



Prince George's County Council

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Upper Marlboro, Maryland
20772-3050

Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3, Chair
Derrick Leon Davis, District 6
Mel Franklin, District 9
Andrea C. Harrison, District 5
Mary A. Lehman, District 1
Obie Patterson, District 8
Deni L. Taveras, District 2
Karen R. Toles, District 7
Todd M. Turner, District 4, Vice Chair

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

11:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

9:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

Due to lack of a quorum of members, a public statement was read and the agenda briefing was conducted as an informal discussion in lieu of a public meeting.

10:00 A.M. - RULES/GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The Rules and General Assembly Committee meeting was held. See Separate Standing Committee Report for details.

11:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glaros at 11:32 a.m. with six members present at roll call. Council Member Davis arrived at 11:34 a.m. Council Members Harrison and Patterson were absent due to County business.

Present: 7 - Chair Dannielle Glaros
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Mary Lehman
Council Member Deni Taveras
Council Member Karen Toles
Vice Chair Todd Turner

Absent: Council Member Andrea Harrison
Council Member Obie Patterson

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council
Donna J. Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Council
Nathaniel Tutt, III, County Executive's Office
Lakeecia Allen, Office of Law
Kathleen Canning, Legislative Officer
Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer
Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer
Karen Zavakos, Legislative Officer
Jennifer Jenkins, Director, RGA Committee
Sandra Eubanks, Interim Director, THE Committee

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Vernon N. Lattimore, New Song Bible Fellowship Church, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Council Member Franklin requested prayer for the Ramzziddin family and Chadds Ford community in the passing of Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin who was killed in the line of duty and announced information about the upcoming candlelight vigil. Council Member Lehman requested prayer for the family of Larry Aaron in his passing. Council Member Toles requested prayer of celebration of Lakeecia Allen's birthday. Council Member Glaros requested prayer for public safety officials and all students who were affected by the recent school shooting in Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Toles.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Jeff Harrison addressed the Council requesting support for House Bill 1461. Thomas Meyer addressed the Council on behalf of "Food and Water Watch" and expressed support for CR-7-2018 and related State legislation regarding renewable energy.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 02202018](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 20, 2018.

Draft 1

These minutes were approved**2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items considered.

[Consent8-2018](#)**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Draft 1

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

Aye	7 -	Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner
Absent		Harrison and Patterson

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT[LTR 02272018a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Jim Rosapepe, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Jay Walker, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter \(2-27-18\)](#)

Jennifer Jenkins, Director of the Rules and General Assembly, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

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

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

[LTR 02272018b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to The Honorable Angela M. Angel, Esq. requesting that HB 236 (Affordable Housing Commission) be held until the completion of the County's Comprehensive Housing Study.

Attachment(s): [House Bill 236 \(PG 408-18\) Affordable Housing Commission Letter \(TMT Edits\)](#)

Jennifer Jenkins, Director of the Rules and General Assembly, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

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

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

[LTR 02272018c](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House, the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate, the Honorable Jim Rosapepe, Chair, Prince George's Senate Delegation, the Honorable Jay Walker, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, the Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chair, House Economic Matters Committee, and the Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair, Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee transmitting the Prince George's County resolution on renewable energy.

Attachment(s): [Renewable Energy Letter \(CR-7-2018\)](#)

Council Member Turner, as Chair of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee (THE), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the committee.

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

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

4. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION[CR-003-2018](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (AUGUST 2017 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan.

Sponsor(s): Davis, Turner, Taveras and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2018003](#)
[CR-3-2018 Attachments A & B](#)
[CR-3-2018 AIS.pdf](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing was convened at 11:55 a.m. R. Drew Thomas provided verbal testimony. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Chair Glaros announced that this matter is scheduled to be considered by the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The public hearing was held for this Resolution

5. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)[CR-007-2018](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY CALLING FOR INCREASE IN MARYLAND’S RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD for the purpose of providing that the Prince George’s County Council urges the Maryland General Assembly to increase the state’s renewable portfolio standard to a goal of at least 50% renewable energy no later than 2030 and a further goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035; providing that the renewable portfolio standard must only contain safe, clean generation sources such as wind, solar, and ocean tidal energy sources; providing for the transmittal of the resolution; and generally relating to renewable energy.

Sponsor(s): Lehman, Glaros and Taveras

Attachment(s): [R2018007](#)
[CR-7-2018 AIS](#)
[CR-7-2018 Report](#)

Council Member Turner, as Chair of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee (THE), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the committee. Council Member Lehman thanked her colleagues for their support of the measure.

A motion was made by Council Member Taveras, seconded by Council Member Lehman, to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1 of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

A motion was made by Council Member Lehman, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that Draft 2 of this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

[CR-009-2018](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAX CREDIT REFORM COMMISSION

for the purpose of establishing the Tax Credit Reform Commission to address the effectiveness, utilization and efficacy of tax credits imposed in the County.

Sponsor(s): Davis, Turner, Franklin and Taveras

Attachment(s): [R2018009](#)
[CR-9-2018 AIS.pdf](#)

Council Member Davis proffered an amendment to the membership composition of the commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Vice Chair Turner, that this Resolution be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

Draft 2 of this Resolution was introduced by Council Members Davis, Turner, Franklin and Taveras

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Lehman, that the Council Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the immediate adoption of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras, Toles and Turner

Absent Harrison and Patterson

Council Member Toles expressed concern regarding the impact on the military and the timeline for the commission to submit its recommendations. Council Member Lehman questioned the impact on public safety workers, senior citizens and retired military. Chair Glaros expressed a continued need to publicize the Homeowner's and Homestead Tax Credits which are under-utilized in Prince George's County.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that Draft 2 of this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	6 -	Glaros, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Taveras and Turner
Absent		Harrison, Patterson and Toles

BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[BR 02272018](#)

Draft 1

WGL HOLDINGS, INC., WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY AND ALTAGAS, LTD. MERGER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Erica S. Bannerman
Energy Manager
Office of Central Services

Nathaniel Tutt, III, Council Liaison, provided introductory remarks, noting that Ms. Bannerman was unable to attend. Roland Jones, Director of the Office of Central Services, briefed the council on the proposed merger and settlement agreement and spoke to the benefits to the County and potential timeline. He responded to questions posed by the Council regarding the previous merger processes. Steven Jumper, Director of Corporate Public Policy for Washington Gas responded to additional questions posed by the Council regarding: the timeline, community outreach and engagement, fund disbursement to the County for low income assistance, bill credit for existing customers, charitable contributions, impact on Chillum Road and any potential rate increase.

This Briefing was held

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS - (CONTINUED)

[CR-010-2018](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WGL HOLDINGS, INC., WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY AND ALTAGAS, LTD. MERGER AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT for the purpose of recommending that the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approve the merger of WGL Holdings, Inc., Washington Gas Light Company (“Washington Gas”) and AltaGas, Ltd. (“AltaGas”), including the terms of the Settlement Agreement and

Prepared by:

Donna J. Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Council

Submitted by:

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council