

# ***ACTION MINUTES***

**Tuesday, May 11, 2004**

**Business Meeting**

**(Legislative Day No. 16 to be declared)**

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

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

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS** – *Council Chairman Tony Knotts commenced Presentation of Proclamations at 10:38 a.m.*

Joint Proclamation **presented to The Asian Pacific Delegation, recognizing the month of May 2004 as “Asian Pacific Heritage Month” in Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Tony Knotts, County Executive Representative Aisha Braveboy and Council Members Bland and Harrington) - **PRESENTED**

*Chairman Tony Knotts, Vice Chairman Samuel Dean, Council Members Bland and Harrington and County Executive’s Representative Aisha Braveboy presented a Proclamation to the Asian Pacific Delegation in recognition of May 2004 as Asian Pacific Heritage Month in Prince George’s County. The delegation provided two books to the Library System.*

Proclamation **presented to The Fundacion General Ecuatoriana Delegation, recognizing and welcoming the Delegation from the “Fundacion General Ecuatoriana in Quito, Ecuador” to Prince George’s County.** (Council Chairman Tony Knotts, Council Vice Chairman Samuel H. Dean and Council Members Bland and Harrington) - **PRESENTED**

*Chairman Tony Knotts, Council Vice Chairman Samuel Dean, Council Members Bland and Harrington and County Executive’s Representative Aisha Braveboy presented a Proclamation to the Fundacion General Ecuatoriana Delegation recognizing and welcoming the Delegation from the “Fundacion Generall Ecuatorian in Quito, Ecuador” to Prince George’s County.*

**CALL TO ORDER** : *Chairman Knotts called to order at 11:13 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Marilynn M. Bland  
Samuel H. Dean  
Camille A. Exum  
Tony Knotts  
David C. Harrington  
Thomas R. Hendershot  
Douglas J. J. Peters  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Peter A. Shapiro*

*Others Present:*

*Barbara L. Holtz, Council Administrator  
Craig S. Price, Deputy Council Administrator  
Robert Williams, Jr., Associate Council Administrator  
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer  
Aisha Braveboy, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive  
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney  
Jackie Brown, Committee Director (PZED)  
Sandra Eubanks, Committee Director (HEHS & THE)*

**INVOCATION:** *The Invocation was led by Edwin H. Brown Jr., County Employee and a member of From the Hearts Church Ministries, Temple Hills, Maryland. Council Member Exum requested special prayers for the family of Freddie Dawkins for his speedy recuperation; for the family of Decaur Trotter family in his passing and birthday wishes for Chairman Knotts.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** - *The Pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Exum.*

**DESIGNATION OF MAY 11, 2004 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 16**  
*Chairman Knotts designated May 11, 2004 as Legislative Day number sixteen.*

**\*\*** *Council Member Dernoga moved to accept additional items to the agenda; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried by voice vote.*

**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.

**First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

**CB-30-2004 – AN ACT CONCERNING REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT DISTRICT** for the purpose of designating Census Tracts that comprise the Revitalization Tax Credit District, to reflect changes in median income as determined by the 2000 Census. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 30 was presented by Council Member Peters and referred to Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).*

*\*\* Council Member Dean moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried by voice vote.*

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*No items were removed.*

**PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Proposed letter to Steven A. Silverman, President, Montgomery County Council, transmitting the Prince George's County Council's proposed recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2005 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*Chairman Tony Knotts proposed that a letter be sent to Steven A. Silverman, President of the Montgomery County Council, transmitting the Prince George's County Council's proposed recommendations on the Fiscal Year 2005 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. Council Member Shapiro moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried by roll call vote 9-0.*

Proposed letter to Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, endorsing the goals, concepts, guidelines and public participation program for the Henson Creek-South Potomac Master Plan and concurrent Sectional Map Amendment. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*Chairman Tony Knotts, by request of the Planning Board, proposed that a letter be sent to Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, endorsing the goals, concepts, guidelines and public participation program for the Henson Creek-South Potomac Master Plan and concurrent Sectional Map Amendment. Council Member Exum moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried by roll call vote 9-0.*

Proposed letter to Beatrice P. Tignor, EdD, Chair, Board of Education, approving the Board of Education's transfer request for FY 2004 Operating Budget. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*Chairman Tony Knotts, by request of the Board of Education, proposed that a letter be sent to Beatrice P. Tignor, EdD, Chair, Board of Education, approving the Board of Education's transfer request for FY 2004 Operating Budget. Council Member Exum as Chairman of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS), provided the Council Members with a verbal report of the Committee's actions and recommendations. Council Member Exum moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Shapiro. Motion carried 9-0.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING  
(ENACTMENT)**

**CB-11-2004 (DR-2) – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING HOME**

**OCCUPATIONS** for the purpose of defining low-impact home occupation and permitting the use in certain residential zones, amending the definition of home occupation, and making related amendments concerning home occupations.

**PUBLIC HEARING HELD; AMENDED; DR-3 ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice the public hearing convened on Council Bill 11. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Dean moved amendment number 1; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0. Council Member Harrington moved to enact as amended; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0.*

**RECESSED:** - *Chairman Knotts recessed the meeting at 11:29 a.m.*

**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – (ROOM 2027) -- COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROPOSED FY 2005 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, SIX-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (INCLUDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET), THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PORTION OF THE COUNTY FY 2005 OPERATING BUDGET AND PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY –  
PUBLIC HEARING HELD; AMENDED**

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA****SECOND READING OF BILLS (INTRODUCTION)**

**CB-31-2004 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES** for the purpose of providing procedures for statutory review of proposed zoning relating to annexations by a municipality with zoning authority. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Member Dernoga as Chairman of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee provided a verbal report of the committee's actions and recommendations to the Council. Council Bill 31 provides an open and objective process for the consideration, by the District Council, of initial zoning determinations when property is annexed into a municipality that exercises zoning authority. At the present time, only the City of Laurel exercises zoning authority independent of the Regional District. Council Bill 31 was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Exum, Dean, Peters and Shapiro.*

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

*No Person wished to Address the Council.*

**ADJOURNED:** - *Chairman Knotts adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.*

Provided By:

Submitted By:

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Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council

