



Prince George's County Council

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Upper Marlboro, Maryland
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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Todd M. Turner, Chair, District 4

Monique Anderson-Walker, District 8

Derrick Leon Davis, District 6

Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1

Mel Franklin, At-Large

Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3

Sydney J. Harrison, District 9

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large

Jolene Ivey, District 5

Rodney C. Streeter, Vice Chair, District 7

Deni L. Taveras, District 2

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1:30 PM

Council Hearing Room

1:00 P.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

The Agenda Briefing commenced at 1:25 p.m. Due to a lack of a quorum of members, a public statement was read and the Agenda Briefing was conducted as an informal discussion in lieu of a public meeting. Council Members Turner, Streeter, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga and Ivey were present.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Turner at 1:48 p.m. with the 10 members present at roll call. Council Member Glaros was absent due to a personal matter.

Present: 10 - Chair Todd Turner
Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Vice Chair Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras

Absent: Council Member Dannielle Glaros

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk
Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant
Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer
Kathleen H Canning, Legislative Officer
Howard W. Stone, Director, GOFP Committee Director
Jackie Brown, Director, PHED Committee
Nathaniel Tutt, III, HHSPS Committee
J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee
Candice Austin, Office of the County Executive
Amanda Dennison, Office of Law
Chazi Diggs, Office of the Clerk of the Council

INVOCATION:

Invocation was led by Pastor Trevor Kinlock, Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hyattsville, Maryland. Council Member Taveras requested prayer for Ms. Sarah Russell as she celebrates her 100th birthday and for decency and order at the Leonard Shand vigil to be held later today.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Franklin.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Connell Dones was not present to address the Council. The following individuals addressed the Council regarding general safety issues and streamlining the legislative process: Macy Nelson, Esquire, Beverly Simmons, Jeffrey Cooper, Wanda Rogers, Carol Boyer, Johnnie Walton, Kevin Doby, Miller Einsal and Kathleen Beres. Milly Hall and Terry Roger were also present but did not speak.

DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 8, 2019 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 25

The Chair designated October 8, 2019 as Legislative Day Number 25.

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 10012019](#)

County Council Minutes dated October 1, 2019.

These Minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA - (CONTINUED)**(b) Introduction of Resolutions****[CR-086-2019](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$5,513,041 to the Department of Corrections, Department of Social Services and Department of Family Services.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Davis, Streeter, Taveras and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [R2019086](#)
[CR-086-2019 AIS](#)

This Resolution will provide for Supplemental Appropriations for grant programs in Fiscal Year 2020. The adjustment to appropriations totals \$5,513,041 and will support the programmatic operations of three agencies.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Davis, Streeter, Taveras, Dernoga, Hawkins and Anderson Walker and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CR-087-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT - STUDIO 3807 AND ARTISAN 4100 for the purpose of approving Studio 3807 and Artisan 4100 multifamily and commercial developments proposed by Landex Development, LLC as a revitalization project qualifying for a revitalization or redevelopment tax credit, as provided in Section 10-235.02 of the Prince George's County Code.

Sponsor(s): Taveras, Turner, Ivey, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Hawkins and Streeter

Attachment(s): [R2019087](#)
[CR-87-2019 AIS](#)

The proposed legislation is to approve Studio 3807 and Artisan 4100 multifamily and commercial developments as a revitalization project that qualifies for a revitalization or redevelopment tax credit pursuant to Section 10-235.02 of the County Code. Landex Development, LLC, has made application for property consisting of approximately 238,000 square feet in the M-U-TC Zone and 125,000 square feet in the M-U-I Zone, located at

3807 and 4100 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, Maryland to construct a total of 229 multifamily dwelling units and 14,435 square feet of retail commercial space in the Gateway Arts District.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Taveras, Turner, Ivey, Harrison, Anderson-Waker, Davis, Hawkins and Streeter and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

[CR-088-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT - ARMORY APARTMENTS for the purpose of approving the Armory Apartments' multifamily and commercial development proposed by Urban Investment Partners (The UIP Companies, Inc.), as a revitalization project qualifying for a revitalization or redevelopment tax credit, as provided in Section 10-235.02 of the Prince George's County Code.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Streeter, Taveras and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2019088](#)
[CR-088-2019 AIS](#)

This resolution seeks the approval of the County Council in order to provide a residential revitalization tax credit for the Armory Apartments Project. The project includes 285 multi-family dwelling units.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Streeter, Taveras and Hawkins and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

[Consent30](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye	10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were considered.

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

No items were considered.

