



Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration
Building
1301 McCormick Dr
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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

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

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

11:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

- 1. Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Vice Chair Sydney J. Harrison presented a proclamation to the Thomas Pullen Jr. High School Girls Basketball Team, recognizing them as winning the “2023-2024 Middle School Girls Basketball Championship” in Prince George’s County.*
- 2. Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Vice Chair Sydney J. Harrison presented a proclamation to Jonathan Spinks, Head Coach & Athletics Director, Thomas G. Pullen Jr. High School, recognizing his “Exceptional Achievements and Coaching Service” in Prince George’s County.*
- 3. Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Council Member Wala Blegay presented a proclamation to the Kettering Middle School 6th Grade Honors Academy recognizing them as “State Finalists in the 14th Annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Stem Competition” in Prince George’s County.*
- 4. Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Council Member Wala Blegay presented a proclamation to the Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School Football Team, recognizing them for winning their “6th State Championship,” in Prince George’s County.*

11:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:32 a.m. with 10 members present at roll call. Council Member Burroughs arrived at 11:41 a.m. Council Member Franklin participated remotely and on camera.

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

Remote: 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Acting Deputy Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney

Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney

Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee

Jabari Cooper, General Assembly Committee

Turkessa Green, County Auditor

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Rev. Be Louis Colleton, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Landover, MD. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for 2-year-old Jeremy Poou-Caceres, who was killed in a shooting in her district, and the greater Langley Park community. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for her Uncle Samuel as he is experiencing difficulties with his health. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for the family of firefighter Trevor Brown, who perished in a house explosion in Northern Virginia, and for all law enforcement and public safety officials across the world. Council Member Hawkins also requested prayer for the family of his mentor, Bernice Slaughter, who passed away at the age of 92.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Burroughs.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 4

1. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of County Council Minutes

[MIN 02132024a](#) County Council Minutes dated February 13, 2024
Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02132024](#)

These Minutes were approved.

[MIN 02132024b](#) County Council Minutes dated February 13, 2024 BOH
Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02132024 BOH](#)

These Minutes were approved.

[MIN 02132024c](#) County Council Minutes dated February 13, 2024 6PM
Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02132024 6PM](#)

These Minutes were approved.

[Consent7-24](#) MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA
Draft 1

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

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT[LTR 02202024a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 02/20/2024 General Assembly Committee meeting).

Jabari, Cooper, 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 Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

[LTR 02202024b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the County Council's State Legislative Priorities for the 2024 General Assembly Session.

Jabari, Cooper, General Assembly Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the Council Priorities letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

4. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS[CR-008-2024](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEATOUT DAY for the purpose of proclaiming MeatOut Day in Prince George's County as March 20, 2024; and generally relating to the benefits of a plant-based diet.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Olson, Hawkins, Harrison, Dernoga, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024008](#)
[CR-008-2024 Summary](#)

This resolution proclaims MeatOut Day in Prince George's County as March 20, 2024 and calls upon all residents to explore the benefits and flavors of a wholesome plant-based diet.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Olson, Hawkins, Harrison, Dernoga, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs and Franklin.

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

5. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)[BR 02202024](#)

Draft 1

BUDGET PROCESS ORIENTATION

Turkessa Green, County Auditor

Attachment(s): [FY 2025 Budget Review Process Presentation 02-20-2024](#)

The briefing convened at 11:55 a.m. Chair Ivey introduced Turkessa Green, County Auditor who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "FY 2025 Budget Review Process". The presentation highlighted the following: FY 2025 Budget Review Process And Schedule; County Operating Budget Overview; County Budget: Spending Affordability Committee; Budget Review Process Pre-Committee; Budget Review Process Committee To Adoption; Opportunities for Council Engagement Prior to Committee; General Fund Budget History: FY 2024 Approved General Fund Budget (\$4.51 Billion); FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget General Fund Revenues: Where The Money Comes From; FF 2024 Approved County Operating Budget General Fund Expenditures Where The Money Goes; County Capital Improvement Program; FY 2024-2029 Approved Capital Improvement Program Expenditures; County Council Meeting Dates County Operating And Capital Budgets; Prince George's County Public Schools Budget Review Process; Prince George's County Public Schools FY 2024 Approved Budget Funding Sources; County Council Scheduled Meeting Dates: PGCPSC Budget; Maryland - National Capital Park And Planning Commission Budget Review Process; County Council Scheduled Meeting Dates M-NCPPC Budget; Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Budget Review Process; and County Council Scheduled Meeting Dates WSSC Budget. The briefing concluded at 12:09 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

[ADJ16-24](#)

ADJOURN

Draft 1

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:11 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

1:30 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council