



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, District 5
Sydney J. Harrison, Vice Chair, District 9
Wala Blegay, District 6
Edward P. Burroughs, III, District 8
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Mel Franklin, At-Large
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Thursday, May 23, 2024

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:36 a.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

Present: 10 - Chair Jolene Ivey
Vice Chair Sydney Harrison
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Ingrid Watson

Remote: 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator

Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney

Stanley Earley, Director, OMB

Amber Hendricks, Deputy Director, OMB

Josh Hamlin, Director of Budget and Policy Analysis

Eric Irving, Fiscal & Legislative Specialist

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Dr. Valdes Snipes from L.O.V.E. AME Church, Upper Marlboro, MD. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for the residents of Efland, NC.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Oriadha.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Grant Walker addressed the Council.

DESIGNATION OF MAY 23, 2024 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 13

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING – (ENACTMENT)[CB-017-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF APPEALS COMPOSITION AND SALARY REVISION for the purpose of decreasing the composition of the Board of Appeals, increasing the monthly salary rate for each member of the Board of Appeals and the additional annual salary rate for the Chairman of the Board of Appeals.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Hawkins, Harrison, Fisher, Franklin and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2024017](#)
[CB-017-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-017-2024 Report](#)
[CB-017-2024 PAFI](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:43 a.m. There was no one signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS[CR-041-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 for the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommended Water and Sewer Rates and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2025

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024041](#)
[CR-041-2024 Appendices C-F](#)
[CR-041-2024 Summary](#)

Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, requires the joint WSSC operating and capital budgets. This resolution recommends that WSSC adopt an 8.5% combined rate increase in fixed fees and water and sewer rates. The joint approval of both Councils is required to increase operating expenditures above the amount approved for Fiscal Year 2024. Any changes to the Operating or Capital Budget categories that exceed the approved categories by 5% or greater require prior Council approval. For changes below the 5% limit, the Commission may authorize the transfer of funds between categories.

FY2025 Water and Sewer Operating Budget - \$1,014,058,900

FY2025 General Bond Debt Service Operating Budget - \$5,744,000

TOTAL FY2025 Operating Budget - \$ 1,019,803,000

FY2025 Capital Budget - \$ 791,267,000

TOTAL FY2025 Operating and Capital Budget - \$1,811,070,000

Combined Volumetric/ Fixed Fee Rate Increase - 8.5%

Water and Sewer Rate Schedule (eff.: July 1, 2024. See Appendix C)

Account Maintenance Fee - (Fee varies by meter size. See Appendix D)

Infrastructure Investment Fee - (Fee varies by meter size. See Appendix E)

SDC Fee - \$203 per fixture

Water Production - 162.0 million gallons per day

Authorized Work-Years - 1,963

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)

[CR-042-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FISCAL YEARS 2025-2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE for the purpose of adopting with amendments the WSSC Fiscal Years 2025-2030 Capital Improvements Program and Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget for Water and Sewerage.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024042](#)
[CR-042-2024 Appendices A and B](#)
[CR-042-2024 Summary](#)

The WSSC Fiscal Years 2025-2030 Capital Improvements Program contains projects totaling \$4.8 billion. The Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget totals \$791.3 million.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Franklin.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**

CR-043-2024

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION BUDGET AND TAX RATES for the purpose of approving the Washington Suburban Transit Commission's administration of the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Mass Transit Plan; approving the levy of property tax rates necessary to support the expenses and obligations of the Commission including County mass transit operations; and approving the Commission's administrative budget.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Dernoga, Hawkins and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024043](#)
[CR-043-2024 Summary](#)

This resolution provides for certifying the dedicated property tax rates for transit activities by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission ("WSTC"), approving the levy of property tax rates necessary to support the expenses and obligations of the Commission, approving the budget for the County's Mass Transit Plan, and formally approving the WSTC's administrative budget, as approved in the Prince George's - Montgomery Bi-County Council meeting of May 9, 2024.

The tax levy of two and six-tenths cents (\$0.026) per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property and six- and one-half cents (\$0.065) per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property is the County's share of the total WSTC budget of \$423,441,517. The County's share of the Approved FY 25 WSTC Administrative Budget is \$148,661.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Dernoga, Hawkins and Franklin.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**

[CR-044-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REVENUE AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2025-2030, prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 21A of the Prince George's County Code and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Authority for Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Dernoga, Hawkins and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024044](#)
[CR-044-2024 Attachment 1](#)
[CR-044-2024 Attachment 2](#)
[CR-044-2024 Summary](#)

In Fiscal Year 2025, the Revenue Authority's capital expenditures authorized is \$0. This resolution approves the proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Revenue Authority.

The Revenue Authority is required to submit its proposed Operating Budget to the Council for comments. This resolution states the Council's concurrence with the FY 2025 Operating Budget of \$50,390,600 and the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2025-2030.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Oridha, Hawkins and Franklin.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**

[CR-045-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2025-2030; prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 15B of the Prince George's County Code; and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Redevelopment Authority for Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Oriadha and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024045](#)
[CR-045-2024 Attachment 1](#)
[CR-045-2024 Attachment 2](#)
[CR-045-2024 Summary](#)

The Redevelopment Authority is proposing a six-year Capital Improvement Program. This Resolution approves the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,204,000 for four projects, as follows:

Cheverly Development - \$2,454,00

Old Fairmont Heights HS Redevelopment - \$5,000,000

Gateway Development Authority - \$500,000

Town of Upper Marlboro - \$250,000

The Redevelopment Authority is required to submit its proposed Operating Budget to the County Council for comments. This resolution states the Council's concurrence on the Authority's proposed FY 2025 Capital Budget of \$8,204,000, and an Operating Budget of approximately \$773,900, as well as the Property Management Services Special Revenue Fund amount of \$567,000.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Fisher, Oriadha and Franklin.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

3. ADOPTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PORTION OF THE MARYLAND - NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR THE M-NCPPC

[CB-044-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain taxes for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended ("Land Use Article").

