

Subject: Appointment of Inspector General	
Purpose: Final action – vote expected	
Analyst: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney	Committee: Directly to Council
Keywords:	

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

NONE

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Council should appoint the Inspector General.
- 2) There is no Committee recommendation because this item is going directly to Council without Committee review.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The current Inspector General submitted a letter of resignation; the Council should appoint an Inspector General to complete the term of the outgoing Inspector General. This partial term does not preclude the appointee incumbent from serving two full 4-year terms.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

NONE

This report contains:

Draft resolution

©1

F:\Appointments\County Council Appointments\Inspector General\19 appointment\Cover sheet.docx

Alternative format requests for people with disabilities. If you need assistance accessing this report you may submit alternative format requests to the ADA Compliance Manager. The ADA Compliance Manager can also be reached at 240-777-6197 (TTY 240-777-6196) or at adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov

Appointment

MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2019

TO: County Council
FROM: Amanda Mihill, Legislative Attorney *amihill*
SUBJECT: Appointment of Inspector General

Background

The Office of the Inspector General was established in 1997. The goals of the Inspector General are to: review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies; prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies. In developing recommendations, the Inspector General may conduct investigations, budgetary analyses, and financial, management, or performance audits; and undertake any project jointly with any other government agency or private body.

The Inspector General directs the activities of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), subject to a work plan for the 4-year term which the Inspector General must adopt within 6 months after being appointed. The Inspector General must submit by October 1 each year an annual report to the Council and the Executive on the activities of the Office and its major findings and recommendations during the previous fiscal year.

The term of the Inspector General is typically a 4-year term that begins on July 1 of the 3rd year after an Executive and Council are elected, and ends on June 30 of the 3rd year after the next Executive and Council are elected. An Inspector General must not serve more than two full 4-year terms. Because the appointment the Council is scheduled to make today does not coincide with the start of the 4-year term cycle, the initial appointment will be for a partial term through June 30, 2021. This partial term does not preclude the appointee incumbent from serving two full 4-year terms.

Nominating Panel Process

The OIG law specifies that the Council must select the Inspector General from a list of at least 3 qualified persons submitted by an Inspector General Nominating Panel consisting of 3-5 County residents designated by Council resolution. On March 5, 2019 the Council appointed the following residents to the Inspector General Nominating Panel: Jerome Brown, Michael Faden, Steven Katz, Allison Lerner, and Maura Malone. The Council designated Ms. Lerner as Chair and Mr. Faden as Vice Chair. The Panel presented its recommendations to the Council on June 11, 2019.

Council Action

The Council has considered the recommendations of the Inspector General Nominating Panel and is prepared to take action. Attached is a draft resolution for the Council's consideration.

f:\appointments\county council appointments\inspector general\19 appointment\council appointment\appointment memo.doc

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Inspector General

Background

1. Section 2-151 of the County Code establishes the Office of the Inspector General to:
 - a) review the effectiveness and efficiency of programs and operations of County government and independent County agencies;
 - b) prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities; and
 - c) propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies.
2. Section 2-151 specifies that the Office of the Inspector General will be headed by an Inspector General. The Inspector General is appointed by the Council from a list of at least 3 qualified persons submitted by an Inspector General Nominating Panel.
3. In a letter dated January 24 2019, Inspector General Edward L. Blansitt III indicated his intent to resign from that position no later than September 27, 2019. The Council must appoint an Inspector General to complete a term if the Inspector General resigns, dies, or is removed from office.
4. On March 5, 2019, the Council appointed an Inspector General Nominating Panel. The Panel presented its recommendations for Inspector General candidates to the Council on June 11, 2019. The Council has completed its review, including interviews, of the proposed candidates.
5. Section 2-151 provides that the term of each Inspector General begins on July 1 of the third year after an Executive and Council are elected, and ends on June 30 of the third year after the next Executive and Council are elected. An Inspector General must not

serve more than two full 4-year terms, not including any time served as Inspector General to complete an unexpired term.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

is appointed to the position of Inspector General, in County pay grade 40, effective September 1, 2019, until June 30, 2021, or until a successor has been appointed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Esq., Clerk of the Council