



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Todd M. Turner, Council 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, Vice Chair, At-Large
Jolene Ivey, District 5
Rodney C. Streeter, District 7
Deni L. Taveras, District 2

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

12:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 2:41 p.m. with 11 members present. Council Members Dernoga, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras were present via Skype or call.

Present: 11 - Council Chair Todd Turner
Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Dannielle Glaros
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Vice Chair Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras

[Add26-20](#)**MOTION TO ACCEPT ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Vice Chair Hawkins, to accept the additions package. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS[CR-010-2020](#)

Draft 1

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS-PUBLIC MEETINGS, SESSIONS, AND HEARINGS for the purpose of postponement of County Council actions, providing for alternative public participation for meetings that are required to be held, and operations necessitated by the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) public health emergency.

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

Attachment(s): [R2020010](#)
[CR-010-2020 AIS](#)

This Emergency Resolution provides:

- That all public meetings, sessions and hearings of the Prince George’s County Council sitting as the District Council, Zoning Hearing Examiner, and Board of Appeals are stayed for a period of sixty (60) days or until such time as the statewide emergency is lifted; and*
- That the time within which any individual, agency or official must submit a recommendation and/or response to the Prince George’s County Council sitting as the District Council, Zoning Hearing Examiner, or Board of Appeals for their consideration at said public meetings, sessions and hearings, is stayed for a period of sixty (60) days or until such time as the statewide emergency is lifted.*
- That this shall suspend, toll, extend or otherwise grant relief from time deadlines, requirements, or expirations in the Prince George’s County Code, including Subtitle 27, where there is no practical ability of a party subject to such deadline, requirement, or expiration, to comply or seek other relief.*

• *That pursuant to Section 317 of the Prince George's County Charter, in the event of an emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to provisions of State law, which emergency affects any part or all of Prince George's County, and there is an emergent issue which precludes a Council meeting, the Council Chair or Vice Chair, in the Chair's absence, is authorized, upon advice and consent of a majority of the full Council, to modify the voting, quorum, and publication requirements consistent with State law, as necessary to respond to the emergency.*

• *That in order to address the public emergency and in light of the County Charter, in the event a public meeting, session, or hearing is mandated by law and cannot be continued, or is necessary for the continuity of government operations, the Council may provide for alternative public participation to include remote teleconferencing to address the emergency.*

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

Karen Zavakos, Legislative and Zoning Counsel, provided an overview of the provisions of the legislation. Council Member Dernoga requested the document be emailed to Council Members attending remotely. The Resolution was provided as requested.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Vice Chair Hawkins, that the Council Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the immediate adoption of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

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

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chair Turner commented on the legislation undertaken by the Council and spoke about the impact of the pandemic, ways to stay safe, communication efforts and provided operational instructions to County residents.

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ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Taveras, that this meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council