



Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration
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1301 McCormick Dr
Largo, MD 20774

Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8
Wala Blegay, District 6
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4
Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

10:45 A.M. - DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:24 a.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Fisher arrived at 11:26 a.m. and Council Member Olson arrived at 11:30 a.m. Council Member Olson participated remotely and on camera (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Present: 9 - Chair Jolene Ivey
 Vice Chair Edward Burroughs
 Council Member Wala Blegay
 Council Member Thomas Dernoga
 Council Member Wanika Fisher
 Council Member Sydney Harrison
 Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
 Council Member Krystal Oriadha
 Council Member Ingrid Watson

Remote: 1 - Council Member Eric Olson

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council
Natasha Avery, Legislative Reference Aide
Akinjide Adeyemo, Zoning Reference Aide
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney
Stanley Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Dr. Henry P. Davis III, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Landover, Maryland. Council Chair Ivey requested prayer for Council Member Olson and his family as they mourn the loss of his father, Larry Olson, and for the family of Judge John Davey who also recently passed away. Council Chair Ivey also requested prayer for the speedy recovery of former Delegate Frank Turner. Council Member Blegay requested prayer for Mr. Redell Dukes, a fierce advocate for the Westphalia community, who recently passed away. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for all federal workers during these tumultuous times. Council Member Harrison also requested prayer for the vision and wisdom to handle the complexities of the budget in the upcoming years and for economic development in the county.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hawkins.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 02042025](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 4, 2025

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02042025](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-010-2025](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE VACANT REAL PROPERTIES TAX RATE for the purpose of establishing a real property tax rate for real properties consisting of vacant houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Harrison and Burroughs**Attachment(s):** [B2025010](#)[CB-010-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Ivey, Harrison and Burroughs and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

(c) Introduction of Resolutions[CR-008-2025](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REVISED ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of delaying the effective date of CB-007-2024 - The Revised Elderly Property Tax Credit, and to provide the necessary time to revise CB-007-2024 and enact legislation that clarifies the senior citizens eligibility for a senior tax credit.

Sponsor(s): Ivey and Hawkins**Attachment(s):** [R2025008](#)[CR-008-2025 Summary](#)[CR-008-2025 Transmittal](#)

Council and the Administration proposed this joint Resolution to refine and improve the goals outlined in the Senior Property Tax Credit Bill, CB-007-2024 (DR2), which was passed by Council in November 2024.

While CB-007-2024 (DR2) reflects important intentions, we collectively recognize the need for revisions to ensure its clarity, fiscal responsibility, and ease of implementation. To ensure that this legislation best meets the needs of our seniors, we are working together to draft a new Bill that prioritizes: (1) ensuring seniors understand how to access the credit and meet eligibility requirements, (2) streamlining the process to make it easier for applicants and officials, (3) balancing the goal of supporting seniors with the financial sustainability of the program, and (4) equitable access for our senior residents who need assistance the most.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey and Hawkins and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[Consent7-25](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye 10 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 02112025a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter_Week 2-11-25](#)
[SB 613 / HB 908 Position Statement](#)
[HB 710 Position Statement](#)
[SB 59 Position Statement](#)
[SB 651 / HB 709 - Position Statement](#)

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter and position statements.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's

signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison,
Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

LTR 02112025b

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to The Honorable Peter A. Shapiro, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, approving the request for Extension to the Timeframe for Preparation of the Port Towns Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment

Attachment(s): [Port Towns Sector Plan and SMA Extension Draft Letter](#)
[M-NCPPC Request for Extension Port Towns Sector Plan and SMA](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal Port Towns Extension 1.23.2025](#)

Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee, provided an overview for the agenda letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins,
Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent Ivey

LTR 02112025c

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Tara H. Jackson, Acting County Executive, transmitting the County Council's Legislative Calendar and Appointments Schedule for 2025.

Attachment(s): [2025 Long Range Calendar Letter](#)
[2025 Long Range Calendar Draft](#)
[2025 Long Range Suggested Schedule for CEX](#)
[Appointments Draft](#)

Council Members discussed the appointments calendar and appointments process since there is a pending special election for Council Executive.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's

signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins,
Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent Ivey

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

EX 02112025

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1, 2), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically, to brief the council on staffing for the upcoming budget cycle.

Vice Chair Burroughs announced that the executive session was removed from the agenda.

REC3-25

Draft 1

RECESS

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:44 AM.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye 10 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison,
Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

11:15 A.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

RECONVENE

THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 12:27 PM.

[Add5-25](#)

Draft 1

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that the additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**4. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)**

[CR-008-2025](#)

Draft 1

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Sponsor(s): Ivey and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2025008](#)
 [CR-008-2025 Summary](#)
 [CR-008-2025 Transmittal](#)

Nathaniel Tutt, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-008-2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Watson
Absent Ivey, Blegay, Harrison and Oriadha

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

Aye 6 - Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Watson
Absent Ivey, Blegay, Harrison and Oriadha

[ADJ14-25](#)

ADJOURN

Draft 1

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:30 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Burroughs, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote:

Aye 6 - Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Watson

Absent Ivey, Blegay, Harrison and Oriadha

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council