



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

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

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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10:00 A.M. - - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 207)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

12:30 P.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 207)

1:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 1:12 p.m. with 10 members present at roll call. Council Member Fisher arrived at 1:18 p.m. Council Member Franklin participated remotely and on camera.

Present: 10 - Chair Jolene Ivey
Vice Chair Sydney Harrison
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Ingrid Watson

Remote: 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator

Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by the Honorable Jamila Woods, Pastor, Jabez Christian Community Church, White Plains, MD. Council Member Hawkins requested a prayer for the victims of the violent shootings in Greenbelt, MD and for all elected and public officials in the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Blegay.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Joseph Flood and Akoma Love addressed the Council.

DESIGNATION OF APRIL 23, 2024 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 10**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 04162024](#)

County Council Minutes dated April 16, 2024

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [04162024](#)

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-032-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS for the purpose of requiring the annual allocation of a certain percentage of Annual Local Gaming Revenue to youth and young adult employment readiness and financial literacy transition programs or housing stability programs for senior citizens; and generally relating to local impact grant funds.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2024032](#)

[CB-032-2024 Summary](#)

[CB-18-2024 Fiscal Impact Proposed Draft 2](#)

[CB-32-2024 \(DR-2\)](#)

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

[CB-033-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNDERSERVED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 2024 for the purpose of requiring that at least fifty percent (50%) of the positions of any youth employment program funded by the Prince George's County Government shall be reserved for youth and young adults from households making thirty percent (30%) or less of the Washington DC Area Median Income, subject to

certain conditions.

Sponsor(s): Franklin, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Oriadha, Ivey, Watson, Dernoga and Olson

Attachment(s): [B2024033](#)
[CB-033-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-033-2024 OOL Comments](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Franklin, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins and Oriadha and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

CB-034-2024

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of abolishing, reallocating and adding classes of work and adding a Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) category to the Classification Plan of the County.

Attachment(s): [B2024034](#)
[CB-034-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-034-2024 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CB-035-2024

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE NORTHERN GATEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT for the purpose of repealing the establishment of a business improvement district in the Northern Gateway.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Watson, Ivey, Olson and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2024035](#)
[CB-035-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-035-2024 OOL Comments](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CB-036-2024

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION FEES for the purpose of amending legislation to increase emergency transportation fees to adjust for inflation and increased cost of operations in two phases.

Attachment(s): [B2024036](#)
[CB-036-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-036-2024 Transmittal](#)
[CB-036-2024 CEX Withdrawal Letter](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

(c) Introduction of Resolutions

[CR-029-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM

for the purpose of encouraging the University of Maryland College Park, Bowie State University, and Prince George's Community College to work together to offer a program for Prince George's County Police Department to receive tuition and credit benefits at their respective institutions.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Oriadha, Burroughs and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024029](#)
[CR-029-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-029-2024 OOL Comment](#)
[CR-029-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-029-2024 Committee Report](#)

This pilot program would be a great recruitment and retention tool for the Prince George's County Police Department.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Ivey, Watson, Olson, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Hawkins, Oriadha, Burroughs and Franklin and referred to the Education and Workforce Development Committee.

[CR-032-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of expressing the County Council's strong support and encouragement for the creation of a Criminal Justice Coordination Council.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Oriadha, Watson, Ivey, Franklin, Hawkins, Dernoga and Harrison

Attachment(s): [R2024032](#)
[CR-032-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-032-2024 PAFI Criminal Justice Coordination Council - Final](#)

A Criminal Justice Coordination Council is how public safety is communicating in strategic way within the county and other jurisdictions across our area. This is increasingly needed in order to combat the high crime and juvenile issues occurring in Prince George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Watson, Ivey, Franklin, Hawkins, Dernoga and Harrison and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

[CR-033-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT for the purpose of amending the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2024 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding the Bowie Commons project, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, and the reprogramming and reallocation of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program funds from the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to support the Bowie Commons project.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024033](#)
[CR-033-2024 Attachment B](#)
[CR-033-2024 Attachment C](#)
[CR-033-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-033-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-033-2024 Transmittal](#)
[CR-033-2024 Presentation_Bowie Commons - COW 5-28-24](#)
[CR-33-2024 COW Committee Report](#)

This Resolution will amend the Prince George's County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2024 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by approving the addition of the Bowie Commons project, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Additionally, this Resolution will amend the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan by reprogramming and reallocating one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in HOME

Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program funds from the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan to support the project.

