

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Business Meeting

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) – BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER-*Council Chair Harrison called to order at 10:23 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Andrea Harrison
Will Campos
Derrick Davis
Mel Franklin
Mary Lehman
Eric Olson
Obie Patterson
Karen Toles
Ingrid Turner*

Others present:

*Robert Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Redis Floyd, Clerk of the Council
Donna Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Council
Kerry Watson, Office of the County Executive
Joseph Hamlin, Office of Law
Todd Turner, Legislative Officer
Sandra Eubank, Director of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS)
Hawi Sanu, Director of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee (THE)
Frank Porter, Director of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM)*

INVOCATION-*The Invocation was provided by Reverend Akil Dickens, Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Fort Washington, Maryland.*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

- *Council Member Lehman requested prayer for the family of Nikki Brown in her passing.*
- *Council Member Campos requested prayer for the families of the 230 victims of the nightclub fire in Brazil.*
- *Council Member Turner requested prayer for the family of Juanita Orr in her passing.*
- *Council Member Harrison requested prayer for the family of State Delegate Hattie Harrison in her passing.*
- *Council Member Toles requested prayer for Gwen Brown in the loss of her husband and for Councilman Kelly Porter, of Seat Pleasant in the loss of his father.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- *the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Olson.*

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) Approval of County Council Minutes dated July 10, 2012. **APPROVED**
- (b) **First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

CB-1-2013 – AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY for the purpose of increasing fire safety measures to aid in fire prevention. **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 1 was presented by Council Member Davis and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).

CB-2-2013 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DAY CARE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN for the purpose of amending the regulations for certain day care centers for children. **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 2 was presented by Council Member Davis and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee (PZED).

CB-3-2013 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING TRANSIT DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE for the purpose of reconciling Planning Board procedures and regulatory timeframes for the preparation of Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendments and Transit District Development Plans. **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 3 was presented by the Chair, by request of the County Executive and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee (PZED).

(c) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-3-2013 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION for the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Parents Academy Workgroup to explore best practices for parental engagement and support in public education. **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 3 which establishes the Prince George's County Parents Academy Workgroup to explore best practices for parental engagement and support in public education was introduced by Council Members Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Olson and Toles and referred to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS).

CR-4-2013 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES SURCHARGE for the purpose of applying the public safety surcharge to the Largo Metrorail Transit Oriented Development area equivalent to the surcharge established under Section 10-192.11(b)(1)(B). **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 4 which applies the public safety surcharge to the Largo Metrorail Transit Oriented Development area equivalent to the surcharge established under Section 10-192.11(b)(1)(B) was introduced by Council Members Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Patterson, Toles and Turner and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM).

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

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

There were none.

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT -- 3(d) added (see pg 4)**

- (a) Proposed correspondence to the Honorable Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Jolene Ivey, Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation expressing the positions of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation. **AMENDED;**
CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

Correspondence was proposed to be sent to the Honorable Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Jolene Ivey, Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation expressing the positions of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation. Council Member Campos provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee. Council Member Franklin moved to include Amendment #1; seconded by Council Member Davis. No vote was taken. Council Member Toles proffered a substitute amendment motion; seconded by Council Member Davis. The motion carried. 9-0. Council Member Davis moved to authorize the Chair's signature on an amended letter; seconded by Council Member Franklin. The motion carried 9-0.

- (b) Proposed letter to Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Board of Education, supporting their FY 2013 transfer request. **CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

A letter was proposed to be sent to Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Chair, Board of Education, supporting their FY 2013 transfer request. Council Member Patterson, as Chair of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee. Council Member Davis moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council Member Toles. The motion carried 9-0.

- (c) Proposed letter to Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation transmitting the proposed 2013 Priority Projects List for the FY 2013-2018 State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) **CONVENED AS C.O.W;**
FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION; CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

Council Chair Harrison convened as the Committee of the Whole. Todd Turner, Legislative Officer provided an overview of the letter. Dr. Haitham Hijazi, Director of DPW&T, responded to questions posed by the Council regarding U.S. Route. Council Member Toles and Patterson moved a favorable recommendation; seconded by Council Member Patterson. The motion carried 9-0. Council Cahir Harrison reconvened as the Council. Todd Turner, Legislative Officer provided a verbal report of actions of the C.O.W. Council Member Davis moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council Member Toles. The motion carried 9-0.

***Council Member Olson moved to accept the additions package; seconded by Council Member Patterson. The motion carried by voice vote.*

BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) -- BRIEFING HELD

PROCEDURES FOR CATASTROPHIC EMERGENCY EVENTS

Ronald E. Gill, Jr. MS, CPM, Deputy Director, Emergency Manager, Office of Homeland Security

Gloria Brown, Director, Department of Social Services

Gordon Barrow, Special Assistant to the Health Officer

Mark Bashoor, Fire Chief

Hector Velez, Deputy Chief – Police Department

Ben Barksdale, Deputy Fire Chief – Fire Department

Vince Curl, Safety Officer, Prince George's County Public Schools

L. Christina Waddler, Division Manager, Department of Family Services

Brian Moe, Director of Homeland Security

Council Chair Harrison convened the briefing, clarifying the Council's desire to hear procedures on an event in progress as well as the procedures for handling the aftermath of a catastrophic emergency. The panel provided an overview of established policies and facilitated a Power Point presentation on the topic.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – (page 3)**

- (d) Consideration of the submission of proposed County Council sponsored State legislation regarding School Facilities Surcharge. **CHAIR AUTHORIZED SUBMISSION OF LATE FILED BILL**

Council Member Campos, as Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM), provided a verbal report of the action and recommendation of the Committee. Todd Turner, Legislative Officer further explained the draft of the bill and responded to questions posed by the Council regarding Largo Town Center, the County Executive's opinion and the Fiscal impact based on projects in the pipeline. Council Member Olson moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council Member Davis. The motion carried 9-0.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Jacques Chevalier addressed the Council on various issues. Carl Goode, Jr. addressed the Council regarding the Empowering Minds Program and its efforts countywide.

ADJOURNED- *The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) – COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

- **2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**

Todd Turner, Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the County Executive's published 2013 legislative priorities. Mr. Kerry Watson, Office of the County Executive spoke to the details of the publication. Council Member Olson moved favorable recommendation; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 7-0 (Absent: Council Members Franklin and Lehman).

Prepared by:

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