



Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration
Building
1301 McCormick Dr
Largo, MD 20774

Meeting Minutes - Final 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

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

1:30 PM

Council Hearing Room

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

10:00 A.M. - PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

1:00 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

1:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 1:45 p.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Council Member Franklin participated remotely and on camera.

Present: 8 - Chair Jolene Ivey
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
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

Absent: Vice Chair Sydney Harrison
Council Member Wala Blegay

Remote: 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Karen Zavakos, Acting 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

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Christine Osei, M-NCPPC staff. Council Member Watson requested prayer for Rev. Brian Madison, who is battling some health issues. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for her father, Dr. Andrew Fisher, who is turning 61 years old. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer in recognition of 'Second Chance' month and all of the returning citizens. Council Chair Ivey requested prayer for her neighbor, Barton Conner, who recently passed away after spending a career as an educator at St. Ambrose and Bishop McNamara.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Council Member Oriadha.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Nicholis Worrell addressed the Council.

DESIGNATION OF APRIL 9, 2024 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 8**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 04022024](#)

County Council Minutes dated April 2, 2024

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [04022024](#)

These Minutes were approved.

(b) Introduction of Resolutions

[CR-026-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONTRACT APPROVALS for the purpose of approving certain multiyear contracts in accordance with the Prince George's County Charter and Subtitle 10 of the Prince George's County Code.

Draft 1

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Hawkins and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2024026](#)
[CR-026-2024 Attachment A](#)
[CR-026-2024 Attachment A \(with Additional OCS Notes\)](#)
[CR-026-2024 Report](#)
[CR-026-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-026-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-026-2024 Transmittal](#)

Section 819 of the County Charter, as well as Subtitle 10 of the County Code

set forth certain procedural requirements for the submission of certain FY 2025 County multiyear contracts with an amount of consideration exceeding a specified amount. This Resolution will approve certain multiyear contracts requiring action by the Council to take effect.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Hawkins and Fisher and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[Consent16-24](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

| | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 8 - | Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
| Absent | | Harrison, Blegay and Franklin |

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)

[CB-007-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISED ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX

CREDIT for the purpose of revising the current elderly property tax credit to make its applicability exclusive of and separate and distinct from the Homestead and Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit.

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

Attachment(s): [B2024007](#)
[CB-007-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-007-2024 Report](#)
[CB-007-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-013-2024 Transmittal](#)

Council Member Watson, Chair, (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for CB-007-2024. The purpose of this legislation is to clarify that this elderly property tax

credit is exclusive of and separate and distinct from the Homestead and Maryland Homeowner's property tax credit.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Oriadha, Franklin and Hawkins.

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

[CB-010-2024](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND FIREARM SAFETY LITERATURE for the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and distribute certain literature to establishments that sell firearms or ammunition; adding certain display and distribution requirements for sellers of firearms or ammunition; authorizing enforcement by the Department of Health and Human Services; making a civil violation for noncompliance; and generally relating to public safety.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Burroughs

Attachment(s): [B2024010](#)
[CB-010-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-010-2024 Report](#)
[CB-010-2024 PAFI](#)

Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee(HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CB-010-2024. Members not present were Harrison and Blegay (removed from bill if on there).

Recognizing the raising and untenable rates of firearm violence, suicide, and other violent acts committed in large part to mental health illness there needs to be legislative intervention. Firearm violence and suicide are a public health crisis that demands great effort to prevent further firearm violence and suicide from plaguing the County. Information published to the public about the dangers of firearms and suicide prevention is the first step in curbing firearm violence and suicide. This bill will help bring awareness to firearm violence, suicide awareness, and other violent acts.

This bill is modeled after Anne Arundel County's SAFE ACT law that was enacted on January 10, 2022. Shortly after enactment, four (4) owners of gun stores filed a lawsuit against Anne Arundel County challenging the constitutionality of the law. In particular, the plaintiff's argued the law violates the First Amendment by compelling speech and furthering the opinions of the County. After the plaintiff's lost on summary judgment they

filed an appeal in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Oral arguments were heard on October 13, 2023, and the parties are awaiting the court's opinion.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Hawkins, Dernoga and Burroughs.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING – (ENACTMENT)

[CB-008-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY RENT

STABILIZATION ACT OF 2023 for the purpose of extending the sunset date of the Temporary Rent Stabilization Act of 2023 for a period of six (6) months from April 17, 2024 to October 17, 2024 to continue combating the existing public emergency affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the threat of homelessness due to a lack of affordable housing.

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

Attachment(s): [B2024008](#)

[CB-008-2024 Summary](#)

[CB-008-2024 Report](#)

[CB-008-2024 PAFI](#)

CB-008-2024 Public Comments CC 4-09-2024 PH

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:07 p.m. Shannon Moulton, Ryan Washington, Lauren Busher, Arianna Evans, Clyde Hargraves, and Audrey Johnson signed up 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 Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Harrison and Blegay

[CB-013-2024](#)

Draft 2

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CANNABIS USES for the purpose of adding definitions and designating areas for Cannabis uses consistent with authority set forth in State law; prohibiting On-site cannabis consumption uses; setting forth regulations for permitted Cannabis uses; providing for the prospective application of provisions and amendments adopted herein; and providing a severability clause for the provisions related to Cannabis uses in Prince George's County.

