PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-036-2026

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Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: May 5, 2026

Action: No Recommendation

REPORT:

VOTE: No Recommendation: Council Members Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey, Adams, Vice Chair Olson, and Council Chair Oriadha.

The Committee of the Whole met on May 5, 2026, to consider CR-036-2026, proposed by the Chair at the request of the County Executive.

Staff provided an overview stating that the purpose of the legislation is to approve certain FY 2027 multi-year contracts in accordance with the Prince George's County Charter and Subtitle 10-105 of the Prince George's County Code. The County Executive is required to submit legislation for all contracts exceeding a total of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) for goods and services and multi-year personal service contracts exceeding one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000). The FY 2027 Proposed Budget does not include any multi-year personal service contracts over $100,000. The multi-year contracts exceeding $500,000 or more are listed on Attachment A.

Mary Proctor-Swan, Office Management and Budget, explained that the list in Attachment A is part of the proposed FY 2027 multi-year contract package. She further explained that the list reflects both ongoing and anticipated multi-year obligations tied to the approved budget, with agency representatives available to respond to any questions.

Council Members expressed concerns regarding the timing of the submission of the multi-year contracts before the meeting, indicating that it didn't allow adequate time for Council review. Concerns were also raised regarding the procurement process for the multi-year contracts, specifically, seeking clarification of TBD vendors listed in the contract package.

Director Alice Williams, Office of Procurement, explained that these entries reflect requirements not yet fully procured or awarded, but were included to secure budget authority and ensure continuity for anticipated needs, with finalized contracts to return to the Council upon completion of the procurement process.

Council Members questioned whether approving TBD vendors effectively authorized contracts without identified recipients. Council Legislative staff clarified that the TBD entries were included for budgetary and forecasting purposes only and did not authorize execution of contracts outside the normal approval process. Council Members emphasized the importance of maintaining Council oversight and suggested creating a separate tracking mechanism for TBD items to ensure finalized contracts return to the Council for review and approval once vendors are identified.

Further discussion focused on concerns regarding the delayed submission of the legislation and the Council's ability to conduct a thorough review beforehand. Council Members reiterated that the late delivery of the contract package placed the body in a difficult position and limited sufficient time for legal, budgetary, and policy analysis during the budget cycle. Council Chair Oriadha requested that staff provide clarification regarding the Council's procedural options moving forward.

Council Legislative staff provided procedural context regarding the County's multi-year contract approval process, emphasizing that the purpose of the law is to ensure transparency and allow adequate Council review during the budget cycle. Staff noted that the legislation was submitted well after the April first deadline required by County law and outlined a procedural option for the Council to move the resolution forward without recommendation, thereby allowing additional time for Council review, public hearing notice, and further consideration before the final budget adoption. Staff further noted that if the Council voted to report the resolution out with no recommendation, it could be advertised for public hearing on May 26, 2026, with final budget adoption to occur on May 27, 2026.

Council Chair Oriadha emphasized the importance of maintaining public notice requirements and ensuring sufficient time for Council review of the contract list while balancing the need to avoid unintended consequences for agencies dependent on inclusion on the multi-year contract.

A motion was made to move CR-036-2026 with no recommendation, allowing the resolution to proceed to public hearing and providing additional time for review and potential adjustments before the final budget action. Vice Chair Olson seconded the motion.

The Council sitting as the Committee of the Whole voted no recommendation 6-0 on CR-036-2026.