

# ***AGENDA MINUTES***

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

**Business Meeting**

## **COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### **AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) -- AGEND BRIEFING HELD**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Council Harrison called to order at 10:18 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  
Joseph R. Hamlin, Office of Law  
Todd Turner, Legislative Officer  
Karen Zavakos, Legislative Officer  
Kerry Watson, County Executive's Liaison to the Council  
Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer  
Lakeecia Watson, Office of Law  
Leroy Maddox, Legislative Officer  
Jackie Brown, Director of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development  
Committee (PZED)  
Hawi Sanu, Director of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee  
(THE)  
Frank Porter, Director of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee.*

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS** –

- *Council Member Harrison requested prayer for Delegate Jolen Ivy and Family in the loss of her father.*
- *Council Member Harrison requested prayer for her family in the loss of her uncle.*
- *Council Member Olson requested prayer for all that were affected by the school shootings in Ohio.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *The Pledge Allegiance was led by Council Member Davis.*

**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 19, 2011. **APPROVED**

- (b) **First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

**CB-11-2012 – (EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7 -2012) REORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL** relating to the Fire Commission.

**On February 24, 2012, the County Executive transmitted Executive Order No. 7-2012 proposing a Reorganization of the Fire Commission. Pursuant to Charter Section 503, this Reorganization will become effective on April 24, 2012 unless disapproved by a majority vote of the full Council prior to that date. Referral to PSFM PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 11 was presented by the Chair, by request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee.*

*\*\*Council Member Davis moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Franklin. The motion carried by voice vote.*

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

*No items were considered.*

3. **PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- (a) Proposed correspondence to the Honorable Douglas J.J. Peters, Chair of the Prince George's County Senate Delegation, the Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair of the Prince George's County House Delegation, the Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee, the Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair, Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee, the Honorable Sheila E. Hixson, Chair, House Ways & Means Committee, and the Honorable Peter A. Hammen, Chair, House Health & Government Operations Committee, expressing the positions of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

**CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

(Verbal General Assembly Committee report to be provided)

*Correspondence was proposed to be sent to the above named individual expressing the Council's position on State Legislation. Council Member Toles, as Chair of the Rules and General Assembly Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Member Toles moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried 9-0.*

- (b) Proposed correspondence to the Members of the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations, expressing the Prince George's County Council's opposition to the proposed Teacher Pension Shift in HB 87/SB 152, the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012. **CHAIR AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*Correspondence was proposed to be sent to the Members of the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations, expressing the Prince George's County Council's opposition to the proposed Teacher Pension Shift. Todd Turner, Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the contents of the letter and provided a brief review of efforts on the issue noting dates and times of upcoming Public Hearing in the State Legislature. Council Member Olson moved to authorize the Chair's signature; seconded by Council Member Toles. The motion carried 9-0.*

4. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**CR-8-2012 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA – STATEHOOD** for the purpose of declaring support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America. **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

To be introduced by Council Members Olson, Harrison, Campos, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner

**COUNCIL SHOULD EITHER CONVENE AS THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR SUSPEND THE RULES PRIOR TO ADOPTION**

*Council Resolution 8, which declares support for admitting the District of Columbia as the fifty-first State of the United States of America was introduced by Council Members Olson, Harrison, Campos, Davis, Franklin, Lehman, Patterson, Toles and Turner. Council Member Olson moved to suspend the Council Rules of procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 8; seconded by Council Member Toles. The motion carried 9-0. Council Member Olson moved adoption of Council Resolution 8; seconded by Council Member Davis. Under discussion, Council Member Olson provided comments and thanked his colleagues for their support. Council Member Toles thanked Mr. Olson for bringing this issue to the forefront. The motion carried 9-0.*

5. **BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

● **THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS (ARC)**  
**BRIEFING HELD**

Bradford L. Seamon, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (*unable to attend*)  
Ms. Linda Turner, Special Assistant to the Acting CAO  
Ms. Jenny Nevins, Chairperson ARC

*Ms. Linda Turner, Special Assistant to the Acting CAO, provided an overview and facilitated a power point presentation on the Administrative Review Committee Process. (See Administrative Day File for detailed Clerk's notes).*

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

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

**REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*There were no requests.*

**ADJOURNED** – *The Council Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.*

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027) -- COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**FY 2013 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET**

*Robert Williams, Jr., Council Administrator, provided an overview of the proposed Legislative Branch Budget, indicating a 3.3 percent decrease in the Legislative Branch Budget. (See Administrative Day File for detailed Clerk's notes).*

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Sherry Bias, Administrative Aide

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council