



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair, At-Large
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
Jolene Ivey, District 5
Rodney C. Streeter, District 7
Deni L. Taveras, Vice Chair, District 2
Todd M. Turner, District 4

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

11:15 AM

VIRTUAL MEETING

10:00 A.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

(SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

11:15 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. with nine members present at roll call. Council Member Anderson-Walker arrived at 11:36 a.m. and Council Member Streeter arrived at 11:50 a.m.

Present: 11 - Chair Calvin S. Hawkins
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 Jolene Ivey
Council Member Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras
Council Member Todd Turner

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Leonard D. Moses, Zoning Assistant

Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison

Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney

Monica B. James, Legislative Officer

J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director

Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer

Karen Zavakos, Legislative & Zoning Counsel

Jackie Brown, PHED Committee Director

Kathleen Canning, Legislative Officer

Donna Whitman, Legislative Officer

Sandra Eubanks, EWD Committee Director

Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer

James Walker-Bey, Zoning Reference Aide

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Barry Wade, Sr., The Body of Christ Christian Church, Capitol Heights, Maryland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Deni L. Taveras.

1. BRIEFING:

[BR 03022021a](#)

STATE OF MARYLAND - UPDATE

The Honorable Boyd Rutherford
Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland

The briefing convened at 11:39 a.m. The Honorable Boyd Rutherford, Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland addressed the State's efforts to end

the Coronavirus crisis. The Lieutenant Governor responded by questions posed by Council Members regarding vaccine allocation; portal for registration; mass vaccination sites; minority business program, housing, disparities in Prince George's County, methodology for allocation of vaccine, Six Flags Site, tracking which vaccine is provided by race; home-bound vaccinations, equity issues and University of Maryland Medical Center. The briefing concluded at 12:26 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

[APPT-3-21](#)

Appointment of the following individual as Chief Administrative Officer for Prince George's County:

Tara H. Jackson

Attachment(s): [APPT-3-21 Report](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 12:27 p.m. Howard W. Stone, Director of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, provided report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole. The Honorable Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive, introduced the nominee and spoke to her credentials and qualifications. The Honorable Sheila Tillerson Adams and Bruce L. Marcus, Esquire were present and spoke in support of Ms. Jackson's nomination. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

This Public Hearing was held

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

APPT-4-21**Appointment of the following individual to the Commission for Veterans:****Michael L. Riddick**

Appointment/Public

Replacing: Frederick H. Nordhorn

Term Expiration: 10/28/2024

Attachment(s): [APPT-4-21 Report](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:08 p.m. Nathaniel K. Tutt, Director of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee provided a report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole. Miriam Brewer, Council Liaison introduced the nominee and spoke to his credentials and qualifications. There were not 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 Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Davis, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECESS

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 1:19 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Anderson-Walker, to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:51 P.M.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE*RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF EMPATHY**Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II*

The following Re-Entry Advisory Board Members were present and provided comments: Judge Alexander Williams and Mr. Arthur Miles. The Honorable Shiela Tillerson Adams provided comments on the importance of the Re-Entry Program. Delisha Cunningham was also present and provided additional comments.

3. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**[CR-023-2021](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING NATIONAL DAY OF EMPATHY for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the National Day of Empathy and initiatives that support criminal justice reform.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Ivey, Streeter, Dernoga, Glaros, Franklin, Turner and Harrison

Attachment(s): [R2021023](#)
[CR-023-2021 AIS](#)

The Empathy Network grew out of Dream Corps JUSTICE's first National Day of Empathy in March of 2017, when the program was known as #cut50. The Day of Empathy is a day of action to generate empathy on a massive scale for millions of Americans impacted by the criminal justice system. On this day, Americans impacted by the criminal justice system nationwide meet with lawmakers in their state to share their stories and experiences, educate and breed empathy in their state representatives and community members. The proposed legislation expresses the Council's support for the National Day of Empathy on March 2, 2021 and initiatives that support criminal justice reform.

