



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Thomas E. Dernoga, Chair, District 1
Wala Blegay, Vice Chair, District 6
Edward P. Burroughs, III, District 8
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Mel Franklin, At-Large
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Jolene Ivey, District 5
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:45 A.M. - DISTRICT COUNCIL - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened at 10:39 a.m. by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga, with seven council members present at roll call. Council Members Burroughs and Harrison arrived at 10:40 a.m. Council Member Oriadha arrived at 10:46 am. Council Member Franklin arrived at 10:56 a.m.

Present: 11 - Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Vice Chair Wala Blegay
Chair Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Ingrid Watson
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Colette Gresham, Acting Deputy Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant

James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Jibril Brown, Legislative Officer

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Evelyn Romero, College Park United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hawkins.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 32**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 10032023](#)

County Council Minutes dated October 3, 2023

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [10032023](#)**These Minutes were approved.****CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)****(b) Introduction of Resolutions**[CR-090-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH Fund for the purpose of encouraging providing grants to organizations whose mission is based on alleviating maternal health disparities in the African American community.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023090](#)

[CR-090-2023 Summary](#)[CR-090-2023 OOL Comment](#)

This legislation is needed to begin to address the dire maternal mortality statistics in the African American community.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Hawkins, Harrison, Watson, Fisher, Olson, Dernoga, Ivey, Burroughs and Blegay and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CR-091-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COUNTY POLICIES AND HEALTHCARE OPTIONS TASK FORCE for the purpose of creating a task

force to audit the county policies and healthcare benefit options for current county employees, with a focus on maternal health.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023091](#)
[CR-091-2023 Summary](#)
[CR-091-2023 OOL Comment](#)

This legislation will create a task force look into County policies and healthcare benefit options for County Employees with an emphasis on maternal health.

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

[Consent43-23](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye	10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha
Absent	Franklin

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 10102023](#)

Draft 1

Proposed Correspondence to Judy Mickens-Murray, Chair, Board of Education, supporting their FY23 Budget Reconciliation.

Attachment(s): [FY 2024 BOE Budget Reconciliation](#)
[FY 2024 BOE Budget Reconciliation Attachment 1](#)
[FY 2024 BOE Budget Reconciliation Report](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the EWD Committee for the Budget Reconciliation letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for

Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

[LTR 10052023](#)

Draft 1

Proposed joint letter to Rebecca L. Flora, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning, regarding an amendment to Priority Funding Areas (PFA).

Attachment(s): [Joint Letter to Rebecca L. Flora - PFA](#)
[MNCPPC Staff Report and Backup - Joint Letter - PFA](#)
[PFA Brandywine Letter from PB Chair to Council Chair-2023](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal to Clerk of the Council - PFA Funding](#)

Karen Zavakos, Legislative and Zoning Counsel, provided an overview of the Priority Funding Areas letter.

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)

[CB-058-2023](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR ANTILITTER AND WEED ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS for the purpose of amending the service of process for antilitter and weed violations.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023058](#)
[CB-058-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-058-2023 Report](#)
[CB-058-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-058-2023 Transmittal](#)
[CB-058-2023 OOL Comment](#)

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 CB-058-2023.

The proposed bill will change the method of service from certified mail to

first class mail. The Bill also allows for personal service and posting as alternative means of service. This change is consistent with the current service of process utilized by DPIE in other departments. The removal of the certified mailing requirements will ensure that service is effectuated quicker and will reduce administrative costs associated with certified mailing.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

[CB-068-2023](#)

Draft 2

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING RMF-48 ZONE for the purpose of providing limitations on multifamily dwelling uses in the RMF-48 (Residential, Multifamily-48) Zone, and limiting the development of multifamily residential dwellings under the prior Ordinance, under certain specified circumstances.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Ivey and Blegay

Attachment(s): [B2023068](#)

[CB-068-2023 Summary](#)

[CB-068-2023 Report](#)

[CB-068-2023 DR-2 ZHE Memo](#)

[CB-068-2023 OOL Comment](#)

[CB-068-2023 Planning Board Votes Letter](#)

[CB-068-2023 Planning Board Analysis](#)

Karen Zavakos, Acting Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of PHED for CB-068-2023.

This bill will provide a limitation on development of multifamily residential dwelling principal uses in the RMF-48 Zone of a certain acreage and location requirements where the applicable master or sector plan future land use designation is for low-intensity recreational uses for the area of the subject property.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Ivey and Blegay.

[CB-070-2023](#)

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 parking regulations for 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): Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Olson and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2023070](#)
[CB-070-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-070-2023 OOL Comment](#)
[CB-070-2023 BOA Comment](#)
[CB-070-2023 Planning Board Votes Letter](#)
[CB-070-2023 Planning Board Analysis](#)
[CB-070-2023 Staff Report on Proposed DR-2](#)
[CB-070-2023 Proposed DR-2 Maps](#)
[CB-070-2023 Proposed Draft 2B 10132023](#)
[CB-070-2023 Draft 2B MAPS 10132023](#)
 CB-070-2023 Public Comments 10-17-2023 COW

Karen Zavakos, Acting Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of PHED for CB-070-2023. The Council recommitted this item to committee and it was referred to Committee of the Whole.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Council Bill be recommitted to committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Hawkins, Harrison, Watson, Fisher, Ivey and Franklin
Nay 5 - Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Burroughs and Oriadha

This Council Bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

CB-075-2023

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL BIAS BAN OF 2023 for the purpose of establishing a ban on real estate appraisal bias in Prince George's County.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023075](#)
[CB-075-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-075-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-75-2023 OOL Comment](#)

Karen Zavakos, Acting Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of PHED for CB-075-2023.

