

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Business Meeting

(Legislative Day No. 4 to be declared)

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**10:00
A.M.**

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) - *BRIEFING HELD*

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

State Funding Proposal

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) - *BRIEFING HELD*

CALL TO ORDER: - *Chairperson Bland called to order at 1:43 P.M. with the following Council Members present:*

*Marilynn M. Bland
Will Campos
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum
Andrea C. Harrison
Tony Knotts
Eric C. Olson
Ingrid M. Turner*

Others Present:

*Robert J. Williams Jr., Deputy Council Administrator
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer
Todd Turner, Legislative Officer
Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer
Russell King, Associate County Attorney
Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Committee Director
Frank Porter, PSFM Committee Director
Bonita Williams, County Executive's Office
Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

INVOCATION: - *The Invocation was led by Reverend William Smith, Former Pastor, Jordan Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, Maryland*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: - *The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Knotts.*

DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 10, 2009 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 4
Chairperson Bland designated February 10, 2009 as Legislative Day number 4.

1.. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; CONFIRMED**

Council Member Exum, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the Appointment of Robert L. Hylton to serve as Chief of Police for Prince George’s County. County Executive, Jack B. Johnson, introduced Mr. Hylton to the Council. Mr. Hylton was present and spoke on his own behalf. Mr. Gabriel Christian, Esq., Former Police Chief David Mitchell and Gustavo A. Torres, Executive Director, CASA de Maryland, Inc. spoke in support of the nomination. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Campos moved confirmation of Robert L. Hylton to serve as Chief of Police for Prince George’s County; seconded by Council Member Turner. The motion carried 9-0.

Appointment of the following individual to serve as Chief of Police for Prince George’s County:

Roberto L. Hylton

Chairperson Bland recessed the meeting at 2:28 P.M.

Chairperson Bland reconvened the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA – ADOPTED AND ALL ACTIONS APPROVED**

All items listed under the consent agenda have been distributed to each member of the Council for review, are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

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

CB-4-2009 – AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACT APPROVALS for the purpose of approving the leases of certain improvements by Prince George’s County.

- **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 4 was presented by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-9-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING VICTORY CREST SENIOR APARTMENTS for the purpose of approving a \$1.3 million HOME Loan for the Victory Crest Senior Apartments project and amending the Prince George’s County “Annual Action Plan: FY 2006” and “Annual Action Plan: FY 2009” to include project and project funding.

- **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 9 approves a \$1.3 million HOME Loan for Victory Crest Senior Apartments, amending the FY 2006 and FY 2009 Annual Action Plans to include the project, its costs and funding sources and reprogramming FY 2006 HOME funds to finance a portion of the project costs. Council Resolution 9 was introduced by Council Member Campos and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee.

THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING

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

No items were considered

4. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

- (a) Transmittal or proposed letters to the Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair of the Prince George’s House Delegation, the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair of the Prince George’s Senate Delegation and the Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh, Chair, House Environmental Matters Committee, expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State legislation. - **CHAIRPERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AS AMENDED**

A letter was proposed for sending to the Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair of the Prince George’s House Delegation, the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair of the Prince George’s Senate Delegation and the Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh, Chair, House Environmental Matters Committee, expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State legislation. Council Member Dean moved to authorize the Chairperson’s signature; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried 9-0. Council Member Dean moved amendment to the letters; seconded by Council Member Turner. The motion carried 9-0.

5. **SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)**

CB-2-2009 (DR-2) –AN ACT CONCERNING THE YOUTH COMMISSION for the purpose of amending the provisions of the County Code relating to the Youth Commission.

- **INTRODUCED**

Council Member Harrison, Chair of the Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Bill 2 (DR-2) was introduced by Council Members Bland, Exum, Dean, Harrison and Turner. Council Bill 2(DR-2) was favorably reported out of HEHS on 2/3/2009 with amendments.

6. **RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)**

CR-4-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits.

- **ADOPTED**

Council Member Exum, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 4 amends the Salary Plan of the County to provide the continuation of certain military leave benefits. Council Resolution 4 was introduced by Council Members Knotts, Exum, Dean, Dernoga, Harrison, Olson, Turner, Bland and Campos on 1/29/2009. Council Resolution 4 was favorably reported out of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) on 2/4/2009. Council Member Dean moved adoption of Council Resolution 4; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The motion carried 9-0.

Chairperson Bland recessed the County Council meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Chairperson Bland reconvened the meeting Sitting as the Board of Health at 3:20 P.M.

7. **THE COUNTY COUNCIL SITTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Dr. Nicole Lurie, RAND Corporation, - facilitator

Dr. Katrina Harris, - provided a power point presentation

Dr. Regina Shih

Chairperson Bland concluded the meeting Sitting as the Board of Health at 4:05 P.M.

Chairperson Bland reconvened the County Council meeting at 4:06 P.M.

- 4:18 P.M. 8. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) – COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

(SEE SEPARATE ACTION AGENDA)

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Michael Kalhannis, Temple Hills, addressed the Council regarding tax increases and his opposition regardless of the budget crisis.

Dr. Paul Palatano, Laurel, addressed the Council expressing disappointment at the steady increase in his property tax due to an increased assessment on his house.

RECESS: - Chairperson Bland recessed the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

RECONVENE: - Chairperson Bland reconvened the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

- 9. **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) – PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

**THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
AND THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

PRELIMINARY LANDOVER GATEWAY SECTOR PLAN AND PROPOSED SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT

(SEE SEPARATE ACTION AGENDA)

ADJOURN: - Chairperson Bland adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council