

# AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Legislative Day No. 31

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** - Chair Exum called to order at 10:02 A. M. with the following Council Members present:

*Marilynn M. Bland*

*Will Campos*

*Samuel H. Dean*

*Thomas E. Dernoga*

*(arrived at 10:05 a.m.)*

*Camille A. Exum*

*David C. Harrington*

*(arrived at 10:05 a.m.)*

*Tony Knotts*

*Eric C. Olson*

*Ingrid M. Turner*

*Others Present:*

*Craig Price, Council Administrator*

*Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer*

*Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Committee Director*

*Cathy Canning, Associate County Attorney*

*Russell King, Associate County Attorney*

*Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

**INVOCATION:** - *The Invocation was led by E. Kenneth Barksdale, Jr., Member, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** - *The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Dean.*

### 1. **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.

(a) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-78-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOODS** for the purpose of expanding the existing Designated Neighborhoods of Oxon Hill and Glassmanor to participate as eligible entities for State of Maryland financial assistance and incentive programs. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 78 expands the “Designated Neighborhood” areas of Oxon Hill and Glassmanor for eligible entities to participate in the State of Maryland financial assistance and incentive programs. Council Resolution was introduced by Council Member Knotts and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee.*

**CR-79-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARLTON PLAZA SENIOR HOUSING** for the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County “Annual Action Plan: FY 2008” to include a senior rental housing project known as Marlton Plaza Senior Housing (“Marlton Project”), its estimated cost of completion and funding sources. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 79 amends the Prince George’s County “Annual Action Plan: FY 2008” to include the Marlton Plaza Senior Housing Project (“Marlton Project”), its estimated cost of completion and sources of funding. Council Resolution 79 was introduced by Council Member Bland and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee.*

**CR-80-2007 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2004 APPROVED GATEWAY ARTS DISTRICT SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT (SMA)** for the purpose of revising certain development district standards in the 2004 Approved Gateway Arts District Sector Plan and SMA. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 80 concerns The 2004 Approved Gateway Arts District Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) for the purpose of revising certain development district standards in the 2004 Approved Gateway Arts District Sector Plan and SMA. Council Resolution 80 was introduced by Council Members Campos and Harrington and was referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee.*

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

2. **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*No items were considered*

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

*No items were considered*

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**  
 - **CONFIRMED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the appointment of Ms. Patricia Jones Morris as Director of Family Services for Prince George's County. Council Member Bland, Chair of the Health, Education and Human Services, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Jack B. Johnson, County Executive, introduced Ms. Patricia Jones Morris to the Council. Ms. Morris spoke on her own behalf. Mr. Howard Burnett, Ms. Karen Lynch and Dr. Lenise Bias spoke in support of the appointment of Ms. Morris confirmation. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Harrington acknowledged the fine work conducted by Dr. Bias as a "gem" in the county and applauded the efforts of Social Services and his desire to see more help and services to be provided. Council Member Dean moved confirmation; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 9-0.*

**Appointment of the following individual as Director of Family Services for Prince George's County:**

Ms. Patricia Jones Morris

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

**CB-46-2007 - AN ACT CONCERNING OBSOLETE COUNTY CODE PROVISIONS** for the purpose of repealing various obsolete provisions of the County Code that are no longer appropriate subject matter for the County Code.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Council Member Knotts, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 46. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Olson moved enactment of Council Bill 46; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The motion carried 9-0.*

**CB-47-2007 - AN ACT CONCERNING DUPLICATE COUNTY CODE PROVISIONS** for the purpose of repealing duplicate provisions of the County Code pertaining to the Telecommunications Transmission Facility Coordinating Committee.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Council Member Knotts, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 47. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Olson moved enactment of Council Bill 47; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The motion carried 9-0.*

6. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**CR-81-2007 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WORKERS' RIGHTS** for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the workers at Smithfield Foods, Inc. who have alleged several claims of unfair labor practices against the Company's Tar Heel, North Carolina Division.

- **INTRODUCED; FINAL ACTION DEFERRED UNTIL 11/13/2007**

*Council Resolution 81 concerns Workers' Rights for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the workers at Smithfield Foods, Inc. who have of alleged several claims of unfair labor practices against the Company's Tar Heel, North Carolina Division. Council Resolution 81 was introduced by Council Members Exum, Dean, Harrington, Bland, Olson, Campos, Knotts, Turner and Dernoga.*

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

*Mr. Michael Reeves and Mr. Victor Folayan addressed the Council regarding federal moratorium on home foreclosures and Mr. Henry Courdess spoke in reference to Victoria Falls Special Taxing District.*

**ADJOURN:** - Chair Exum adjourned the meeting at 10:52 A.M.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027) - MEETING HELD**

- **Appointment Mr. Frederick F. Tutman to the Agricultural Resources Advisory Committee for Prince George's County.**  
- **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**
- **Appointment of Ms. Maryrose Ozee Nwadike to the Housing Authority for Prince George's County.**  
- **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027)**

- **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

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

**PROPOSED UPDATES TO ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

CJ Lammers, M-NCPPC  
Kim Finch, M-NCPPC

*Council Member Dean moved to convene into Executive Session in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code; State Government, Section 10-508 (a)(4); seconded by Council Member Knotts; The motion carried 9-0.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (ROOM 2027) - EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

- (a) Discussion to consider proposal for business to remain in the State in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508 (a)(4).

Prepared By:

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