



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, January 21, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:00 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

10:30 A.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (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 11:10 a.m. with 10 members present at roll call. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Present: 10 - 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 Eric Olson
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Ingrid Watson

Also present:

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council
Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney
Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney
J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee*

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Joshua Hill, Assistant Pastor, Miracle International Praise Ministries, Seat Pleasant MD. Chair Ivey requested prayer for the country and the county as we prepare to face many challenges in the coming years. Chair Ivey also requested prayer for the strength of the immigrant community during these tumultuous times. Council Member Blegay requested prayer for Dr. Renee Allen, a dear friend and community member who recently passed away. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for all of the elected and public officials in this country. Council

Member Hawkins also requested prayer for Mayor David Chapman and his family as they mourn the passing of his wife. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for Alexis Schuler of Capitol Heights who tragically lost her life as result of domestic violence. Council Member Fisher also requested prayer for transit workers, especially the Metrobus driver who passed away after crashing into a building in Riverdale. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for federal workers and the country as a whole during this season of change.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Blegay.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ms. Juanita Williams addressed the council with concerns about snow removal and trash collection. Ms. Cynthia McCarther-Parker addressed the council with concerns about snow removal.

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 2

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 01142025](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 14, 2025

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [01142025](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-002-2025](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING WATERCRAFT PARKED ON COUNTY ROADS for the purpose of prohibiting the parking of watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way within the County; to establish fines and penalties for parking a personally-owned watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights of way in the County; to permit the towing and impounding of any personally-owned watercraft after a certain number of violations; and generally relating to the prohibition of parking a personally-owned watercraft on public streets, roads, highways, and rights-of-way in Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Olson**Attachment(s):** [B2025002](#)[CB-002-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Olson and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[Consent4-25](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, 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 01212025a](#)**

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 (recommended at the 01/21/2025 General Assembly Committee meeting).

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter_Week 1-21-25](#)

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

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, 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

[LTR 01212025b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Tara H. Jackson, Acting County Executive, transmitting the Prince George's County Council's appointments to the Police Accountability Board.

Attachment(s): [Police Accountability Board Appointments Letter](#)

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator, provided an overview of the Police Accountability Board appointments letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, 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

[LTR 01212025c](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Tara H. Jackson, Acting County Executive, transmitting the County Council's appointment to the County's Spending Affordability Committee.

Attachment(s): [Spending Affordability Committee Appointments Letter](#)

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator, provided an overview of the Spending Affordability Committee appointments 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 10 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison,
Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

[LTR 01212025d](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), supporting Maryland Transit Administration's Application for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant.

Attachment(s): [Maryland Area Rail Infrastructure Accelerator Letter](#)

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for the agenda letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, 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

4. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[BR 01212025](#)

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SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Michael Johnson, Director, DPW&T
Stacey Smalls, Deputy Director, DPW&T
Oluseyi Olugbenle, Deputy Director, DPW&T

Attachment(s): [DPWT Council Briefing Presentation - Snow Operations](#)

The briefing convened at 11:35 a.m. Council Chair Ivey introduced Michael Johnson, Director, DPW&T, Stacey Smalls, Deputy Director, DPW&T, and Oluseyi Olugbenle, Deputy Director, DPW&T, who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation: Prince George's County Council Briefing. The presentation highlighted the following: Snow Operations Overview - One Snow Plan - Five Operation Levels; Snow Operations Overview - Service Priorities; Phased Approach; January 5, Storm Summary; Road Conditions and Plowing Standards; Treatment Plan For Snow Event; Snow Event Roadway Conditions; Outreach, Media, Communications; Storm Challenges; PGC 311 - DPW&T; Proposed Operational Improvements; and

Next Steps. The participants responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 1:47 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY THE CHAIR AT 1:47 PM.

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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