



Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration
Building
1301 McCormick Dr
Largo, MD 20774

Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

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

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 10:59 a.m. with 10 members present at roll call.

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

Absent: Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant
James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Robin Barnes-Shell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Loaw
Marverly Nettles-Simpson, General Assembly Committee Director
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Officer

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Reverend Krishnan Natesan, Love A.M.E. Church, Largo, Maryland. Council Member Watson requested prayer for the friends and family of long-time public servant Lisa Renee Ransom as she recently passed after a battle with cancer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Blegay.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mr. Rodney Lewis addressed the Council.

DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 24, 2023 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 4

1. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of County Council Minutes

[MIN 01172023](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 17, 2023

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [01172023](#)

These Minutes were approved.

[Consent6-23](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Draft 1

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

Aye 10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson,
Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha

Absent Franklin

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT[LTR 01242023a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed joint letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Nick Charles, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the County's State Legislative Priorities for the 2023 General Assembly Session. John Erzen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive

Attachment(s): [2023 Prince George's County General Assembly Legislative Priorities](#)

Marverly K. Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha

Absent Franklin

Abstain 1 - Hawkins

[LTR 01242023b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Nick Charles, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 01/24/2023 General Assembly Committee meeting).

Marverly K. Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs and Oriadha

Absent Ivey and Franklin

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chair Dernoga recognized Council Member Harrison for a Point of Personal Privilege.

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)[CB-004-2023](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT for the purpose of establishing a pilot project labor agreement targeting Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation CIP 4.66.0002 Curb and Road and Rehabilitation 2 construction projects that create entry-level positions for residents that are both necessary and desirable.

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

Attachment(s): [B2023004](#)

[CB-004-2023 Summary](#)

[CB-004-2022 Report](#)

[CB-004-2023 PAFI](#)

[CB-004-2023 OOL Comment](#)

Council Member Burroughs, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOF), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of GOF for CB-004-2023.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Ivey, Olson and Oriadha.

5. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)[BR 01242023](#)

Draft 1

UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH VENTURE PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS (VPP) AND THE SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM

Carol Thompson Cole, President and CEO VVP

Telakah Brooks, Partner VVP

Attachment(s): [VPP Presentation County Council January 24 2023](#)
[Draft 1-CL](#)

The briefing convened at 11:15 a.m. Chair Dernoga introduced Carol Thompson Cole, President and CEO VVP, and Telakah Brooks, Partner VVP, who facilitated a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Outcomes from the Ready for Work Nonprofit Capacity Building Program and the new Prince George's SOAR Program." The presentation highlighted the following: The Nonprofits in Cohort 1; Cohort 2 Nonprofits; Cohort 3 Nonprofits; Cohort 4 Nonprofits; The Ready for Work Nonprofit Capacity Building Program is a

success; Nonprofit Capacity Building Cohort 1 Demographics; Nonprofit Capacity Building Cohort 2 Demographics; Nonprofit Capacity Building Cohort 3 Demographics; Fair Chance's Capacity Building Assessment; The Assessment Domains; As a group, Cohort 1 organizations showed growth in all 8 domain areas; As a group, Cohort 2 organizations demonstrated mixed results across the 8 domain areas; The new Prince George's SOAR Support. Organize. Act. Rise; Prince George's SOAR Components; Who is SOAR for; and SOAR Outcomes. The participants responded to questions. The briefing concluded at 11:54 a.m.

This Briefing was held.

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

EX 01242023

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically, to discuss Prince George's County Council, et al. v. Concerned Citizens of Prince George's County, et al., Case No. COA-REG-0023-2022.

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)(7) and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically, to discuss Prince George's County Council, et al. v. Concerned Citizens of Prince George's County, et al., Case No. COA-REG-0023-2022."

Date of Executive Session: January 24, 2023

Time of Vote to Close Session: 11:55 a.m.

Beginning Time: 12:05 p.m.

Ending Time: 12:08 p.m.

Members Present: CM Dernoga, Chairman, CM Blegay, Vice-Chairman, CM Burroughs, CM Harrison, CM Hawkins, CM Olson, CM Oriadha, and CM Watson

Members Absent: CM Fisher, CM Franklin, and CM Ivey

Others Present: Jennifer Jenkins, Colette Gresham, Donna Brown, Karen Campbell, Raj Kumar, Dinora Hernandez

Topics Discussed:

1. Prince George's County Council et al. v. Concerned Citizens of Prince George's Dist. 4 (CB-17-2019/Freeway Airport) Case No. COA-REG-0023-2022

Actions Taken:

Motion to direct Counsel to file Notice of Dismissal on behalf of the District Council made by Blegay, second by Watson (6-0-2 Fav; abstain: Harrison, Hawkins).

Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (7) and (8): 9 – 0 (Fav)

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, to convene in Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ADJ9-23](#)

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:58 AM.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote:

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

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council