

Meeting Minutes - Final Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, December	10,	2024
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10:05 AM

Council Hearing Room

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened by Vice-Chair Edward Burroughs, III, at 10:14 a.m. with 6 members present at roll call. Council Member Fisher arrived at 10:15 a.m. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)). The Council Administrator announced that Council Chair Ivey and Council Member Hawkins have recused themselves from the proceedings.

Present	7 -	Edward Burroughs
		Wala Blegay
		Thomas Dernoga
		Wanika Fisher
		Eric Olson
		Krystal Oriadha
		Ingrid Watson
Absent		Jolene Ivey
		Sydney Harrison
		Calvin S. Hawkins

Also present: Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney

LEGISLATION

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A

<u>COUNTY EXECUTIVE VACANCY</u> for the purpose of directing that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of County Executive and to establish the dates for conducting the special primary election, the special election, and the deadline for the certification of candidacy.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>: Ivey

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025001 CR-001-2025 Summary CR-002-2025 State Administrator of Elections -Special General Date Move Notice 12.20.2024

Karen T. Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator, provided an overview of CR-001-2025. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, provided comments. Wendy N. Honesty-Bey, Acting Elections Administrator, Prince George's Board of Elections, and Michael Adams, Board of Elections Attorney, provided comments and responded to questions.

Council Member Blegay made a motion that CR-001-2025 be amended allowing for the special primary election for County Executive to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 and for the special general election for County Executive to be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:	7 -	Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and
		Watson
Absent:		Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:	7 -	Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and
		Watson
Absent:		Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins

LEGISLATION (Continued)

<u>CR-002-2025</u> Draft 1	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A COUNTY COUNCIL VACANCY for the purpose of directing that a special election be held to fill a vacancy on the County Council and to establish the dates for conducting the special primary election, the special election, and the deadline for the certification of candidacy.			
	<u>Sponsor(s)</u> : Ivey			
	<u>Attachment(s)</u> :	<u>C</u>	2025002 R-002-2025 Summary R-002-2025 State Administrator of Elections - pecial General Date Move Notice 12.20.2024	
	Karen T. Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator, provided an overview of CR-002-2025. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, provided comments.			
	Council Member Fisher made a motion to amend CR-002-2025 allowing for the special primary election for the District 5 County Council seat to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, and for the special general election for the District 5 County Council seat to be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.			
	A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:			
	Aye:	7 -	Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson	
	Absent:		Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins	
	A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:			
	Aye:	7 -	Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson	
	Absent:		Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins	

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye:	7 -	Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and
		Watson
Absent:		Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins