



# Prince George's County Council

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1301 McCormick Dr  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

*Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large*  
*Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8*  
*Wala Blegay, District 6*  
*Sydney J. Harrison, District 9*  
*Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1*  
*Wanika Fisher, District 2*  
*Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large*  
*Eric C. Olson, District 3*  
*Krystal Oriadha, District 7*  
*Ingrid S. Watson, District 4*  
*Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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Tuesday, January 28, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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### **9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE – (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

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

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

*The meeting was convened by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:11 a.m. with 6 members present at roll call. Council Members Blegay and Hawkins arrived at 11:13 a.m. Vice Chair Burroughs arrived at 11:24 a.m. Council Member Harrison had an excused absence. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).*

**Present:** 9 - Chair Jolene Ivey  
Vice Chair Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha  
Council Member Ingrid Watson

**Excused:** 1 - Council Member Sydney Harrison

*Also present:*

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator*  
*Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator*  
*Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council*  
*Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council*  
*Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide*  
*Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*  
*Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney*  
*Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney*  
*Rana Hightower, PHED Committee Director*  
*Arian Albear, EWD Committee Director*

**INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Pastor Tony Love, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Oxon Hill, Maryland. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Council Member Watson on her birthday. Chair Ivey also requested prayer for the immigrant community, all federal workers, and for one anyone under excruciating stress during these difficult times. Council Member Olson requested prayer for the family of former College Park Mayor Mike Jacobs who recently passed away. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for her dear friend Rhona Allard who passed away this week. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for David Chapman and his family in light of the passing of his wife. Council Member Hawkins also requested prayer for Senator Gloria Lawlah and her family as they mourn the loss of her husband, Jack Lawlah.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dernoga.*

**REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*Tolson Banner addressed the Council with his concerns about snow removal.*

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

[MIN 01212025](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 21, 2025

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**Attachment(s):** [01212025](#)

**These Minutes were approved.**

**(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

[CB-003-2025](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF PERMITTING OMBUDSMAN** for the purpose of establishing The Office of Permitting Ombudsman for the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) in Prince George's County and creating a formal mechanism to address barriers for small business, homeowners, and other stakeholders in Prince George's County.

**Sponsor(s):** Olson

**Attachment(s):** [B2025003](#)

[CB-003-2025 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Olson and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

**[CB-004-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY TRAILER PARKING RESTRICTIONS** for the purpose of defining utility trailers and establishing parking restrictions for such trailers; requiring the display of information identifying the trailer's owner or rightful possessor; setting penalties for violating these parking restrictions; and excepting certain vehicles from these parking restrictions.

**Sponsor(s):** Olson

**Attachment(s):** [B2025004](#)  
[CB-004-2025 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Olson and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.**

**[CB-005-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM WAGE INDEXING** for the purpose of indexing Prince George's County's minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index and addressing the adverse impact on Direct Support Professionals.

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Oriadha and Ivey

**Attachment(s):** [B2025005](#)  
[CB-005-2025 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Dernoga, Oriadha and Ivey and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)****[CB-006-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT RENT STABILIZATION FOR ALL SENIOR HOUSING** for the purpose of establishing rent stabilization protections for all age-restricted senior rental units regardless of other exempted conditions.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Watson, Olson and Oriadha

**Attachment(s):** [B2025006](#)  
[CB-006-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson and Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

**[CB-007-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND EGG FREEZING FERTILITY COVERAGE** for the purpose of requiring that any health insurer contracted to offer health insurance plans to county employees include health insurance plans which will feature and have IVF and Egg Freezing fertility coverage as an offered part of health insurance.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher

**Attachment(s):** [B2025007](#)  
[CB-007-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Fisher and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

**(c) Introduction of Resolutions****[CR-003-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - LICENSES FOR RETAIL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENTS** for the purpose of stating a policy by the Prince George's County Council and requesting that the Prince George's House and Senate delegations of the Maryland General Assembly support local legislation allowing the Board ("the Board") of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class A beer and wine license to establishments in the Board's jurisdiction to sell beer and wine to individuals who are twenty-one (21) years old or older.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher, Blegay, Oriadha, Hawkins and Watson

**Attachment(s):** [R2025003](#)  
[CR-003-2025 Summary](#)

*The proposed legislation establishes a process to sell light wine and beer in grocery establishments. Often times, Prince George's residents must visit neighboring jurisdiction's to purchase beer and light wine. For the purposes of identifying access points to fresh food, a food retailer may be defined as a retail establishment that offers for sale food products in at least five of the following six categories: (1) fresh fruits and vegetables, (2) fresh and uncooked meat, poultry, and seafood, (3) dairy products and (4) canned foods, (5) frozen foods and (6) dry groceries and baked goods. Moreover, statistics show that Prince George's County has been hardest hit by the pandemic health wise are the same places where the County has the least access to primary care physicians and general health care. These areas are the same places to have the least access to healthy food. Lastly, grocers may be attracted to local supermarkets if they also sold beer and light wine, providing a one-stop shopping experience.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Blegay, Oriadha, Hawkins, and Watson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

##### **CR-005-2025**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS MULTIYEAR PLAN** for the purpose of transmitting the Local Impact Grant Funds Multiyear Plan to the County Council for review and approval.