There is a concern that the real estate appraisal process is inherently biased in its assessment. As a result, for more a fair and equitable real estate assessment, the real estate appraiser shall now be prohibited from considering, as part of the real estate appraisal analysis of real property in Prince George's County, the race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, actual or perceived sexual orientation, actual or perceived gender identity, age, actual or perceived marital status, disability, familial status, or national origin of either the prospective owners or occupants of the property, present owners or occupants of the property, or the present owners or occupants of the properties in the vicinity of the property, or on any other basis prohibited by federal, State, or local law.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

CB-076-2023

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISION OF THE FAIR ELECTION FUND for the purpose of revising language of the Fair Election Fund in order to provide greater clarity.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Franklin, Blegay and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2023076](#)
[CB-076-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-076-2023 Report](#)
[CB-076-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-076-2023 OOL Comment](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFPP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFPP Committee for CB-076-2023.

The original legislation CB-99-2018 lacked clarity and consistency between the Definitions section and the rest of the legislation. Specificity as to what kind of funds a Citizen Funded Campaign Account can accept is also clarified in the new legislation. This new legislation also creates procedures governing an Applicant Candidate's use of funds in a Campaign Finance Entity from the previous election cycle.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Franklin, Blegay and Hawkins.

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)**[CB-078-2023](#)**

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE DEPARTMENT TOWING CONTRACTS

for the purpose of providing certain legislative intent; providing certain definitions; providing for certain bid, contract, and subcontract requirements; providing for certain bid, contract, and subcontract reporting; and generally regarding Police Department towing contracts.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023078](#)
[CB-078-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-078-2023 Report](#)
[CB-078-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-078-2023 OOL Amendments](#)
[CB-78-2023 DR-2 Final](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for CB-078-2023.

This bill encourages County-based minority business enterprises and County-based small businesses to bid on Police Department towing contracts and that successful bidders, contractors, and subcontractors be treated equitably in the number and type of service calls received from the Police Dispatcher on the Police Vendor List. The bill would require that Department of Police towing contracts be bid annually, with no option for extension and that contractors or subcontractors with an employee or employees with one felony conviction be considered as eligible bidders on Police Department towing contracts. The bill imposes reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the law.

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

[CB-080-2023](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRY PROGRAM for the purpose of establishing a Vacant Property Registry Program applying to unmaintained vacant residential, commercial, and industrial dwellings and buildings located in the County; providing for certain definitions; providing for the applicability of the provisions of this Division; providing for the designation of unmaintained vacant dwellings and buildings; providing for certain inspections of certain dwellings and buildings; providing for a certain fine; providing for certain exemptions; providing for a right to appeal; providing for an annual report; and

generally regarding vacant dwellings and buildings.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023080](#)
[CB-080-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-080-2023 Report](#)
[CB-080-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-080-2023 OOL Comments](#)
[CB-080-2023 DPIE Comments](#)

Karen Zavakos, Acting Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of PHED for CB-080-2023.

This bill creates the Vacant Property Registry Program that applies to unmaintained vacant residential, commercial, and industrial dwellings and buildings located in the County. It provides for these dwellings and buildings to be placed on an un-maintained vacant dwellings and buildings registry list with a fine of \$1,000 for the designation. There are exemptions and a right to appeal. There is an annual reporting requirement.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

[CB-082-2023](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING GROCERY STORE TAX CREDITS for the purpose of increasing both real and personal tax credits for eligible grocery stores within the designated healthy food priority areas.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023082](#)
[CB-082-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-082-2023 Report](#)
[CB-082-2023 PAFI](#)
[CB-082-2023 Transmittal](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GFP Committee for CB-082-2023.

This Bill seeks to enhance the Healthy Food Priority Area Tax Credit from 80% to 100%. The annual tax credit against the county personal property taxes for a newly constructed or substantially renovated grocery store located, at the time of tax credit award, in a healthy food priority area for the first ten (10) taxable years after both (i) completion of eligible construction of the newly constructed or substantially renovated grocery store and (ii) expenditure on new personal property for the newly constructed or substantially renovated grocery store,

Similarly, this Bill seeks to enhance the Grocery Store Tax Credit from 75% to 100% for the amount of the property tax imposed on the increased assessment attributable to an expansion or renovation of a grocery store; new construction of a grocery store; or re-use of vacant commercial space for a grocery store.

Our efforts to eradicate food deserts and to attract new grocers will benefit immensely from this change.

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

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)

[CB-088-2023](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS REINVESTMENT AND RESTORATION

BOARD for the purpose of creating the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board; providing for the purpose, membership, terms and compensation of members, appointment of a chair, meeting standards, and duties of Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board; establishing the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of receiving funds from the State Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; providing that the Fund shall be a special, non-lapsing fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; and generally relating to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Reparations Board.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023088](#)
[CB-088-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-088-2023 Report](#)
[CB-088-2023 OOL Comments](#)
[CB-088-2023 PAFI](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal

Policy Committee (GFP) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GFP Committee for CB-088-2023. Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Officer, provided an overview of revised Amendment sheet #1.

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

The State has allowed recreational use cannabis and has imposed sales and use tax on cannabis of 9% pursuant to § 11-104 of the Tax General Article of the Maryland Code, which prescribes the distribution of that tax revenues. This sales and use tax collected is first applied to defray the entire cost of the operations and expenses of the Maryland Cannabis Administration with 35% being distributed to the State's Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, 5% is distributed to counties based on the revenue collected from each county, 5% is distributed to the State's Cannabis Public Health Fund, 5% is distributed to the State's Cannabis Business Assistance Fund, and the balance is distributed to the State's general fund. Each county is charged with promulgating laws on how it will distribute the monies it receives from the sales and use tax generated from the sale of cannabis.

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

[ADJ90-23](#)

Draft 1

ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:29 AM.

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

10:30 AM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

1:30 AM - CTP TOUR - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council