

# ***AGENDA MINUTES***

**Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

**Legislative Day No. 4**

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*Chairman Dean commenced Presentation of proclamations/Commendations at 9:43 A.M. and concluded at 10:34 A.M.*

**Proclamation presented to Robert Ramkishum for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Member Will Campos and Council Members Bland, Olson, Turner and Knotts)

- **PRESENTED**

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**Proclamation presented to Javaun Eaves for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Member Will Campos and Council Members Bland, Olson, Turner and Knotts)

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Members Will Campos, Marilyn M. Bland, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Javaun Eaves for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.*

**Proclamation presented to Obinna Obike for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Member Will Campos and Council Members Bland, Olson, Turner and Knotts)

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Members Will Campos, Marilyn M. Bland, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Obinna Obike for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation **presented to Brittney Phillips for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Member Will Campos and Council Members Bland, Olson, Turner, Knotts and Dernoga)

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Members Will Campos, Marilyn M. Bland, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner, Tony Knotts and Thomas E. Dernoga presented a Proclamation to Brittney Phillips for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation **presented to Chiamaka Ogwuegbu for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Member Will Campos and Council Members Bland, Olson, Turner and Knotts)

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Members Will Campos, Marilyn M. Bland, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Chiamaka Ogwuegbu for being advanced to the “2008 Science Bowl Semi-finals” in Prince George’s County. Principal Jefferson was present and spoke on behalf of all.*

Proclamation **presented to Ms. Diane Fu, Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, for its “Outstanding Contributions” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland and Council Members Campos, Olson, Turner and Knotts) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Ms. Diane Fu, of the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, for its “Outstanding Contributions” in Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation **presented to Breana Ross for being named “2007-2008 National American Miss Cover Model (Jr. Pre-Teen)”, in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland and Council Members Olson, Turner, Knotts and Campos) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation To Breana Ross for being named “2007-2008 National American Miss Cover Model (Jr. Pre-Teen)” in Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation **presented to Michael Walton for his “Outstanding Contributions” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland and Council Members Olson, Campos, Turner and Knotts) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilyn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Michael Walton for his “Outstanding Contributions” in Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation and certificates **presented to the Lake Arbor Seahawks Junior Midget Team as the winners of the “2007 Pop Warner Super Bowl” in Orlando, Florida.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilynn M. Bland and Council members Olson, Turner, Knotts, Campos and Dernoga) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilynn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner, Tony Knotts and Thomas E. Dernoga presented a Proclamation and certificates to the Lake Arbor Seahawks Junior Midget Team as the winners of the “2007 Pop Warner Super Bowl” in Orlando, Florida. Doug Dickerson, Darren Smith, James Howard, Marvin Cross and Dominique Miller were present to accept.*

Proclamation **presented to Mr. Blanco (Skip) High a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program participant, for his community service to the citizens and residents of Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean. Council Vice Chair Marilynn M. Bland and Council Members Olson, Turner, Knotts and Campos) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilynn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner and Tony Knotts presented a Proclamation to Mr. Blanco (Skip) High a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program participant, for his community service to the citizens and residents of Prince George’s County.*

Proclamation **presented to the Gwynn Park High School Poms/Dance Team for their “Outstanding Accomplishments” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chair Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Marilynn M. Bland and Council Members Olson, Turner, Knotts, Campos and Dernoga) - **PRESENTED**

*Council Chairman Samuel H. Dean, Council Vice Chair Marilynn M. Bland, Council Members Will Campos, Eric C. Olson, Ingrid M. Turner, Tony Knotts and Thomas E. Dernoga presented a Proclamation to the Gwynn Park High School Pom/Dance Team for their “Outstanding Accomplishments” in Prince George’s County.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** - Chairman Dean called to order at 10:42 A. M. with the following Council Members present:

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

*Others Present:*

*Craig Price, Council Administrator  
Robert J. Williams Jr., Deputy Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer*

*Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer  
 Russell King, Associate County Attorney  
 Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

**INVOCATION:** *The Invocation was led by Reverend Ken Burge, Pastor, Colmar Manor Bible Institute, Colmar Manor, Maryland. Council Member Bland requested special prayers for the victims in the tragic auto accident in Accokeek. Council Member Campos for Bryan Proctor (son of Steve Proctor) in an auto accident.*

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

1. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**CR-7-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE** for the purpose of amending Rules of Procedure for the County Council.

- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

*Council Resolution 7 concerns County Council Rules of Procedure to amend Rules of Procedure for the County Council. Council Resolution 7 was introduced by Council Members Dean, Bland, Campos, Dernoga, Knotts and Olson. Council Member Bland moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 7; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Olson moved adoption of Council Resolution 7; seconded by Council Member Bland. The motion carried 8-0.*

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-4-2008 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL ZONES** for the purpose of amending the regulations concerning certain industrial uses. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 4 was presented by Council Member Knotts and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee.*

**CB-5-2008 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SPECIAL OBLIGATION** for the purpose of providing that special obligation bonds may be issued from time to time under the provisions of this Act in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) in order for the County to finance the construction of the infrastructure improvements as more particularly described herein; making

certain findings and determinations, among others, concerning the public benefit and purpose of such special obligation bonds; providing for the levy of a special tax in the form of a special hotel rental tax and the allocation of such special tax with respect to the special taxing district paid over to a special fund; providing that such special obligation bonds authorized to be issued hereby shall be payable from the amounts levied and deposited in a special fund, as described below, which include the special hotel rental taxes and that the special obligation bonds shall not constitute a general obligation debt of the County or a pledge of the County's full faith and credit or taxing power other than the taxes representing the Special Hotel Rental Tax (defined below); authorizing the County Executive of the County to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve certain details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such special obligation bonds issued hereunder and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale, delivery and payment of such special obligation bonds; authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions, to execute documents and make certain commitments on behalf of the County in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of such special obligation bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of such special obligation bonds and such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to effectuate the financing of the infrastructure improvements and the issuance, sale and delivery of such special obligation bonds; generally providing for, and determining various matters in connection with, the issuance, sale, delivery and payment of such special obligation bonds. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 5 was presented by Council Member Knotts and referred to Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.*

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-8-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMCAST OF MARYLAND, INC. FROM THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND AND FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** for the purpose of endorsing a \$500,000 and \$50,000 loan to Comcast of Maryland, Inc. ("Comcast") from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund ("MEDAF") and Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), respectively, for costs associated with leasing office space for operation of a service center in the County.  
- **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 8 approves financial assistance to Comcast of Maryland, Inc. ("Comcast") from the County and from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund ("MEDAF") for eligible project costs associated with a new advanced service center in the County. Council Resolution 8 was introduced by Council Members Dean and Turner. Council Resolution 8 was referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.*

**CR-9-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM** for the purpose of approving the project submitted by Housing Options and Planning Enterprises, Inc. (“HOPE”), to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department’s Community Investment Tax Credit Program. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 9 concerns the State of Maryland Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program for the purpose of expressing approval of the project submitted by Housing Options & Planning Enterprises, Inc. (“HOPE”), to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Department’s Community Investment Tax Credit Program. Council Resolution 9 was introduced by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee.*

*Council Member Exum moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Bland. The motion carried by voice vote.*

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

*No Items were Considered.*

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

- (a) Proposed letter to the Honorable Barbara A. Frush, Chair of the Prince George’s House Delegation and the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair of the Prince George’s Senate Delegation expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State legislation.  
- **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report on the actions and recommendations to the Council. A letter was proposed for sending to the Honorable Barbara A. Frush, Chair of the Prince George’s house Delegation and the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair of the Prince George’s Senate Delegation expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State Legislation. Council Member Bland moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried 8-0.*

**REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*Mr. Timothy Saffell addressed the Council regarding domestic violence and animal cruelty in the County.*

**ADJOURN:** - *Chairman Dean adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A.M.*

**BRIEFINGS – (ROOM 2027) – DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

● **SPENDING AFFORDABILITY FINAL REPORT**

Jonathan R. Seeman, Director  
Office of Management and Budget

● **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

**BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) -- CANCELLED**

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008.**

**EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING - HEHS - (ROOM 2027) – COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (ROOM 2027) (CONTINUED FROM 2/5/2008) – EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

- (a) Discussion to consider proposal for business to remain in the state in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508 (a)(4).
- (b) Consult with Council to obtain legal advice in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508 (a)(7).

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

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Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council