**Attachment(s):** [R2025005](#)

[CR-005-2025 Attachment A \(Draft 2\)](#)

[CR-005-2025 Summary](#)

[CR-005-2025 Transmittal](#)

*Pursuant to CB-88-2015, this resolution will approve the Local Impact Fund Multiyear Plan for FY 2025 - FY 2027. The spending plan details the planned use of video lottery terminal taxes from FY 2025- FY 2027. The FY 2025 spending plan totals \$9,736,000 and allots funding to the following areas:*

*Joan's House (\$2,000,000), Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs (\$215,000), The Village network (\$50,000), Peer Forward (\$50,000), 100 Black Men of Prince George's County (\$50,000), Southern Prince George's Community Charities (\$50,000), Second District Community Development Corporation (\$4,250,000), Prince George's Community College - Financial Empowerment Center (\$200,000), Police Department (\$484,500), District 8 Young Adult and Jobs Program (\$200,000), County Council Administration-audits and program services (275,000) and various*

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*Community Impact Grants (\$1,911,500).*

*The proposed multi-year spending plan is subject to change based upon the County's annual budget process.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Hawkins, Watson, Dernoga, Fisher, Oridaha, Blegay, and Ivey and referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

[Consent5-25](#)

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**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**                      9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins,  
Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                      Harrison

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*NO ITEMS CONSIDERED*

**3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

[LTR 01282025](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to Ms. Rebecca L. Flora, Secretary of Planning, Maryland Department of Planning, supporting the County's application for recertification for the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

**Attachment(s):**    [Draft Letter of Support MALF Letter](#)  
[PGCPB Transmittal Packet](#)

*Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided an overview of the agenda letter.*

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

**Aye**                      9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins,  
Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                      Harrison

**4. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**[BR 01282025b](#)

Draft 1

**SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WORKGROUP REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Attachment(s):** [School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Final Report](#)  
[School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Presentation CC 01-27-2025](#)

*The briefing convened at 11:30 a.m. Council Chair Ivey introduced Arian Albear, Director, Education and Workforce Development Committee. Council Member Fisher, Chair of the workgroup, and Council Member Olson provided comments. Mr. Albear facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup Final Report and Recommendations December 2024" which highlighted the following: Purpose; Background Information; Legislation; Workgroup Membership; Final Recommendations - Ensure Pedestrian Safety Infrastructure at the Time of School Construction; Initiate an Overall Evaluation of Accessibility Around PGCPs Schools; Establish a Unified "Walk Audit" Template for Prince George's County; Set Up Proactive Agency Coordination Meetings; Establish Safe Passage Coordinators; Create a Pedestrian Safety Risk Measure of Schools; PGCPs Set Internal Goals and Timelines to Complete Walk Audits in Their Schools; Board of Education Members Engage and Educate the School Community on Pedestrian Safety Work; Lower Speed Limits Around Schools; Improve Educational Campaign Around School Pedestrian Safety; Organize "Walking School Buses" to Reduce the Number of Families Driving Their Children to School; Establish Traffic Calming Infrastructure and/or Temporary Street Restrictions Around Schools During Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times; Actively Encourage School Principals to Innovate Ways to Reduce the Number of Drivers to Schools; Launch Annual PGCPs Youth Transportation Safety Summit in April 2025; For School Crossing Guard Coverage, Establish Subcontracting of Municipal Police Departments by the Prince George's County Police Department; Establish Walk, Bike & Roll to School Days and Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day (November 14th) as Official County & PGCPs Events; Collaborate with Prince George's County Arts & Humanities Council to Create Walking Safety Signs and Artwork for Street Crosswalks; Create Bilingual (English-Spanish) Pedestrian Safety Education in the Most Dangerous Areas in the County for Pedestrians; Useful Resources For Pedestrian Safety; and Acknowledgments. The participants responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 11:46 a.m.*



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**This Briefing was held.**

**12:15 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

[ADJ13-25](#)

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**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:46 AM.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

**Aye**                    9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins,  
Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                Harrison

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council