

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/1/2011  
**Reference No.:** CR-064-2011  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Park & Planning  
**Sponsor(s):** Turner  
**Item Title:** A Resolution concerning Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the purpose of amending certain revenues and expenditures in the Approved Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

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**Drafter:** M-NCPPC , Office of Budget and Management  
**Resource Personnel:** Darin Conforti,M-NCPPC Office of Budget and Management

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>		<b>Executive Action:</b>
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	9/27/2011 - PZED	<b>Effective Date:</b>
<b>Committee Action:</b>	10/5/2011 - FAV	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	9/27/2011	
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	11/1/2011 - 1:30 PM	
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	11/1/2011 - ADOPTED	
<b>Council Votes:</b>	WC:A, MRF:A, AH:A, LJ:-, ML:-, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A	
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### PZED Committee Report

**Date 10/5/2011**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Patterson, Campos, Harrison and Olson)

CR-64-2011 was introduced by the Council Chairman at the request of the Planning Board for the purpose of amending certain revenues and expenditures in the Approved M-NCPPC Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. The budget amendment involves an intra-fund transfer of \$10,000 for the Commission's Merit System Board which is projecting FY11 expenditures in excess of the total budget appropriation of \$47,650 per County. Due to a backlog and number of complex cases, the Merit System Board increased the use of outside legal advice. The funds for the increase would be transfers from the Central Administrative Services Department of Human Resources and Management budget. There is no impact to the Commission's total budget.

Patricia Colihan-Barney was present to respond to Council Members' questions regarding the proposed resolution.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The Merit System Board is projecting FY 11 expenditures in excess of the total budget appropriation of \$47,650 per County. This bi-county budget in the Administration Fund totals \$95,300 and provides for one part-time administrator, stipends for two board members and one chair, office supplies, legal counsel services, and official hearing recordation and transcription fees.

In FY 11, the Merit System Board continued to address a backlog of cases from FY 10 and heard a number of appeals cases originating in the current fiscal year and the Board heard a number of new appeal cases this fiscal year. The annual case load is outside the control of the Board. Due to the backlog and number of complex cases, the Board relies on the use of outside legal advice. As a result, the Merit System Board requires a budget allocation increase in the amount of \$10,000 per County in FY 11.

The source of funds for this increase would be a transfer from the Central Administrative Services (CAS) Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM), by reducing their budget appropriation level. The DHRM total budget allocation would be reduced by \$10,000. The DHRM budget generated savings in the current year by freezing positions in anticipation of potential FY 2012 fiscal constraints. There is no impact on the Commission's total budget.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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