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Montgomery County Council:

Memo re. EV Fleet acquisitions for Montgomery Parks:

I would like to request Montgomery County Council consider earmarking more CIP funds for Montgomery Parks Energy Conservation and Sustainability, specifically as regards new EV equipment and vehicles. It seems that the goals of the county are not being met at Montgomery Parks and require additional funds specifically for these improvements, including EV Charging Systems and associated infrastructure, and EV vehicles including work trucks (i.e., F150 Lighting).

The quantity of these improvements to date is minimal and appears to be cost-prohibitive to Montgomery Parks without additional funding specifically for these designated priorities as envisioned by the Council.

EV trucks, for instance, cost approximately 30k more than an Internal Combustion-type vehicle, especially for the long-range model most likely to be suited to the demands of the work. In addition, there are infrastructure improvements required to support these vehicles. Without additional CIP funds specifically addressed to these items, any advances will be incremental. I believe that if the county believes these improvements are important enough to mandate, the additional costs ought to be fully funded.

Asking the Parks Department to make these purchases using existing funding streams is not working.

Warm regards,

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