



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Todd M. Turner, Chair, District 4

Monique Anderson-Walker, District 8

Derrick Leon Davis, District 6

Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1

Mel Franklin, At-Large

Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3

Sydney J. Harrison, District 9

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large

Jolene Ivey, District 5

Rodney C. Streeter, Vice Chair, District 7

Deni L. Taveras, District 2

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

10:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

9:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

The Agenda Briefing commenced at 9:48 a.m. Due to a lack of a quorum of members, a public statement was read and the Agenda Briefing was conducted as in informal discussion in lieu of a public meeting.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Turner at 10:09 a.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Council Member Glaros arrived at 10:43 a.m.

Present: 10 - Chair Todd Turner
Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Dannielle Glaros
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Vice Chair Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras

Absent: Council Member Jolene Ivey

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Leroy D. Maddox, Legislative Officer

Karen T. Zavakos, Legislative Officer

Howard W. Stone, Director, GOFP Committee and Co-Director, HHSPS Committee

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee

Candice Austin, Office of the County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Office of Law

Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison

Chazi Diggs, Office of the Clerk of the Council

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Reverend Vernon L. Miller, Sr., Senior Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.. Chair Turner asked for prayer for civility, not only in Prince George's County, but also in our Country and in our world. As we deal with each other, even though we have differences, we can agree to disagree civilly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hawkins.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests

DESIGNATION OF JULY 9, 2019 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 18**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 07022019](#) County Council Minutes dated July 2, 2019.

Chair Turner noted that the minutes should reflect the committee referral for CR-59-2019 as Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment in lieu of Government Operations and Fiscal Policy. With that change, the minutes were then approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

These Minutes were approved

[Consent23-19](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye	9 -	Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent		Glaros and Ivey

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There we no items considered

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT[LTR 07022019](#)

Draft 1

Proposed joint signature letter to Robert S. McCord, Esquire, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning concerning Priority Funding Area Designation Amendments for 4505 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Attachment(s): [Priority Funding Area Designation Letter](#)
[PFA Transmittal](#)

Chair Turner stated that the map requested at last week's meeting was provided by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning staff and was distributed to Council Members. Karen Zvakos, Legislative and Zoning Counsel verified the requested information had been provided and this item was in order to move forward.

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

Aye	9 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros and Ivey

4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)[CB-008-2019](#)

Draft 2

AN ACT CONCERNING REGULAR COUNTY HOLIDAYS - NATIVE AMERICAN DAY for the purpose of recognizing the history, culture, and accomplishments of Native Americans in Prince George's County and across the nation by renaming Columbus Day to Native American Day in Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Franklin, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Hawkins, Streeter, Taveras

Attachment(s): [B2019008](#)
[CB-8-2019 AIS](#)
[CB-008-2019 Report](#)

The proposed legislation renames Columbus Day to Native American Day in Prince George's County for the purpose of recognizing the history, culture and accomplishments of Native Americans in the County and the nation.

Council Member Davis, as Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Operations Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the committee.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Franklin, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Hawkins, Streeter, Taveras, Harrison, Davis, Turner and Glaros.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[APPT-26-19](#)

Appointment of the following individuals to the Cable Television Commission for Prince George's County:

Kathleen E. Driver
Appointment
Replacing: Doris E. McMillon
Cable TV Member
Term Expiration: 12/5/2022

Cherie S. Gibson
Appointment
Replacing: Brenda Beitzell
Public Member
Term Expiration: 12/5/2022

Cynthia L. Miller
Appointment
Replacing: Michael J. Thompson
Prince George's County Municipal Association Member
Term Expiration: 12/5/2022

Thelma C. Newsome-Somers
Appointment
Replacing Samson Afolabi
Certified Public Accountant Member
Term Expiration: 12/5/2022

Festus N. Udejiofor
Appointment
Replacing: Thomas McCloud
Public Member
Term Expiration: 12/5/2022

Attachment(s): [APPT-26-19 Committee Report](#)

Council Member Davis, as Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, provided a verbal report of the committee actions and recommendations. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 10:22 a.m. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, introduced the nominees on behalf of the County Executive and spoke to their character and credentials. There were no speakers. All persons wishing to speak, having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

This public hearing was held

A motion was made by Vice Chair Streeter, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, to confirm the appointment of the five nominees to the Cable Television Commission for Prince George's County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Glaros and Ivey

6. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION

[CR-044-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (APRIL 2019 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designation of properties within the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan.

Sponsor(s): Davis

Attachment(s): [R2019044](#)
[CR-044-2019 Attachments](#)
[CR-044-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-044-2019 Report](#)

*Pursuant to proper notice the public hearing convened at 10:29 a.m. The Honorable Mary Lehman, Maryland House of Delegates, District 21 was present and provided verbal testimony as did the following interest citizens (*indicates written testimony was also submitted): *Kelsey Eustace, *Wendy Geagan, Bill Shipp, *Matt Tedesco, Cheryl Dyer, *Gary DeWalt, Margot Osborne, Glenn Olsen, Denise Tyler, *Mayor Craig Moe, City of Laurel, Cheryl Landis, *Bill Goddard, *Robert Antonetti, Jr., *Edward C. Gibbs, Jr. All speakers wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.*

Chair Turner announced that the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee is scheduled to occur on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The public hearing was held on this Resolution

7. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

[CR-029-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY'S WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE PLAN (FAP) for the purpose of approving the Prince George's County Financial Assurance Plan as required by State law.