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

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

A motion was made by Council Member Streeter, seconded by Council

Member Harrison, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 6

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of County Council Minutes

[MIN 02232021](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 23, 2021.

Attachment(s): [02232021](#)
 [02232021 JT PH](#)

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-011-2021](#)

Draft 1

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2021 - REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL

amending the Schedule of Legislation separating the Human Relations Commission from the Office of Community Relations and establishing a new Office of Human Rights.

Attachment(s): [B2021011](#)
 [CB-011-2021 AIS](#)
 [CB-011-2021 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by request of the County Executive and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-012-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION for the purpose of amending the name of the Human Relations Commission to provide clarity to citizens and other governmental agencies as to the mission and function of the agency, modifying language to increase inclusion and diversity, adding gender identity as a protected class, and clarifying roles and authority of the Human Relations Commission and the appointed Commissioners.

Attachment(s): [B2021012](#)
[CB-012-2021 AIS](#)
[CB-012-2021 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by request of the County Executive and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-013-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FARM BREWERIES for the purpose of providing a definition for Farm brewery, amending the Residential Table of Uses in the Zoning Ordinance to permit Farm Brewery uses in the O-S (Open Space) Zone of Prince George's County, subject to certain specified requirements.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison and Ivey

Attachment(s): [B2012013](#)
[CB-013-2021 AIS](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Turner, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison and Ivey and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-014-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING C-S-C ZONES for the purpose of permitting by right, Townhouse in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) Zone of Prince George's County, under certain circumstances.

Sponsor(s): Ivey

Attachment(s): [B2021014](#)
[CB-014-2021 AIS](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Ivey and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-015-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING LANDLORD-TENANT CODE PROHIBITED ACTS for the purpose of providing that the Landlord-Tenant Code prohibit landlords from willfully diminishing services to a tenant without the written consent of a tenant; making this Act an emergency bill; and generally regarding landlord-tenant relations.

Sponsor(s): Taveras and Anderson-Walker

Attachment(s): [B2021015](#)
[CB-015-2021 AIS](#)

This Council Bill was presented Council Members Taveras and Anderson-Walker and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-016-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ZONING - ADMINISTRATION - APPEALS AND VARIANCES-CRITERIA for the purpose of amending the criteria in the Zoning Ordinance for granting zoning appeals involving variances.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga and Glaros

Attachment(s): [B2021016](#)
[CB-016-2021 AIS](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Dernoga and Glaros and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CB-017-2021](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD HALLS OCCUPANCY AND OPERATIONS for the purpose of establishing a business license for Special Food Service Facilities - Food Halls.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Glaros, Streeter and Taveras

Attachment(s): [B2012017](#)
[CB-017-2021 AIS](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Ivey, Glaros, Taveras and Streeter and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

(c) Introduction of Resolutions[CR-021-2021](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WORKGROUP - EXTENSION OF TERM for the purpose of extending the term of the Housing Opportunities for All Workgroup which was established to assist the County in setting priorities and implementing the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report for Prince George's County; to provide advice on any proposed legislation and/or changes being considered by the County to existing policies and legislation and to recommend possible changes for consideration by the County to the County's policies, regulations, procedures, and distribution of County resources; to extend the due date of the workgroup's annual report and generally relating to housing issues in Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Glaros, Taveras, Hawkins, Ivey, Davis, Harrison, Streeter, Franklin, Turner, Dernoga and Anderson-Walker

Attachment(s): [R2021021](#)
[CR-021-2021 AIS](#)

This Resolution extends the term of the Housing Opportunities For All Workgroup (HOFA). HOFA was established by CR-13-2016 to assist Prince George's County in establishing priorities and implementing the

Comprehensive Housing Strategy Report for the County. HOFA is also expected to provide advice on any proposed legislation and/or changes to the County's policies, regulations, procedures and distribution of resources as they relate to housing in the County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Glaros, Taveras, Hawkins, Ivey, Davis, Harrison, Streeter, Franklin, Turner, Dernoga and Anderson-Walker and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

