

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Legislative Session

Reference No.: APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 3/11/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 10-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner)

The Committee of the Whole convened on March 11, 2021 to consider the appointment of Ms. Aspasia Xypolia to the position of Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Ms. Xypolia has served as Acting Director since January 6, 2021. Prior to being named Acting Director, Ms. Xypolia served as Deputy Director of DHCD overseeing the Community Planning and Development, the Housing Development, and the Accounting Budget/Administration and Loan Servicing Units.

Ms. Xypolia was previously Senior Real Estate Project Manager for The Community Builders, Inc. (TCB). She has over fifteen years of experience in housing, redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization.

During the Committee of the Whole, Ms. Xypolia spoke about her experience in focusing on the service of creating meaningful community development and affordable housing. Most recently, prior to joining DHCD, Ms. Xypolia worked with a private development company where she collaborated and negotiated with diverse stakeholders, built consensus around common goals and identified implementation strategies that resulted in the execution of successful development projects. This work led to the formation of strategic partnerships with government entities, private funders and public lenders. These partnerships led to the implementation of affordable, mixed use, mixed income, urban and transit-oriented development projects. Ms. Xypolia indicated that during her time with DHCD, she has engaged in substantive conversations with all members of the agency's team and she is looking forward to a strong mission driven approach to serving the residents of the County. Ms. Xypolia expressed appreciation of the Council's support to preserve, protect and expand quality affordable housing in the County.

After discussion, the County Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, voted the appointment of Ms. Aspasia Xypolia out favorably to the Council, 10-0.