

## Prince George's County Council

### Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 6/8/2004  
**Reference No.:** CB-020-2004  
**Draft No.:** 1  
**Proposer(s):** Dernoga, Peters, Dean, Exum  
**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Peters, Dean, Exum  
**Item Title:** An Act repealing Section 2 of Chapter 78, 1997 Laws of Prince George's County, Maryland to delete the authority to consolidate the revitalization and redevelopment activities of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission with the Redevelopment Authority

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**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:**

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	4/6/2004	<b>Executive Action:</b>
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	4/6/2004 - PZED	<b>Effective Date:</b>
<b>Committee Action:</b>	4/22/2004 - FAV	
<b>Date Introduced:</b>	5/4/2004	
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	6/8/2004 - 10:00 AM	
<b>Council Action (1)</b>	6/8/2004 - RECOMMIT	
<b>Council Votes:</b>	MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:A, TK:A, DP:A, PS:-	
<b>Pass/Fail:</b>	P	
<b>Remarks:</b>		

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#### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Date 4/22/2004**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-1 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Dean, Exum, and Harrington. Opposed: Council Member Bland)

Staff summarized the bill and informed the committee of referral comments that were received. Council Member Bland inquired as to what would be accomplished by CB-20-2004. The Legislative Officer explained that the bill repeals an uncodified section that authorizes the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Authority to enter into an agreement consolidating revitalization and redevelopment activities of the Planning Board with the Authority.

Thomas Thompson, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, and Perry Paylor, General Counsel for the Redevelopment Authority, addressed the committee requesting a continuance of the legislation due to pending discussions with the Commission and the pending budget that concerns funding for the Authority. Mr. Paylor

expressed concern regarding a reference in the bill that the Authority requested that the Planning Board withdraw its personnel and that the personnel is to be replaced by the employees of the Redevelopment Authority. He informed the committee that the Authority did not indicate that the Commission employees are not wanted at the Authority.

Mr. Thompson explained that the Authority has been unable to provide specific offers to the current Commission employees assigned to the Authority because approval of the funding for the Authority as proposed in the Commission's budget (approximately \$970,000) is still pending. He commented that this funding was proposed by the Commission. When asked by a Council Member if the current Commission employees assigned to the Authority have received reduction in force notices, Mr. Thompson responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Exum indicated that during a previous Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee worksession for an overview of the Commission's budget, Al Cornish, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, had commented on an organizational study that had been conducted which led to the proposed staffing changes at the Authority. Ms. Exum and Vice-Chairman Dean expressed concern that the results of that study had not been provided to the committee members as requested.

Council Member Bland suggested that the bill be held in committee to allow additional time to review the chronology of events that led to the bill presentation as well as the current and proposed structure of the Authority.

The committee discussed moving the bill forward with the understanding that reporting it out of committee does not mandate an action by the full Council. The bill can still move through the introduction and public hearing process during which time Mr. Cornish could provide the requested analysis of the study.

Council Member Exum encouraged appropriate representatives of the Redevelopment Authority, the Commission, County Council and County Executive to meet to address these issues in a timely manner.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

When the Authority was established by local law, an uncoded section of the bill, Section 2, authorized the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Authority to contract for services to be provided by Commission employees. The Authority and the Commission have agreed that Commission employees would no longer be needed to perform those services. Accordingly, the transitional provisions in Section 2 are no longer needed. The proposed legislation would repeal Section 2.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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