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)**[CB-037-2019](#)**

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD TRUCK LICENSING FEES REDUCTION

for the purpose of reducing and eliminating certain food truck licensing fees.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Harrison, Turner, Streeter, Taveras, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2019037](#)
[CB--037-2019 AIS](#)
[CB-037-2019 Report](#)

This Bill proposes to reduce and eliminate certain food truck licensing fees. Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Franklin, Harrison, Turner, Streeter, Taveras, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker and Dernoga.

[CB-043-2019](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of establishing the homestead property tax credit for the County property tax for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2020.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Harrison, Davis, Anderson-Walker, Turner, Streeter, Franklin, Dernoga, Hawkins and Taveras

Attachment(s): [B2019043](#)
[CB-043-2019 AIS](#)
[CB-43-2019 Report](#)

This legislation will establish the homestead property tax credit for the County property tax for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2020, as required by State law. Based on current Consumer Price Index (CPI) trends, the Homestead Property Tax Credit needs to be set at 102% for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2020. The Homestead Property Tax Credit was created to limit taxable assessment increases on a property owner's principal residence.

Council Member Davis, as Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Davis, Anderson-Walker, Turner, Streeter, Franklin, Dernoga, Hawkins and Taveras.

SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) - (CONTINUED)

[CB-048-2019](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BONDS for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Prince George's County, Maryland to issue and sell an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty-Five Million, Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand (\$455,523,000) in aggregate principal amount of general obligation and stormwater management bonds for the purpose of providing funds for financing in whole or in part costs of the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, establishment, extension, enlargement, demolition, or improvement of certain capital projects and capital projects constituting facilities (including without limitation any land, interest in land or equipment) for the control and disposition of storm and surface waters, including floodproofing, flood control or navigation programs and other stormwater programs and systems, environmental restoration and/or wetlands construction, and the protection, conservation, creation and acquisition of certain property described in the Maryland Annotated Code Environment Article . . .

Sponsor(s): Franklin, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Turner, Streeter, Dernoga, Taveras and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2019048](#)
[CB-048-2019 Attachment 1](#)
[CB-048-2019 AIS](#)
[CB-48-2019 Report](#)

This bill provides the authority to issue and sell up to \$455,523,000 in general obligation bonds and stormwater management bonds to finance County, School, Community College, Library and Stormwater Management Capital projects in the FY 2020 Capital Budget. The projects are listed in Attachment 1 of the legislation. The fiscal impact on the County for any bonds or bond anticipation notes will be negative to the extent of the debt service obligation incurred by the County when the bonds or notes are sold.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Franklin, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Turner, Streeter, Dernoga, Taveras and Hawkins.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION)[CR-071-2019](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY REAL PROPERTY for declaring certain parcels of County-owned real property as surplus and approving the County Executive's plan for disposal of such parcels.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Glaros, Taveras and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2019071](#)
[CR-071-2019 \(DR-2\) Attachments](#)
[CR-071-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-071-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Davis, as Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:23 p.m. There were no speakers. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing was held on this Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Harrison to substitute Draft 1 in lieu of Draft 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros

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

Aye	10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros

**PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION) -
(CONTINUED)**

[CR-066-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REDUCTION OF THE FEE FOR THE MOBILE UNIT FOOD SERVICE FACILITY IN THE TABLE OF FEES for the purpose of reducing the fee for the Mobile Unit Food Service Facility found in the Table of Fees.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Harrison, Turner, Streeter, Taveras, Dernoga and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2019066](#)
[CR-066-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-066-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:28 p.m. Mr. Zachary Graybill provided verbal testimony on this Resolution. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing was held on this Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Anderson-Walker, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Franklin and Glaros

[CR-068-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A FOOD TRUCK HUB IN DOWNTOWN UPPER MARLBORO for the purpose of authorizing the creation of a Food Truck Hub in Downtown Upper Marlboro.

