

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2014 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-30-2014

Proposed by Council Member Davis

Introduced by Council Members Davis, Franklin and Lehman

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction May 13, 2014

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Westphalia Sector Development Review Advisory Council

3 For the purpose of amending the term, membership complement, and duties of the Westphalia
4 Sector Development Review Advisory Council, and further clarifying its core mission and
5 certain operating procedures.

6 WHEREAS, the County Council of Prince George’s County, Maryland, sitting as the
7 District Council, adopted CR-2-2007 on February 6, 2007, concerning The Westphalia Sector
8 Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, thereby defining long-range land use and development
9 policies, detailed zoning policies, and community improvement proposals within the area
10 generally defined by Ritchie-Marlboro Road to the northeast, the Capital Beltway (I-495) to the
11 west, and Pennsylvania Avenue (MD 4) to the south, consisting of a portion of Planning Area 78,
12 the boundaries of which are described in the Zoning Ordinance; and

13 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes the importance of community engagement in
14 implementing the County land use policies and visions embodied within the Westphalia Sector
15 Plan; and

16 WHEREAS, the Council further recognizes the value of coordinated implementation efforts
17 by a consolidated council of community stakeholders to ensure community engagement and to
18 maximize the efforts to realize the vision of the Westphalia Sector Plan; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Council of Prince George’s County, Maryland, by way of
20 legislation styled CR-6-2009, CR-80-2009, and CR-57-2010, established the Westphalia Sector
21 Development Review Advisory Council, defined the mission and duties of the advisory council,
22 and specified certain terms as to its form and structure of membership; and

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1 WHEREAS, a continuing stakeholder presence as liaison throughout the implementation
2 phase is critical in bringing the recommendations of the Westphalia to fruition; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a need to hone the mission of the Advisory Council as continuing
4 coordination within the community regarding development in the Westphalia Sector to ensure
5 adequate coverage and continuing opportunities for community engagement, to include the
6 facilitation of consolidated Westphalia Sector pre-application development briefings and
7 meetings, and to further ensure appropriate review of land development proposals; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 506 of the County Charter provides for the appointment of temporary
9 advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies
10 and programs temporary citizens advisory boards; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the
12 Westphalia Sector Development Review Advisory Council ("Advisory Council") is hereby re-
13 established as set forth herein.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall provide the citizens
15 residing within the Westphalia Sector with periodic updates of its activities and matters relating
16 to implementation of the Westphalia Sector Plan.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall submit an annual report by
18 January 1 to the County Council summarizing its activities, needs, and recommendations, and the
19 extent to which the goals of this Resolution have been met.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Advisory Council is hereby
21 increased from nine (9) members to fifteen (15) voting members, said members to include the
22 president or president's designee of the Westphalia Estates Civic Association or successor civic
23 entity, and the president or president's designee of the Little Washington Civic Association or
24 successor civic entity, who shall serve as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining membership of the Advisory Council
26 shall be designated as follows:

27 (1) Ten (10) community members who shall reside within the boundaries of the
28 Westphalia Sector Plan area;

29 (2) One (1) member from a faith-based organization located within the boundaries of
30 the Westphalia Sector Plan area;

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1 (3) One (1) member from a business located within the boundaries of the Westphalia
2 Sector Plan area;

3 (4) One (1) member from the Prince George’s Community College / Westphalia
4 Training Center; and

5 (5) Designees of the County Council (if the Council selects a designee) and the
6 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission who shall serve as nonvoting, ex-
7 officio members.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall adopt bylaws, rules, and
9 procedures as necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event of neglect, misconduct, a violation of
11 adopted rules and procedures, or other inability to perform assigned duties by a member, the
12 Advisory Council shall recommend that the County Council consider the removal of said
13 member for cause on account of the member’s neglect, misconduct, violation of adopted rules
14 and procedures or inability to perform the duties of office.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed
16 to a term of service commensurate with the term of the Board specified herein, unless said term
17 is extended by Resolution of the County Council.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall meet as necessary to carry
19 out its prescribed duties as determined by the Chair, but in no event shall the Advisory Council
20 hold fewer than one (1) meeting per calendar month, with a quorum or majority of voting
21 members present required to convene for the transaction of business, or to take any official
22 action.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall be made a party of record
24 for any land development proposals involving property within the Westphalia Sector Plan area
25 that come before the Zoning Hearing Examiner, the Prince George’s County Planning Board, or
26 the County Council of Prince George’s County sitting as the District Council.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall provide written comments
28 on the record of evidence created before the Zoning Hearing Examiner, the Prince George’s
29 Planning Board, or the District Council.
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the Westphalia Development Review Advisory
2 Council shall be May 1, 2018, unless extended by Resolution of the County Council.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2014.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Mel Franklin
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council