided to Councilmembers.

Regarding **MC 6-23**, Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Authorized Highways, Mr. Glass expressed support for the Bill because speed cameras slow cars down and help prevent tragedies. Mr. Jawando requested further information on what roadways would be impacted and where speed limits would increase. Mr. Friedson commented that changes in speed limits require a year before taking effect, noting serious accidents and fatalities on Tuckerman Lane.

Regarding **MC 1-23**, Montgomery County - School Bus Monitoring Cameras - Distribution of Fines, Mr. Glass noted that there are many questions the next Council must consider, along with Montgomery County Public Schools, regarding the School Bus Monitoring program before rededicating any funds.

Mr. Alborno commented that the next Council should review political party affiliation requirements for all County Boards and Commissions.

Regarding **MC/PG 101-23**, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program - Revisions and Extension, Mr. Jawando requested a copy of the final disparity study.

Regarding **MC/PG 104-23**, Montgomery County - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Restructuring Task Force - Establishment, received information that this Bill would effectively remove the Council's authority over land use in the County, as the majority of the Task Force members will be appointed by the County Executive, and it is assumed that the Commission will recommend that the County Executive have oversight over M-NCPPC. Mr. Riemer suggested the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) could be tasked to study different approaches to planning and zoning and review how other jurisdictions address land use decisions.

Requested the views of M-NCPPC, the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), and the Sheriff's Office be obtained regarding their respective collective bargaining implementation bills.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

This is a correct copy of Council action:



Judy Rupp
Clerk of the Council