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

Attachment(s): [B2024013](#)
[CB-013-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-013-2024 Report](#)
[CB-013-2024 Planning Board Recommendation on LDR-18-2024](#)
[CB-013-2024 Technical Staff Report LDR-18-2024](#)
[CB-013-2024 M-NCPPC Maps LDR-018-2024](#)
 01302024 Clerk Transmittal of draft legislative amendments to the local zoning laws of the County.
 CB-013-2024 Public Comments CC 4-09-2024 PH

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:23 p.m. Eddie Pounds signed up to speak. 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 Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson and Watson |
| Absent | Harrison, Blegay and Oriadha |

6. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

[CR-002-2024](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CY 2024-2033 COMPREHENSIVE TEN YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN for the purpose of adopting the Prince George's County CY 2024-2033 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan as recommended by the County Executive.

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

Attachment(s): [R2024002](#)
[CR-002-2024 Attachment \(DR-2\)](#)
[CR-002-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-002-2024 Report](#)
[CR-002-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-002-2024 Transmittal](#)
[CR-002-2024 CEX Memo to Council](#)
[CR-002-2024 PresentationTYSWP 2024 - 2033](#)

Council Member Olson, Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (TIEE), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the TIEE Committee for CR-002-2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins,
Olson and Watson

Absent Harrison, Blegay and Oriadha

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

Aye 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins,
Olson and Watson

Absent Harrison, Blegay and Oriadha

RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) (Continued)

CR-005-2024

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS for the purpose of highlighting the County Council’s encouragement and strong support for the creation of a commission on providing reparations to African American descendants of those previously enslaved in this State; appealing to the General Assembly to create the Maryland Representations Commission in remembrance of Harriet Tubman; and to have the General Assembly establish the Maryland Representations Commission during the 2024 legislative session.

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

Attachment(s): [R2024005](#)
[CR-005-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-005-2024 Report](#)

Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee(HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CR-005-2024.

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

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
| Absent | Harrison and Blegay |

RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) (Continued)

[CR-009-2024](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

WORKGROUP for the purpose of establishing a Workgroup to study improving school pedestrian safety; providing for the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a certain report; and generally regarding the School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Oriadha, Dernoga, Blegay and Burroughs

Attachment(s): [R2024009](#)
[CR-009-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-009-2024 Report](#)
[CR-009-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-009-2024 Proposed Amendment](#)

Arian Albear, Director, Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the EWD Committee for CR-009-2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
| Absent | Harrison and Blegay |

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

| | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
| Absent | Harrison and Blegay |

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

| | |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Absent

Harrison and Blegay

7. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS[CR-027-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DESIGNATING APRIL AS “SECOND CHANCE MONTH” for the purpose of collectively recognizing the month of April as “Second Chance Month” to celebrate the power of redemption and renewal in the lives of formerly incarcerated individuals seeking to rebuild their lives and thrive; raising awareness of unnecessary barriers faced by individuals with criminal records; promoting policies and initiatives that remove barriers to re-entry and help individuals with criminal records rebuild their lives and contribute positively to society; and honoring those who work towards removing unnecessary barriers and support formerly incarcerated individuals.

Sponsor(s): Watson, Olson, Fisher, Oriadha, Dernoga, Hawkins, Burroughs and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024027](#)
[CR-027-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-027-2024 Transmittal](#)

For the purpose of collectively recognizing the month of April as “Second Chance Month” to celebrate the power of redemption and renewal in the lives of formerly incarcerated individuals seeking to rebuild their lives and thrive; raising awareness of unnecessary barriers faced by individuals with criminal records; promoting policies and initiatives that remove barriers to re-entry and help individuals with criminal records rebuild their lives and contribute positively to society; honoring those who work towards removing unnecessary barriers and support formerly incarcerated individuals.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent Harrison and Blegay

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

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

Absent

Harrison and Blegay

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chair Ivey recognized Council Member Hawkins for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Hawkins presented a proclamation recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Second Chance Month".

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)[CR-028-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK for the purpose of recognizing April 11 -17th as the annual Black Maternal Health Week; to bring county wide attention to maternal health crisis in the United States and the importance of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women and birthing persons.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Burroughs and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024028](#)
[CR-028-2024 Summary](#)

Black Maternal Health Week is observed annually on April 11-17th. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black Maternal Health is a serious issue across the nation as Black women in the United States are 2.6 times more likely than White women to die from pregnancy-related causes. Here in Prince George's County, we have some of the highest rates of maternal mortality rates in the State of Maryland. In order to improve maternal health outcomes, an investment must be made in maternity care policies that support and promote affordable, comprehensive, and holistic maternal health care that is free from gender and racial discrimination. Therefore, this week is used to observe the challenges, advocacy work, medical ground breakings and awareness of Black Maternal Health.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aye | 9 - | Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson |
| Absent | | Harrison and Blegay |

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

Aye 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins,
Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Absent Harrison and Blegay

[ADJ39-24](#)

Draft 1

ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:58 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 9 - Ivey, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins,
Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Absent Harrison and Blegay

2:30 PM - BOARD OF HEALTH (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council