

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2011 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-42-2011

Proposed by Council Member Turner

Introduced by Council Member Turner

Date of Introduction May 26, 2011

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington
3 Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Recommendation of Water and Sewer Rates and
4 Ad Valorem Tax Levies for the Fiscal Year 2012

5 For the purpose of adopting as proposed the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets of
6 the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommended Water and Sewer Rates
7 and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for the Fiscal Year 2012.

8 WHEREAS, Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland
9 establishes a procedure for the preparation, review and approval of the annual capital and
10 operating budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and further provides for
11 recommendations by the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils regarding the rates
12 for water consumption and sewer usage charges and the ad valorem tax levies of the
13 Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2011, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission submitted
15 to the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties its proposed capital and
16 operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2012; and

17 WHEREAS, the Commission forwarded to the County Executives of both Counties the
18 record of the public hearings held by the Commission regarding its budget proposal; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
20 transmitted their recommendations on the Commission's proposed budget, including the record
21 of the public hearings held by the Commission, to the respective County Councils; and

22 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, upon due public notice, held a public

1 hearing on the Commission's proposed budget on April 12, 2011, at which interested persons
 2 were given an opportunity to be heard by the Prince George's County Council; and

3 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council, following review of said budgets,
 4 recommended approval of the Commission's budgets as proposed and transmitted this approval
 5 to the Montgomery County Council on May 11, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council received on May 11, 2011, from the
 7 Montgomery County Council its recommendation of approval of said budgets as proposed; and

8 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2011, the Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils
 9 jointly reviewed and approved the said capital and operating budgets as proposed;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 11 County, Maryland, that the following amounts and positions, or as much thereof as may be
 12 necessary to accomplish the purposes designated, are hereby approved for the budget of the
 13 Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and
 14 ending June 30, 2012:

	Operating	Capital
15 Salaries & Wages	\$ 98,418,000	\$ 23,953,000
16 Heat, Light & Power	25,275,000	0
17 Regional Sewage Disposal	49,478,000	0
18 Contract Work	0	270,039,000
19 Consulting Engineers	0	61,051,000
20 All Other Items	217,211,000	210,779,000
21 Debt Service	<u>235,763,000</u>	<u>100</u>
22 Total	\$626,145,000	\$565,922,000

23 Work-years Authorized: 1,681; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in implementing the above operating budget, the
 25 Commission shall establish its work program priorities within the dollar and workyear levels
 26 approved herein; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is authorized to increase the water and
 28 sewer operating reserve by \$3.4 million; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in adopting its Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget,
 30 the Counties and the Commission recognize that although total operating debt service is
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1 \$235,763,000 and equals 37.7% of the total operating budget, water and sewer operating debt
2 service, the portion of debt service supported by water and sewer rate revenues, is \$185,894,000
3 or 32.3% of the water and sewer operating budget; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George's County Council joins with the
5 Montgomery County Council in recommending to the Washington Suburban Sanitary
6 Commission the following:

- 7 1. Average increase for Water Consumption and Sewer Usage charge: 8.5%
- 8 2. The Water and Sewer Usage charges will be based on a water production rate of 170.0
9 million gallons per day; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any supplements to the Washington Suburban
11 Sanitary Commission's Approved Fiscal Year 2012 budget shall be in accordance with the
12 provisions of Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall:

- 14 1. Obtain the approval of both County Councils before increasing operating expenditures
15 above \$626,145,000.
- 16 2. Obtain the County Council's approval prior to making any transfer of funds from any
17 of the approved expenditure categories within the operating and capital budgets in
18 excess of five percent (5%) of the approved amounts. The amount approved for debt
19 service is excluded from this transfer authority.
- 20 3. Furnish monthly status reports to each County Council and County Executive as to the
21 fiscal and budgetary activities of the Commission pursuant to the Approved Operating
22 and Capital Budgets, commencing with the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year.
23 These reports shall be submitted not more than 45 calendar days after the close of each
24 month.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission may find it necessary from time to
26 time or on an emergency basis to adopt further orders or resolutions in connection with its Fiscal
27 Year 2012 Budget and/or the water and sewer use rates to be effective July 1, 2011, pursuant to
28 its authority under the Laws of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, Public Utilities
29 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.
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Adopted this 26th day of May, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner, Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

Note: Appendix C, D, and E available in hard copy only and as an Inclusion File in LIS