

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 3/14/95

**Reference No.:** CR-6-1995

**Proposer:** M-NCPPC

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** MacKinnon and Del Giudice

**Item Title:** To amend the Prince George's County portion of M-NCPPC Capital Budget for FY 95 to add \$793,500 to Prince George's Baseball Stadium project (CIP ID #EC040932) from the Stadium Reserve account in the Recreation fund

**Drafter:** Darlene Brady  
Council Finance Officer

**Resource Personnel:** David L. Goode  
Council Administrator

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Referral:**(1) 1/10/95 PZED

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Committee Action:**(1) 2/6/95 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 1/10/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 3/14/95 1:30 PM

**Council Action:** (1) 3/14/95 Adopted

**Council Votes:** AMc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:N, WM:A, RVR:N, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEV. COM. REPORT

DATE: 2/6/95

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 4-1 (In favor: Council Members Maloney, MacKinnon, Gourdine and Wilson; Opposed: Council Member Russell).

Committee staff explained that this resolution amends the FY 94-95 Capital Budget for the M-NCPPC to include \$793,500 for additional parking for the stadium used by the Bowie Baysox. The funds have been identified in the Stadium Reserve account in the Recreation Fund of the current year's operating budget. This money was generated from the 2.5 cent increase in the Recreation Fund tax rate in FY 93, which was dedicated to satisfy the County's commitment regarding

construction of the stadium. This request will facilitate the construction of approximately 1,000 spaces, including walkways, a pedestrian bridge over Green Branch, a stormwater management facility, and lighting. The site for the parking is on the north side of the stadium, and is owned by the M-NCPPC. The money will be paid back to the Commission through a reserved parking program, expected to generate approximately \$100,000 per year. Staff also noted that this resolution must be taken to public hearing by the Council prior to its adoption.

The Office of Law found the resolution to be in proper legislative form, with a technical amendment, the Legislative Officer also found it to be in proper legislative form, but noted that Attachment "A" would have to be amended to reflect the reserved parking arrangement, and the Office of Audits and Investigations reported that there will be no negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting this resolution. On December 2, the County Executive, Parris Glendening, transmitted a letter of support for this budget amendment. The Office of Management of Budget, citing an apparent inadequacy of funding for the proposed project, along with the current financial strains in the County's FY 96 capital and operating budgets, has since recommended that consideration should be given to scaling back or delaying the proposed project. Committee staff noted that the OMB estimate of the cost of constructing this project, from which the conclusion that there was inadequate funding was reached, was based on the estimated cost of constructing a paved lot. However, the proposed lot will not be paved, but rather gravel, and will therefore be less costly.

Roy Dabney, Robert Arciprete, and Jackie Gilbert, representing the M-NCPPC, provided the committee with the history of the stadium agreement between the M-NCPPC and the Maryland Baseball Limited Partnership, and more details regarding this proposal. Ms. Gilbert presented a site plan of the stadium, its current parking, and the proposed lot. It was explained that when the stadium opened in 1993, there were 1,600 spaces on-site, and three auxiliary parking lots, (the Bank of Bowie, Collington Plaza, and a Metrobus lot) from which patrons were shuttled to the stadium. It was estimated that between 1,200 and 1,300 cars were parked in these off-site lots. There are now 2,000 spaces on-site, but the auxiliary parking is no longer available. The money for the proposed lot will be reimbursed through a reserved parking program that will charge \$3 per game for 71 games, utilize 500 of the existing 2,000 on-site spaces, and will generate approximately \$100,000 per year. The cost of the additional parking should therefore be repaid within ten years, which is the initial term of agreement in the lease with Maryland Baseball. The original agreement between Maryland Baseball and the Commission requires that Maryland Baseball must agree to a paid reserve parking program before it can be implemented, and Ms. Gilbert stated that the agreement with Maryland Baseball to charge for parking and reserve spaces for that purpose was contingent upon additional parking being provided.

The Committee discussed various arrangements for the money generated from the reserved parking program. It was agreed that rather than placing the funds in a special fund reserved for stadium improvements, or limiting the number of years that it is collected, the money would simply be returned to the Recreation Fund, to be used for general purposes. The resolution was reported out of committee with a favorable report, with the technical amendments recommended by the Office of Law and the revisions to Attachment "A" that reflect the agreement regarding the reserved parking

program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

By letter dated 10/31/94, the Prince George's County Planning Board requested that the FY 95 M-NCPPC Capital Budget be amended to include additional funding in the amount of \$793,500 for the Prince George's Baseball Stadium.

This project was first approved in the FY 1993 Capital Budget for design and construction in the amount of \$9,000,000. It has been determined that there is a need for expanded parking to accommodate patrons. Funding in the amount of \$793,500 has been identified by the Commission from the Stadium Reserve account in the Recreation Fund, provided in the FY 95 Operating Budget.

Section 2-118(a)(6) of Article 28 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for amendments by resolution of the County Council after receipt of the County Executive's recommendation and after a public hearing.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**