

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Date: April 11, 2019

Action: Favorably Reported out with recommended amendments

REPORT:

Committee Vote: (Favorably reported out with recommended amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Glaros, Turner)

The TIEE Committee convened on April 11, 2019 to discuss the WSSC FY 2020 Operating Budget and FY 2020-2025 CIP. Audits & Investigations staff presented a detailed summary of the Operating and Capital Budgets, including an overview of revenues and expenditures, updates and highlights of major projects and analysis of key performance indicators. The report concluded with the following recommendations:

- Concur with the Commission's proposed increase in combined water and sewer rates (not to exceed 5% for FY 2020)
- Concur with the Commission's recommendation to maintain System Development Charge (SDC) fees at current levels, while increasing the maximum allowable charge according to state law
- Concur with the addition of one new sewer project in Prince George's County
- Concur with all other FY 2020 – FY 2025 CIP projects as reflected in the Proposed October 1, 2018 Document

The TIEE Committee also made one additional recommendation:

- Maintain the budget for the Office of the Inspector General at FY 2019 funding levels, effectively eliminating proposed funding for two new positions and leased office space. WSSC staff estimated the total cost of these items at \$500,000 and agreed to provide a breakdown of these costs.