This Resolution requires at least one (1) public hearing because the proposed amendment to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan would constitute a “substantial change” under the FY 2021-2025 County Citizen Participation Plan, as described in the County’s FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Franklin and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**[CR-034-2024](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (“PILOT”) AGREEMENT FOR THE BOWIE COMMONS APARTMENTS

for the purpose of approving the terms and conditions of a Payments in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement between Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) and Bowie Housing Partners, LP (the “Owner”).

Sponsor(s): Watson, Ivey, Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2024034](#)

[CR-034-2024 Attachment B](#)

[CR-034-2024 Summary](#)

[CR-034-2024 PAFI](#)

[CR-034-2024 Transmittal](#)

[CR-034-2024 Presentation Bowie Commons- COW
5-28-24](#)

This legislation is approving the terms and conditions of a Payments in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement between Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) and Bowie Housing Partners, LP (the “Owner”) concerning the Bowie Commons project.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Watson, Ivey, Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin and Fisher and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[CR-035-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT for

the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding eligible Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 1 (“CDBG-CV1”) and Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 3 (“CDBG-CV3”) Program activities not originally funded or described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan, and the reprogramming and reallocation of one million, three hundred seventy nine thousand, seven hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,379,734) in combined CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 Program funds from the County FY 2020 Annual Action Plan funds to support the activities.

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Ivey, Watson, Dernoga, Franklin and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2024035](#)
[CR-035-2024 \(Attachment A\)](#)
[CR-035-2024 \(Attachment B\)](#)
[CR-035-2024 \(Attachment C\)](#)
[CR-035-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-035-2024 PAFI](#)
[CR-035-2024 Transmittal](#)
[CR-35-2024 COW Committee Report](#)

This Resolution will amend the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2020 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding new Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 1 ("CDBG-CV1") and Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Round 3 ("CDBG-CV3") Program activities, eligible activities not originally funded or described in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Additionally, this Resolution will amend the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan by reprogramming and reallocating one million, three hundred seventy-nine thousand, seven hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,379,734) in combined CDBG-CV1 and CDBG-CV3 Program funds from the County FY 2020 Annual Action Plan to support the new activities.

This Resolution requires at least one (1) public hearing because the proposed amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan would constitute a "substantial change" under the FY 2021-2025 County Citizen Participation Plan, as described in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Ivey, Watson, Dernoga, Franklin and Hawkins and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[Consent18-24](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)

[CB-009-2024](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING 9-1-1 VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY REGISTRY for the purpose of establishing the 9-1-1 Registry Program to alert certain first responders of certain behaviors, diagnoses, or traits of individuals with special needs may present during certain encounters with first responders.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Olson

Attachment(s): [B2024009](#)
[CB-009-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-009-2024 Report](#)
[CB-009-2024 PAFI](#)

Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CB-009-2024. Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney, provided an overview of a proposed amendment.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson,
Oriadha and Watson
Abstain 2 - Blegay and Burroughs

This bill allows individuals and those caring for individuals with special needs and/or heightened sensitivities to notify the Prince George's County Police Department of those individuals with particularized needs and/or heightened sensitivities prior to any engagement with law enforcement. On occasion when law enforcement is requested to respond to an emergency situation they encounter individuals with special needs and/or heightened sensitivities, which can present unease and uncertainty for law enforcement and misunderstanding for the individual. Neither situation is ideal and has

the potential for mishaps from law enforcement and/or the individual, and this bill will alleviate some of the possible tensions that arise when there are misunderstands between law enforcement and the community.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Olson.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[CR-018-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, INCLUSIVE OF THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (“HOME”) PROGRAM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (“ARP”), ALLOCATION PLAN, FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

for the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2022 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development by adding The Cassidy project, an eligible activity not originally funded or described in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, inclusive of the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program American Rescue Plan (“ARP”), Allocation Plan, and the allocation and commitment of one million, fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000) in HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) (“HOME-ARP”) Program funds from the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, inclusive of the HOME Investment Partnerships (“HOME”) Program American Rescue Plan (“ARP”), Allocation Plan, to support the project.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Harrison, Watson, Hawkins, Dernoga, Fisher and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024018](#)

