



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, September 12, 2023

1:30 PM

Council Hearing Room

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 1:57 p.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Franklin arrived at 1:59 p.m and Council Member Oriadha arrived at 2:00 p.m.

Present: 10 - 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 Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Mel Franklin

Absent: Council Member Jolene Ivey

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Associate 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

Terry L. Bell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Officer

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Dr. Lillian C. Smith, Pastor, Cheverly United Methodist Church. Chair Dernoga requested prayer for the family of Associate County Attorney Joseph Ruddy as his wife recently passed. Council Member Watson requested prayer for the family, friends, and fellow students of the DuVal High School community as they grieve the loss of a student who was shot and killed near school yesterday. Council Member Olson also requested prayer for the DuVal High School community as they deal with the tragic loss of the 16-year old student.

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 29

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 09062023](#)

County Council Minutes dated September 6, 2023

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [09062023](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-084-2023](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY WARNING SYSTEM: PERMITS for the purpose of establishing an early warning system to improve permit application delays in Prince George's County.

Draft 1

Sponsor(s): Franklin, Harrison and Hawkins**Attachment(s):** [B2023084](#)[CB-084-2023 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Franklin, Harrison and Hawkins and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

[CB-085-2023](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS-LOT

Draft 1

STANDARDS-VARIATIONS for the purpose of narrowing the authority for approval of variations to the minimum lot depth requirements of the Subdivision Regulations, and specifying that area variances may be considered, as permitted by law, though the development application approval process in the County Zoning Ordinance.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga**Attachment(s):** [B2023085](#)[CB-085-2023 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Dernoga and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)[CB-086-2023](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS--PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES ADEQUACY--STANDARDS--DISCRETIONARY WAIVER OF FACILITIES MITIGATION REQUIREMENT BY COUNTY

for the purpose of repealing the provision for a discretionary waiver, by Resolution of the County governing body, for compliance with any public safety facilities mitigation requirements within the County Subdivision Regulations.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Burroughs and Oriadha

Attachment(s): [B2023086](#)
[CB-086-2023 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Blegay, Burroughs and Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

(c) Introduction of Resolutions[CR-078-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE for the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023078](#)
[CR-078-2023 Summary](#)

A review of Council Rules of Procedure to allow for virtual attendance and voting in limited circumstances in the Post-Covid era. During COVID, the Council allowed for virtual meetings, attendance, and voting. Those allowances were only during the term of an Emergency. Now that the State of Emergency as it relates to COVID has been withdrawn, all virtual accommodations have been withdrawn as well. This resolution will allow for virtual attendance and voting, without the need of a Declaration of Emergency, in limited situations with advanced notice from the Council Member to the Chair or Committee Chair and the Clerk.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Olson, Burroughs, Blegay and Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)[Consent37-23](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye	9 -	Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Burroughs, Oriadha and Franklin
Absent		Ivey
Abstain	1 -	Fisher

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS[CR-080-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AGAINST CIVILIANS IN THE TIGRAY REGION OF ETHIOPIA for the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council's support for condemning all acts of violence and human rights abuses against civilians in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023080](#)
[CR-080-2023 Summary](#)

Council Chair Dernoga acknowledged Vice Chair Blegay for a Point of Personal Privilege. Vice Chair Blegay provided comments and allowed members of the county's Ethiopian community with ties to Tigray to provide comments. This Resolution relays a need for a County Council response to the human rights and humanitarian crisis in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia.

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

Burroughs.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**[CR-079-2023](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WORLD CAR FREE DAY 2023 for the purpose of expressing Prince George's County's support for declaring September 22, 2023, as World Car Free Day in Prince George's County.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023079](#)
[CR-079-2023 Summary](#)
[CR-079-2023 Transmittal](#)

This Resolution supports the designation of September 22, 2023, as World Car Free Day in Prince George's County as part of the 22nd International Day of observance to encourage individuals to use forms of sustainable transportation rather than drive an automobile.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by

the following vote:

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

Absent Ivey

4. BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING – (ENACTMENT)**[CB-065-2023](#)**

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR HOUSING for the purpose of ensuring safe and inclusive residential dwelling options in future housing developments for all County residents, regardless of their ability, disability or functionality in a universally designed environment; regarding certain definitions; regarding a certain application and certain exemptions; regarding universally designed features; regarding universally designed features for certain types of housing construction; regarding the potential waiver of certain requirements by the Director of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement in certain instances; regarding County amendments to applicable Codes; regarding the conflict of laws; regarding establishing a Universal Design Implementation Workgroup by Resolution; and generally regarding Universal Design elements for residential dwelling units.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023065](#)
[CB-065-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-065-2023 Report](#)
[CB-065-2023 PAFI](#)

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

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

Absent Ivey

[REC17-23](#)

RECESS

Draft 1

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 2:21 PM.

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

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

Absent Ivey

2:00 PM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

6:00 PM - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING (PROPOSED MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE 2009 COUNTYWIDE MASTER PLAN OF TRANSPORTATION)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council