



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs, III, District 8
Derrick Leon Davis, District 6
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Mel Franklin, At-Large
Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3
Sydney J. Harrison, Vice Chair, District 9
Jolene Ivey, District 5
Rodney C. Streeter, District 7
Deni L. Taveras, District 2
Todd M. Turner, District 4

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

10:00 AM

VIRTUAL MEETING

VIEW USING THE LINK PROVIDED AT: <https://pgccouncil.us/LIVE>

10:00 A.M. - SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Swearing-In Ceremony for Edward P. Burroughs, III, as Council Member, District 8, was convened by Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, III, at 10:13 a.m.

Edward Burroughs III, Council Member, District 8

THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY CONCLUDED AT 11:00 AM.

RECESS

11:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, at 11:43 a.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

Present: 11 - Chair Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Dannielle Glaros
Vice Chair Sydney Harrison
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras
Council Member Todd Turner

Also present:

*Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant
James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison
Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney
Nancy Lineman, Associate County Attorney
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director
Monica B. James, Legislative Officer
Kathy Canning, Legislative Officer
Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer*

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Charles Whitaker, River of Life Church, Temple Hills, Maryland. Vice Chair Harrison requested prayer for fellow Prince Georgians, for those who've gone through isolation, abandonment, for those who've lost loved ones, and for the light of love to rule. Council Member Ivey requested prayer to thank God for the newest member and for the Swearing-In Ceremony that took place for Council Member Burroughs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Burroughs.

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 5

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 02012022](#) County Council Minutes dated February 1, 2022
Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02012022](#)

These Minutes were approved.

[MIN 02082022](#) County Council Minutes dated February 8, 2022
Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02082022](#)

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-005-2022](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS** for the purpose of establishing a property tax credit for certain elderly individuals.
Draft 1

Sponsor(s): Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2022005](#)
[CB-005-2022 AiS](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Dernoga and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole.

[Consent7-22](#) **MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA**
Draft 1

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

2. BRIEFING

[BR 02152022](#)

Draft 1

CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of Environment (DOE)

Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Associate Director, DOE

Mary Abe, Natural Resources Program Manager, DOE

Attachment(s): [Climate Plan Presentation Council-Final](#)

The briefing convened at 12:09 p.m. J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE) provided an overview of the Climate Action Commission. Council Member Dernoga provided comments as a member of the commission. Mr. Battle introduced Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of Environment (DOE), who introduced the participants and facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "CLIMATE PRIORITIES A Vision for RESILIENCE in Post-Pandemic Prince George's County." The presentation highlighted the following: THE TIME IS NOW, AND THE NEED IS URGENT; Climate Impacts Are Already Here; If we don't stop climate change now, your predicted future, based on your current age; Stage of Life by Year 2050 Representing 68 % of Prince George's County's Current Population; We Must Act Now While WE Still Have a CHOICE; CLIMATE ACTION PLAN; CLIMATE AND THE COUNTY Where we are, and where we need to go; Our County is Experiencing More Frequent and More Intense Events; Inaction is no longer an option; Insurance companies, major banking institutions, creditors, relators, and more are beginning to heavily weigh climate risks as a factor for approving investments; Financial Loss and Claims; In a climate altered future, for a thriving Prince George's County, we must change our relationship with land and nature; Transformational Leadership is Needed; So how is land use a climate change contributor?; Can we achieve a 50% GHG reduction?; RECOMMENDATIONS; A Call for Transformational Leadership and Change; OPERATIONAL- COUNTY ACTIONS Actions needed to bring the other recommendations to life; MITIGATION; ADAPTATION/RESILIENCE; Why our Code of Ordinance must now be significantly revised and cyclically updated here forward?; ADAPTATION/RESILIENCE; OPPORTUNITIES & VISION The County we want to be; Climate Change CHOICES: What will our lives be like for 68% of Prince George's County Population by Year 2050?; Generational Opportunity to Thrive and Prosper; Prince George's County is Particularly Vulnerable; OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: Critical for a Prosperous and Equitable Carbon Neutral Future; CALL TO ACTION The

role of Leadership in Climate Action; ACTION REQUIRED Don't let this report sit on a shelf and gather dust; AFFIRM THIS COUNTY CAN LEAD BY EXAMPLE; PERSONAL LEADERSHIP; LEGACY ISSUE; Bold Action is Required; We Cannot Afford to Fall Behind; and Prince Georgians are ready to tackle climate change, together. The participants responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 1:27 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

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RECESS

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 1:27 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

1:00 PM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

RECONVENE

THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 3:33 PM.

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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Proposed letter to the Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Nick Charles, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 02/15/2022 COW meeting).

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter - 2-15-22](#)

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, General Assembly Committee (GA) provided an overview provided an overview of the Proposed letter to the Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Nick Charles, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation.

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

Aye 8 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner
Absent Dernoga, Franklin and Streeter

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Proposed joint signature letter to Paul C. Smedberg, Chair, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) expressing the position of Prince George's County on their Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Service Proposal.

Attachment(s): [WMATA FY23 Budget & Service Recommendations Joint Letter](#)

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE) provided an overview Proposed joint signature letter to Paul C. Smedberg, Chair, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

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

Aye 8 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner
Absent Dernoga, Franklin and Streeter

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Proposed letter to Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator, appointing Turkessa M. Green as the County Auditor for Prince George's County, effective March 1, 2022.

Attachment(s): [County Auditor Appointment Letter](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council

Member Ivey, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner
Absent Dernoga, Franklin and Streeter

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:45 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Hawkins, Burroughs, Davis, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Taveras and Turner
Absent Dernoga, Franklin and Streeter

Prepared by:

Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council