

ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Legislative Day No. 3

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) -- BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER– *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro called to order at 10:05 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Peter A. Shapiro
Marilynn Bland
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum
David C. Harrington
Thomas R. Hendershot
Tony Knotts
Douglas J. J. Peters*

Others Present:

*Barbara Holtz, Council Administrator
Craig Price, Deputy Council Administrator
Robert Williams, Jr., Associate Council Administrator
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer
Aisha N. Braveboy, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney*

INVOCATION – *The Invocation was provided by Reverend Dr. G. Randolph Gurley, Tabernacle Church, Laurel, Maryland. Special intentions were requested for the families and friends of the astronauts who perished in the space shuttle Columbia disaster, Ms. Doris Carpenter during her hospitalization and the families of Ms. Joyce Nixon, Mr. Tom Lee and Mr. James White in their passings.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *The pledge was led by Council Member Dean.*

1. **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) Approval of County Council Minutes - **APPROVED**

Council Member Dernoga noted an error on the County Council Minutes for November 19, 2002. Chairman Shapiro noted the suggested correction. County Council Minutes were approved for Council Sessions held on November 19, 2002, December 3, 2002, January 14, 2003 and January 21, 2003.

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

CB-9-2003 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING REDUCING/EXERCISE SALON OR HEALTH CLUB for the purpose of permitting reducing/exercise salons or health clubs in the E-I-A Zone. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 9 was presented by Council Member Knotts and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee.

(c) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-4-2003 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the addition of certain Military Leave Benefits. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 4 was proposed by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety, Fiscal Management Committee. Council Resolution 4 amends the Salary Plans of the County to continue certain military leave benefits and extends eligibility for the benefits to any County employee called to active military duty in the event of military action against Iraq or North Korea. Council Resolution 4 was introduced by Chairman Shapiro and Council Members Dean, Exum, Knotts, Dernoga, Harrington and Peters.

CR-5-2003 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPROVAL OF A CERTAIN REFUNDING PLAN OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS for the purpose of approving the Refunding Plan of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for the refunding of certain bonds of Washington Suburban Sanitary District through the issuance of General Construction Refunding Bonds, Water Supply Refunding Bonds and Sewage Disposal Refunding Bonds of Washington Suburban Sanitary District. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 5 was proposed by the Chairman at the request of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee. Council Resolution 5, which approves the Refunding Plan of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, was introduced by Council Members Shapiro and Dean.

- ** *Council Member Harrington moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Peters; carried by voice vote. (Absent: Council Member Knotts)*

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

No items were removed.

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT - (b) ADDED**

- (a) General Assembly Report - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

Council Member Peters, as Chairman of the Rules and General Assembly Committee, provided the Council Members with a verbal report of the Committee's actions and recommendations. Council Member Dernoga moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Knotts; carried by roll call vote 9-0.

- ** *Council Member Hendershot moved to accept an additional item to the agenda; seconded by Council Member Peters; carried by voice vote.*

- (b) Proposed joint signature letter to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor, State of Maryland, stating the County Council's position as set forth in CR-1-2003 regarding the Purple Line. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

The Chairman, at the request of the County Executive proposed that a letter be sent to Governor Ehrlich stating the Council's position regarding the Purple-Line of the Metro rail system. Council Member Hendershot moved to authorized the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Dernoga; carried by roll call vote 9-0.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons wished to address the Council.

ADJOURN – *Chairman Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027) -- C.O.W. POSTPONED

FY 2004 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET

Prepared by:

Donna J. Brown, Office Manager

Submitted by:

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council