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Ivey, Turner, Streeter, Glaros, Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Hawkins and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [R2019068](#)
[CR-068-2019 Location Map](#)
[CR-068-2019 Site Plan](#)
[CR-068-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-068-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:35 p.m. Ms. Lori Valentine and Mr. Darrick Stackhouse provided verbal testimony on this Resolution. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing was held on this Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION) - (CONTINUED)

[CR-073-2019](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FOOD TRUCK OPERATIONS IN INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES for the purpose of delegating authority to incorporated municipalities to regulate food trucks within their jurisdiction.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Turner, Streeter, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2019073](#)
[CR-073-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-073-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 2:43 p.m. There

were no speakers. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing was held on this Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Davis, to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent Glaros

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Davis, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras
Absent Glaros

6. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

[CR-065-2019](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FOOD TRUCK HUB OPERATIONS AT MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION FACILITIES for the purpose of allowing for the operation of food trucks throughout all Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Facilities.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Turner, Harrison, Streeter and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2019065](#)
[CR-065-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-065-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Streeter, that this Resolution be new draft substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent Glaros

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Streeter, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent Glaros

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. due to equipment problems caused by a power outage.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) - (CONTINUED)

[CR-067-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FOOD TRUCK HEALTHY OPTIONS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM for the purpose of encouraging the implementation of a Food Truck Healthy Options Certification Program.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Streeter, Dernoga and Taveras

Attachment(s): [R2019067](#)
[CR-067-2019 Report](#)
[CR-067-2019 AIS](#)

Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent Glaros

RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) - (CONTINUED)**CR-064-2019**

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2018 WATER AND SEWER PLAN

for the purpose of adopting the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan and the 2018 Water and Sewer Category Maps, revising the fee schedule for administering Water and Sewer Plan amendments, and the purchase of maps and related materials.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Davis, Glaros, Harrison and Taveras

Attachment(s): [R2019064](#)
[Revised Appendix 2-1 & Appendix 2-2 \(2018 Plan\)](#)
[2018 Water & Sewer Plan \(DR-2\)](#)
[CR-064-2019 \(DR-2\) Water Categories Map](#)
[CR-064-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-064-2019 \(DR-2\) Sewer Categories Map](#)
[CR-064-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Taveras as Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that this Resolution be new draft substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent Glaros and Hawkins

Council Member Anderson-Walker explained the provisions within Amendment #1. Kathleen Canning, Legislative Officer, further explained the proposed amendment language. Candice Austin, Office of the County Executive and Shirley Anthony Branch, Department of Inspections, Permitting and Enforcement also spoke to the proposal. Guy Andes, Government Relations Manager and Beth O'Connell, Development Services Section Manager, Washington, Suburban Sanitary Commission, provided comments and spoke to the transfer process.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson-Walker, seconded by Vice Chair Streeter, that this Resolution be amended (1). The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Ivey and Streeter

Nay 6 - Turner, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins and Taveras

Absent Glaros

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Absent Glaros

7. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

CB-017-2019

Draft 2

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING R-A ZONE for the purpose of permitting Townhouse and One-family detached dwelling uses in the R-A (Residential Agricultural) Zones of Prince George's County, under certain circumstances.

Sponsor(s): Davis and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2019017](#)
[CB-17-2019 AIS](#)
[CB-017-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Davis outlined the provisions within Amendment #1 to CB-17-2019 Draft 2 with additional language added at the end of page 1, line 6 as follows: "or was formerly used as an airport;". Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer further explained the proposed amendment language. Council Member Dernoga suggested a further revision to Amendment #1 that deletes the following language on page 2 lines 10 and 11: "and shall be subject to all tests for adequacy of public facilities, including, but not limited to transportation." The maker and seconder of the motion agreed to these two revisions to Amendment #1.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Turner, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey and Streeter

Nay 1 - Dernoga

Absent Anderson-Walker, Glaros and Taveras

2:00 P.M. - BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)[BR 10082019](#)**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT UPDATE**

Howard W. Stone, Director, GOFP Committee

Donna Crocker Mason, Grants Consultant

Attachment(s): [Domestic Violence Grant Update PPT](#)

Council Chair Turner convened the briefing at 4:02 p.m. and introduced Howard W. Stone, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Director and Donna Crocker Mason, Grants Consultant. Mr. Stone recognized the contributions of Nell Johnson to the Domestic Violence Grant Program and stated that the grant recipients would be announced on November 19, 2019.

Donna Crocker Mason facilitated a PowerPoint Presentation focusing on Domestic Violence Grant Investment, Grant Awards, Annual Grant Awards by Category, County Council Additional Support to the Service Providers and Examples of 2019 Program Activities and Success. Council Member Davis spoke to the monies allocated during the budget process and Council Member Hawkins noted that he would be inviting several County agencies to an upcoming Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss domestic violence. Chair Turner announced that as it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, recognition is scheduled the October 15, 2019 Council Session and that additional information regarding the Domestic Violence Grant program is available on the County Council's website.

[ADJ103-19](#)**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Streeter, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

2:30 P.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(See Separate Minutes)

Prepared by:

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk of the Council