

ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Business Meeting

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) -- BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Tony Knotts called to order at 10:11 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

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

Others Present:

*Barbara L. Holtz, Council Administrator
Robert Williams, Jr., Associate Council Administrator
Aisha N. Braveboy, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney*

INVOCATION - *Reverend Dr. Michael C. Turner, Sr. of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland, provided the Invocation. Special prayer was requested for Jacqueline Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, in her illness and for the ten-year old child hit by a vehicle on Brooks Drive.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *The pledge was led by Council Member Hendershot.*

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - *Council Member Harrington acknowledged Reverend Turner as a schoolmate of his at Howard University and thanked him for providing the Invocation. Council Member Knotts thanked everyone who attended the rally in Annapolis in support of full funding of the Thornton recommendations.*

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-6-2004 – AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE AUTHORITY for the purpose of revising the composition of the membership of the Revenue Authority. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 6 was presented by Council Member Exum and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).

CB-7-2004 – AN ACT CONCERNING REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for the purpose of revising the composition of the membership of the Redevelopment Authority. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 7 was presented by Council Member Exum and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).

Introduction of Resolutions

CR-11-2004 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – POLICE OFFICIALS – SALARY SCHEDULE P-O SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect certain wage and benefit modifications of Police Officials. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 11, as proposed by the Chairman by request of the County Executive, amend the Salary Plan in Salary Schedule P-O for 36 Police Officials (13 Majors, 23 Captains) above the rank of Lieutenant, covering FY2004 – FY2005 and will implement similar economic benefits and modifications contained in the Arbitration Award. Council Resolution 11 was introduced by Council Members Knotts, Bland, Dean, Exum, Harrington, Dernoga, Peters and Shapiro and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed.

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

No items were considered.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appointment of the following individual as Director of Homeland Security for Prince George's County: - PUBLIC HEARING HELD; CONFIRMED

Mr. Vernon R. Herron

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the appointment of Mr. Vernon R. Herron as the Director of Homeland Security for Prince George's County. County Executive Jack B. Johnson began his comments by recognizing Reverend Turner for his leadership in the community. He went on to introduce Mr. Herron to the Council and spoke to his character and credentials. The Honorable William D. Missouri, Chief David Mitchell, and Jacqueline Brown (CAO) spoke in support of the nomination. Chairman Knotts read into the record a letter from Maryland State Delegate Joseph Vallerio in support of Mr. Herron. Mr. Herron was present and spoke on his own behalf. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Dean moved confirmation of Mr. Vernon R. Herron; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried 9-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appointment of the following individual to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for Prince George's County: - PUBLIC HEARING HELD; CONFIRMED

Ms. Joyce A. Starks

Appointment
Replacing: Manuel Geraldo, Esquire
Term Expiring: 6/1/2007

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the appointment of Ms. Joyce A. Starks to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. County Executive Jack B. Johnson introduced Ms. Starks to the Council and spoke to her character and credentials. Ms. Lois Stafford and Mr. Lee Andrew Black spoke in support of the nomination. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Shapiro moved confirmation of Ms. Joyce A. Starks; seconded by Council Member Dean. The motion carried 8-0 (Absent: Dernoga).

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – Council Member Harrington recognized Floyd E. Wilson, Jr., former Council Member for the fifth Councilmanic District.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

CR-13-2004 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION for the purpose of

extending the appointment of Floyd E. Wilson, Jr., as Acting Executive Director of the Minority Business Opportunities Commission. - **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 13, as proposed by the Chairman by request of the County Executive, extends the appointment of Floyd E. Wilson, Jr. as Acting Director of the Minority Business Opportunities Commission. Council Resolution 13 was introduced by Council Members Knotts, Bland, Dernoga, Exum, Dean, Harrington, Hendershot, Peters and Shapiro. Council Member Exum moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 13; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Harrington moved adoption of Council Resolution 13; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried 9-0.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons wished to address the Council.

Chairman Knotts adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING – (ROOM 2027) -- COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

SEE SEPARATE AGENDA

The General Assembly Committee convened at 11:38 a.m. See separate action agenda for details.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Deputy Clerk

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council