[CR-018-2024 Attachment B](#)

[CR-018-2024 Attachment C](#)

[CR-018-2024 Summary](#)

[CR-018-2024 Report](#)

[CR-018-2024 PAFI](#)

[CR-018-2024 Transmittal](#)

[Cassidy Project Overview Presentation 04-23-2024](#)

[C.O.W.](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:43 p.m. There was no one signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)[CR-019-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING INVESTMENT TRUST FUND (“HITF”) FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

for the purpose of committing and allocating the amount of three million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) in Prince George’s County Housing Investment Trust Fund (“HITF”) Program funds to The Cassidy project, an eligible activity, for gap financing of new affordable rental housing construction.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Harrison, Hawkins, Dernoga, Watson and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2024019](#)

[CR-019-2024 Attachment B](#)

[CR-019-2024 Summary](#)

[CR-019-2024 Report](#)

[CR-019-2024 PAFI](#)

[CR-019-2024 Transmittal](#)

[Cassidy Project Overview Presentation 04-23-2024](#)

[C.O.W.](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:44 p.m. There was no one signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION)[CR-013-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 911 CHARGE for the purpose of approving a one cent increase in the additional charge for switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, and other 911 accessible service within the County.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Harrison, Watson and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2024013](#)

[CR-013-2024 Summary](#)

[CR-013-2024 Report](#)

[CR-013-2024 PAFI](#)

[CR-013-2024 Transmittal](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:45 p.m. There was no one signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

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

Aye	9 -	Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson and Watson
Absent		Hawkins
Abstain	1 -	Oriadha

7. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[BR 04232024](#)

Draft 1

COUNCIL MEMBER WORKGROUP UPDATES

COG Transportation Planning Board (Council Member Olson)

Council Member Olson provided an update on the COG Transportation Planning Board.

This Briefing was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

[EX 04232024](#)

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), 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 consider and discuss the designation of Chair and Vice-Chair to the Prince George's County Board of Appeals, and to consider and discuss the Board of Supervisor of Assessments.

The Chair read the following closing statement/motion to convene in executive session: "Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), 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 consider and discuss the designation of Chair and Vice-Chair to the Prince George's County Board of Appeals, and to consider and discuss the Board of Supervisor of Assessments." The Executive Session was held.

On 4/23/2024, a motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 11, Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Date of Executive Session: April 23, 2024

Time of Vote to Close Session: 1:49 p.m.

Location of Executive Session: 1st Floor Executive Conference Room

Beginning Time: 5:15 p.m.

Ending Time: 5:23 p.m.

Members Present:

CM Ivey, Chairwoman, CM Blegay, CM Burroughs, CM Fisher, CM Franklin (virtual/remote)

CM Hawkins, CM Olson and CM Watson

Members Absent:

CM Harrison, Vice-Chairman, CM Dernoga and CM Oriadha

Others Present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Karen Zavakos, Donna Brown and Ellis Watson

Topics Discussed:

1. Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Prince George's County Board of Appeals.

2. Discussion of applications for the Board of Supervisor of Assessments.

Actions Taken:

1. Motion to appoint Mr. Omara M. "Omar" Boulware as Chair to the Prince George's County Board of Appeals by a 7-0 vote (fav), Motion by: CM Blegay, Second by: CM Burroughs

2. Motion to appoint Ms. Phillippa Johnston as Vice-Chair to the Prince Georges County Board of Appeals by a 7-0 vote (fav), Motion by: CM Blegay, Second by: CM Burroughs

Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (1): 11 – 0, Motion

by: CM Harrison, Second: CM Fisher

Vote to Adjourn: 8-0, Motion by: CM Olson, Second by: CM Burroughs

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

[REC9-24](#)

Draft 1

RECESS

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 1:52 PM.

A motion was made by Chair Ivey, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

1:45 P.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORK-SESSION - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

2:30 P.M. - TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

6:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (CDBG) - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council