[CR-022-2021](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2018 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (DECEMBER 2020 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Taveras, Davis, Harrison, Franklin and Glaros

Attachment(s): [R2021022](#)
[CR-022-2021 Attachments A & B](#)
[CR-022-2021 AIS](#)
[CR-022-2021 Transmittal](#)
[CR-022-2021 Staff Report](#)

The 2018 Water and Sewer Plan provides for four cycles of category change requests annually to amend the Plan. This Resolution represents the December 2020 Cycle of Amendments. There are three (3) category change requests located in the Western Branch sewer basin, two (2) in the Piscataway sewer basin, and one (1) in the Mattawoman sewer basin. Additionally, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement is requesting to amend residential properties outside the Sewer Envelope to reflect the existing sewer service category of the residences connected to the public/private pressure sewer line in District 9. Finally, the Prince George's County Public Schools is requesting inclusion within the 2018 Water and Sewer Plan, for water withdrawal and point of discharge allocations at the William Schmidt Outdoor Environmental Center, District 9. The Chair announced that this Resolution requires a public hearing.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Davis, Harrison, Franklin, Turner and Glaros and referred to the Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS WERE CONSIDERED

Consent8-21**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

6. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**LTR 03022021a**

Draft 1

Proposed letter to Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need, Maryland Health Care Commission supporting the Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center's Certificate-of-Need Application, Behavioral Health.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins

Attachment(s): [CON Letter - Behavioral Health](#)

[LTR 03022021\(a\) AIS](#)

[LTR 03022021\(a\) Report](#)

[Fact Sheet - Behavioral Health](#)

Sandra Eubanks, Director of the Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

LTR 03022021b

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need, Maryland Health Care Commission in support of Luminus Health Doctor's Community Medical Center's Certificate of Need application for Obstetrics.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins

Attachment(s): [CON Letter - Obstetrics](#)
[LTR 03022021\(b\) AIS](#)
[LTR 03022021\(b\) Report](#)
[Fact Sheet - Women's Health](#)

Sandra Eubanks, Director of the Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

[LTR 03022021c](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Erik L. Barron, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

J. Kenneth Battle, Director of the General Assembly Committee (GA) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Aye 8 - Hawkins, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

Nay 3 - Anderson-Walker, Dernoga and Ivey

[LTR 03092021b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Erik L. Barron, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation expressing the Prince George's County Council's support for strong Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) provisions in House Bill 940 and all Sports Wagering and Fantasy Gaming Legislation.

This Agenda Letter was deferred to a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (VIRTUAL MEETING)**[EX 03022021](#)**

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), (7) and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice.

Chair Calvin S. Hawkins read the following closing statement: "Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), (7) and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice specifically, to discuss the Compensation Review Board and Charter Review Commission and to address recent personnel matter concerns within the Board of Education; and to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to be briefed and discuss the status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, and the Court of Special Appeals, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation."

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Taveras, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras and Turner

This Executive Session was held

ADJOURN

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:31 A.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Streeter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**5:00 P.M. - VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET PROCESS**

(SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (VIRTUAL MEETING) -- THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

[EX 02232021](#)

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 consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss, consider, and consult with staff about pending or potential litigation.

Date of Executive Session: Tuesday, February 25, 2021

Time of Vote to Close Session: 5:05 p.m. (on 2/23/2021)

Beginning Time: 9:03 a.m.

Ending Time: 10:15 a.m.

Members Present:

CM Hawkins, Chair

CM Taveras, Vice-Chair

CM Anderson-Walker

CM Davis

CM Dernoga

CM Franklin

CM Glaros

CM Harrison

CM Ivey

CM Streeter

CM Turner

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Robert Williams, Jr., William Hunt, Colette Gresham, Donna Brown, Karen Campbell, Dinora Hernandez, Rhonda L. Weaver, Mark Magaw, Interim Chief Hector Velez

Topics Discussed:

- 1. Update on Prince George's County Police Department Litigation.*

No Action Taken

Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (7) and (8): 11 – 0

Prepared by:

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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