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Turner, Streeter, Glaros and T

Attachment(s): [R2019029](#)
[CR-029-2019 Exhibit A](#)
[CR-029-2019 Exhibit A1](#)
[CR-029-2019 Exhibit A2](#)
[CR-029-2019 Exhibit B](#)
[CR-29-2019 AIS](#)
[CR-029-2019 Report](#)

Council Member Taveras, as Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson-Walker, seconded by Council Member Glaros, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent	Ivey

8. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

[CR-060-2019](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITY for the purpose of reaffirming support toward all people, respectful of the innate dignity of every person, and the reality of diversity in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Sponsor(s): Taveras, Glaros, Franklin, Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Tu

Attachment(s): [R2019060](#)
[CR-60-2019 AIS](#)

This Resolution reaffirms the County's solidarity towards all people and rejects cruel politicized tactics that seek to rupture our community

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Taveras, Glaros, Franklin, Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Turner, Streeter, Dernoga and Harriison.

A motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Glaros, that the County Council Rules of Procedures be suspended to allow for the immediate adoption of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent Ivey

A motion was made by Vice Chair Streeter, seconded by Council Member Glaros, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent Ivey

RECESS

A motion was made by Council Member Davis; seconded by Council Member Streeter that the meeting be recessed. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting recessed at 11:19 a.m.

RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 11:23 a.m.

11:00 A.M. - BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)[BR 07092019](#)

Draft 1

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY -
(WMATA)**

Paul J. Wiedefeld , General Manager and CEO
Thomas Graham, Boardmember
Nina Albert, Vice President, Real Estate and Parking
Regina Sullivan, Vice President, Government Relations

Attachment(s): [7/9/2019 WMATA PPT](#)

The briefing convened at 11:23 a.m. Chair Turner welcomed the members of WMATA. Paul Wiedefeld spoke to the authority's efforts to increase safety and reliability of the service. He then facilitated a PowerPoint presentation which focused on Transit Projects and Transit Oriented Development in Prince George's County. The projects highlighted were Andrews Federal Center Bus Facility; new rail heavy repair and overhaul facility; Metro Office Building at New Carrollton; Platform Improvements Projects for Summer 2020 at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville; Sustainability Initiatives; New Carrollton Joint Development; College Park Joint Development; Largo Town Center Station access and Capitol Heights Joint Development. Thomas Graham spoke to his experience thus far as a member of the Board. The panelists responded to questions posed by the Council regarding: Branch Avenue Metro Station potential for development; Connection between the Metro and the Suitland Town Center project; work with local, women-owned or minority businesses; ways to increase ridership; operational changes update, West Hyattsville RFP; wireless service; public transportation in rural/suburban areas; PRIA/PRIA funding; Bus/Rapid Transit in Southern Maryland; and bus transportation public/private partnerships . Mr. Graham spoke to legislative initiatives and ways the Council can assist Metro in recovering Federal funding and advancing projects in the County. There were further questions by the Council regarding Greenbelt Joint Development Agreement; platform improvements, Transit Vision Plan; Bus Transportation projects. The briefing concluded at 12:41 a.m.

[ADJ86-19](#)**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Taveras
Absent Ivey

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY[EX 07022019](#)

Motion to convene in executive session to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with section 3-305(b)(7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

On July 2, 2019 a motion was made by Council Member Davis, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: (10-0) Aye: Council Members Turner; Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Absent: Council Member Glaros

The Chairman 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, to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically, to be briefed by counsel as to and to discuss status of court rulings involving the Prince George's County Council recently issued by the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland and the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland.

The Executive Session convened at 12:27 p.m. and adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

The attendees were as follows: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, Bobby Williams, Bill Hunt, Raj Kumar, Monica Best-James, Karen Campbell and Donna Brown.

Topics discussed:

1. Varsity Investment Group, LLC, et al. v. Prince George's County, Maryland (CAL 18-41277)

2. City of Hyattsville v. County Council (citation unavailable)
3. Moore's Corner, LLC v. County Council (CAL19-19294)
4. Nico Banquet Hall v. County Council (CNU-1143-2018)
5. Redeemed Christian Church of God (Victory Temple) (CR-18-2019)
6. Davona Grant, et al. v. County Council (Court of Appeals No.75)
7. Accokeek Mattawoman v. County Council (CAL19-43606)
8. Shriners United X4B Luxury Club v. County Council (citation unavailable)

Prepared by:

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Acting Clerk of the Council