

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Business Meeting

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) -- BRIEFING HELD

Council Chair Turner convened the agenda briefing at 10:06 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER- *Council Chair Turner called to order at 10:30 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Ingrid M. Turner
Will Campos
Mel Franklin
Andrea C. Harrison
Leslie E. Johnson
Mary A. Lehman
Eric C. Olson
Obie Patterson
Karen R. Toles*

Others present:

*Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William Hunt, deputy Council Administrator
Karen Zavakos, Legislative Officer
Frank Porter, Director, PSFM Committee
Josh Hamlin
Brad Frome, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Jackie Brown, Director, PZED Committee
Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer
Sandra Eubanks, Director, HEHS Committee
Todd Turner, Legislative Officer
Collette Gresham, Legislative Officer
Hawi Sanu, Director, THE Committee*

INVOCATION- *The Invocation was provided by Wanda Brooks, County Employee*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS-

Council Member Mel Franklin requested prayer for Fred Harley in the loss of his aunt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- *The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Leslie Johnson.*

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) **First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

CB-3-2011 – AN ACT CONCERNING TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES for the purpose of amending provisions of the County Code regulating taxicabs relating to the transfer of and number of certificates of registration. **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 3 was presented by Council Member Campos and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee (THE).

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

*** Council Member Harrison moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried by voice vote.*

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

None considered.

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT -- 3 (b) ADDED (SEE PAGE 3)**

- (a) Proposed letter to Mr. Samuel J. Parker, Jr., AICP, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, requesting an extension of the timeframe for preparing the Preliminary Priority Preservation Area Functional Master Plan. **-CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

The Chair, by request of the Planning Board proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Samuel Parker Jr., AICP, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, requesting an extension of the timeframe for preparing the Preliminary Priority Preservation Area Functional Master Plan. Council Member Harrison moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council member Franklin. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 9-0

*** Council Member Harrison moved to accept the Additions Package; seconded by Council Member Olson; the motion carried by voice vote.*

4. **INTRODUCTORY BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) --
BRIEFING HELD**

- Melvin C. High, Sheriff, Prince George’s County
Accompanied by: Chief Assistant Sheriff Darren Palmer; Lt. Colonel Kenneth Payne, Lt. Colonel Orlando Barnes, Lt. Colonel Regina Taylor
- Larry M. Brownlee, Sr., Chief, M-NCPPC Park Police, Prince George’s County
Accompanied by: Capt. Harvey Baker, Capt. Stanley Johnson & Acting Capt. Karla Newman

Melvin C. High, Sheriff introduced himself and spoke to his accomplishments during the first 90 days of his service to the County. Chief Assistant Darron Palmer spoke to some of the statistical information regarding warrants and saturation patrols. (See Administrative Day file).

5. **DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS**

(SEE SEPARATE ACTION AGENDA)

6. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL
HEARING ROOM)-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

(SEE SEPARATE ACTION AGENDA)

7. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) --
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

Proposed letter regarding 2011 State Consolidated Transportation Program Priority Projects List.

Haitham A. Hijazi, Director
Department of Public Works and Transportation

Chair Turner convened the Committee of the Whole at 1:06 p.m., to discuss proposed letter regarding 2011 State Consolidated Transportation Program Priority Projects List.

Mr. Haitham A. Hijazi Director of Department of Public Works and Transportation, spoke to the contents of the Priority Projects Listing and responded to questions by the Council. (See Administrative Day file for detailed Clerk's notes).

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S
REPORT – (page 2)**

- (b) Proposed letter to Jim Macrae, M.A., M.P.P., Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, HRSA, U.W. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care, supporting the Prince George's County Health Department's application for the Health Care Planning Grant. **CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

Council Members Turner, Franklin and Harrison proposed that a letter be sent to Jim Macrae, M.A., M.P.P., Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, HRSA, U.W. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Primary Health Care, supporting the Prince George's County Health Department's application for the Health Care Planning Grant.

Chair Turner convened Committee of the Whole wherein Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the legislation and responded to questions raised by the Council. Council Member Harrison moved favorable committee recommendation; seconded by Council Member Franklin the motion carried 9-0. Council Member Olson moved to authorize the Chair's signature on the letter as amended; seconded by Council Member Franklin. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 9-0.

8. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

CR-19-2011 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the Education Funding Rally event scheduled on March 14, 2011 in Annapolis, Maryland and encouraging the Maryland General Assembly, Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations, and the Governor of the State of Maryland to restore full funding to the Prince George's County Public Schools in the fiscal year 2012 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act. **INTRODUCED RULES SUSPENDED, ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 19 expresses the County Council's support for the education Funding Rally event scheduled on March 14, 2011 in Annapolis Maryland. Council Resolution 19 was introduced by Council Members Franklin, Turner, Toles, Harrison, Patterson, Olson, Johnson, Lehman, and Campos. Council Member Harrison moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for immediate adoption of Council Resolution 19; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Franklin moved adoption of Council Resolution 19; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM) -- EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

- (a) To consult with counsel, staff, consultants, or other individuals to obtain legal advice and discussion regarding pending or potential litigation in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508 (a) (7) and (8).

Topics Discussed: Mobley et al., v. Prince George's County (taxicab litigation)

A motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Council Member Olson; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried by roll call vote 9-0.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Henock Wogderse and Mr. Isodore Asuquo addressed the Council regarding CB-3-2011.

ADJOURNED – Council Chair Turner adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sherry Bias, Administrative Aide

Submitted by:

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council