

## **FY2023 Operating and Capital Budget:**

It's budget time! Each year, with input from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Budget Director and Budget staff, after meetings with County departments, the Board of Education, Frederick Community College, and Frederick County Libraries, the County Executive proposes an annual budget to the County Council no later than April 15. The County Council is then required to adopt the "Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance of Frederick County" no later than May 31.

The County budget has two parts:

1. Capital: Structures that have long lifespans like buildings, bridges, roads, and parks; may also include the furniture, equipment, and supplies that are needed to start up operations at a new facility.
2. Operating: Day to day activities of the county (and related agencies); includes salaries, the cost of supplies and services, rent, bond and loan repayments, grants to the County's partners, and employee benefits.

The Council will hold a public hearing on April 19 and other work sessions throughout April and May. The meetings are open to the public both virtually and in person at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

## **April Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 PM – County Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 PM – County Council Public Hearing

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM – City Mayor & Board of Aldermen Public Hearing

Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM - Middletown Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 PM – County Council Workshop

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 PM - Brunswick Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM - Myersville Mayor & Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM - Thurmont Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM - Woodsboro Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 PM - City Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop

Thursday, April 14 7:00 PM - New Market Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 PM – County Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 PM - Thurmont Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 PM – FY23 Budget Public Hearing

Wednesday, April 20, 3:00 PM - City Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM – City Mayor & Board of Aldermen Public Meeting

Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM - Middletown Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 PM – County Council Workshop

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 PM - Thurmont Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 PM - Myersville Chat with a Councilmember

Wednesday, April 27, 9:00 AM – County Council Budget Work Session

Wednesday, April 27, 3:00 PM - City Mayor and Board of Aldermen Workshop

Thursday, April 28, 9:00 AM – County Council Budget Work Session

Friday, April 29, 9:00 AM – County Council Budget Work Session

### **RPAC Spotlight**

Although Maryland elections are not until November, a lot happens in the interim. The deadline for candidates running for elective office in Frederick County and the State of Maryland to file their intent to run is Friday April 15, 2022. There are at least 26 candidates running for County Executive and County Commissioner. What does this have to do with you? These elected officials will be creating laws for the next four years and could make our jobs easier or much harder. RPAC protects our industry through the financial support of REALTOR® friendly candidates and issues campaigns and it is imperative that we put our RPAC dollars to work and support the candidates who understand and support the real estate industry and Frederick County's homeowners.

Please consider [supporting RPAC](#) in any amount to help make our voices heard throughout this election cycle and for the next four years.

### **State Legislative Session Update**

The Maryland General Assembly adjourns on April 11 and, as always, it will be a race to the finish. Currently, four bills that we are tracking have been presented to the Governor including:

Maryland Realtor's very own [HB807](#) requiring an instructor of a continuing education course for real estate brokers, salespersons, and associate brokers to require an individual enrolled in an in-person course to provide a photo identification to verify the identity of the individual, and in the case of a remote or virtual class, a signed affidavit attesting to the identify of an individual is necessary.

[SB279](#) increasing the sources of funds that can be included in the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund.

[SB528](#) Climate Solutions Now Act which is hoped to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.