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Hawkins, Fisher and Franklin

Attachment(s): [B2024044](#)
[CB-044-2024 Appendix A](#)
[CB-044-2024 Appendix B](#)
[CB-044-2024 Summary](#)

This bill adopts the M-NCPPC's operating and capital budgets for Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2025 and establishes the tax rates as shown below. The total tax rate is proposed at 29.40 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real property and 73.50 cents per \$100 of assessed value of personal property.

<i>Real Property Tax Rates</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>5.66 cents</i>	<i>5.66 cents</i>
<i>Advance Land Acquisition</i>	<i>-0- cents</i>	<i>-0- cents</i>
<i>Mandatory Metropolitan District</i>	<i>4.00 cents</i>	<i>4.00 cents</i>
<i>Discretionary Metropolitan District</i>	<i>11.94 cents</i>	<i>11.94 cents</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>7.80 cents</i>	<i>7.80 cents</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>29.40 cents</i>	<i>29.40 cents</i>
<i>Personal Property Tax Rates</i>	<i>FY 2024</i>	<i>FY 2025</i>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>14.15 cents</i>	<i>14.15 cents</i>
<i>Advance Land Acquisition</i>	<i>-0- cents</i>	<i>-0- cents</i>
<i>Mandatory Metropolitan District</i>	<i>10.00 cents</i>	<i>10.00 cents</i>
<i>Discretionary Metropolitan District</i>	<i>29.85 cents</i>	<i>29.85 cents</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>19.50 cents</i>	<i>19.50 cents</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>73.50 cents</i>	<i>73.50 cents</i>
<i>M-NCPPC (Pr. George's Co) FY25 Operating Budget</i>		
<i>Administration Fund</i>	<i>\$107,133,795</i>	
<i>Recreation Fund</i>	<i>147,866,303</i>	

4. ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

[CB-045-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATIONS for the purpose of making appropriations for the support of the County government and for the Prince George's Community College and for the schools, institutions, departments, offices, boards, commissions, and agencies of Prince George's County, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025; adopting the current expense budget, the capital improvement program, and the capital budget prepared according to the Charter of Prince George's County and submitted by the County Executive to the County Council; appropriating the items of expense in said current expense budget; establishing rates of reimbursement for subsistence expenses for employees of the County; providing for the inclusion of all State, Federal and private grants received subsequent to adoption of the current expense budget; imposing the applicable income and special area tax rates under the public general laws and public local laws of Maryland; all to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2025.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin and Oriadha

Attachment(s): [B2024045](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 1](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 2](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 3](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 4](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 4A](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 4B](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 5](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 6](#)
[CB-045-2024 Exhibit 7](#)
[CB-045-2024 Summary](#)

This bill adopts the County's current expense budget and capital budget for the fiscal year 2025.

It adopts an appropriation amount for the County's General Fund portion of the budget of \$4.589 billion, which is \$75 million, or 1.7% over the approved FY 2024 budget of \$4.514 billion. Overall, 64.8% of all General Funds are appropriated for Education (Board of Education, Community College, and Memorial Library), while Public Safety receives 19.9% of available funds. Of the remaining 15.3% of County General Funds, 9.6%

goes to pay for fixed charges and debt service, leaving 5.7% for Human Services, Public Works, Environment, and General Government. The budget also establishes appropriation authority for all operating funds, including grants, Internal Service funds, Enterprise funds, and Special Revenue funds that, when combined with the General Fund, totals \$5.50 billion.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin and Oriadha.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Nay	1 - Burroughs

5. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 05232024](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Judy Mickens-Murray, Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget.

Sponsor(s): Ivey

Attachment(s): [BOE Budget Letter](#)
[BOE Budget Letter Attachment 1](#)
[BOE Budget Letter Summary](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson and Watson
Nay	1 - Oriadha

6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

[CR-046-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of modifying the System Development Charge (SDC) to help finance the capital costs of expanding and augmenting water and sewage systems to accommodate service to subscribers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) and to provide a financing mechanism to aid the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Commission) in paying for the capital projects thereof by providing methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Olson, Hawkins, Franklin and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2024046](#)
[CR-046-2024 Summary](#)

Section 25-402 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the imposition of a System Development Charge (SDC) fee, and Section 25-403 provides that Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils shall meet annually to discuss and approve the SDC fee. The Councils met on May 9, 2024 and agreed to increase the SDC maximum allowable ceiling by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior calendar year. The CPI for November 2022 to November 2023 increased by 2.3%. The Commission is not increasing the SDC fee. The fee has not changed since FY 2000 (July 1999). This action provides the Commission with the flexibility in future fiscal years to increase the base System Development Charge for water supply fixtures with an assigned fixture value of 1 from \$88.00 to a maximum of \$156.00, and the base System Development Charge for a sewage drainage fixture with an assigned drainage fixture unit value of 1 from \$115.00 to a maximum of \$204.00.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Olson, Hawkins, Franklin and Fisher.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Chair Ivey spoke to the budget as adopted by the Council and expressed a gratitude to each of her colleagues on the Council for their efforts collectively and in their respective districts. Chair Ivey thanked the County Executive, Council Administrator, Council's Administrative staff, along with various agencies and staff from the Office of the County Executive. Chair Ivey also thanked the residents for participating in the budget process and highlighted some of the priorities included in the budget, despite the current budget shortfalls in the county and around the country.

[ADJ55-24](#)

Draft 1

ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:14 PM.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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