



# Prince George's County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft 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*

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

11:00 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 - (ROOM 2027)**

**11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:23 a.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Council Member Fisher arrived at 11:27.*

- Present:** 9 - 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 Eric Olson  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha  
Council Member Ingrid Watson
- Absent:** Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
- Remote:** 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

*Also present:*

*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  
Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney  
Ellis Watson, Legislative Attorney  
Rana Hightower, Director, PHED*

**INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Rev. James Jones, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Clinton, MD. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Miriam Brewer along with her husband, Congressman Glenn Ivey, in recognition of their birthdays. Chair Ivey also requested prayer for Congressman Ivey for his full and rapid recovery as he was feeling under the weather.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Blegay.*

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

*Kim Zapata, Rhonda Blackmon, Pamela Alsbrooks, and Denise Hinnant addressed the Council.*

**BUSINESS MEETING****1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 02202024](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 20, 2024

Draft 1

**Attachment(s):** [02202024](#)

**These Minutes were approved.**

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

[CB-007-2024](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISED ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX**

**CREDIT** for the purpose of revising the current elderly property tax credit to make its applicability exclusive of and separate and distinct from the Homestead and Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2024007](#)  
[CB-007-2024 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Burroughs, Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Blegay, Oriadha, Franklin and Hawkins and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**[CB-008-2024](#)

Draft 1

**AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY RENT**

**STABILIZATION ACT OF 2023** for the purpose of extending the sunset date of the Temporary Rent Stabilization Act of 2023 for a period of six (6) months from April 17, 2024 to October 17, 2024 to continue combating the existing public emergency affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the threat of homelessness due to a lack of affordable housing.

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha

**Attachment(s):** [B2024008](#)  
[CB-008-2024 Summary](#)

*A public emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the threat of homelessness due to a lack of affordable housing.*

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

[CB-009-2024](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING 9-1-1 VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY REGISTRY** for

the purpose of establishing the 9-1-1 Registry Program to alert certain first responders of certain behaviors, diagnoses, or traits of individuals with special needs may present during certain encounters with first responders.

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha and Olson

**Attachment(s):** [B2024009](#)  
[CB-009-2024 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha and Olson and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.**

[CB-010-2024](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND FIREARM SAFETY**

**LITERATURE** for the purpose of requiring the Department of Health to prepare and distribute certain literature to establishments that sell firearms or ammunition; adding certain display and distribution requirements for sellers of firearms or ammunition; authorizing enforcement by the Department of Health; making a civil violation for noncompliance; and generally relating to public safety.

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha

**Attachment(s):** [B2024010](#)  
[CB-010-2024 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

**(c) Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-009-2024**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

**WORKGROUP** for the purpose of establishing a Workgroup to study improving school pedestrian safety; providing for the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a certain report; and generally regarding the School Pedestrian Safety Workgroup.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Oriadha, Dernoga, Blegay and Burroughs

**Attachment(s):** [R2024009](#)  
[CR-009-2024 Summary](#)

*Within the County there have been accidents involving automobiles and pedestrians and within the past fifty-seven (57) days an automobile struck three (3) pedestrians that resulted in the death of a five (5) and ten (10) year old while they were walking to school. This resolution will create the Child Pedestrian Safety Workgroup to meet as group and propose needed solution(s) to the County Council to make County roads and streets safe for pedestrian travel and in particular child travel. The authority for workgroup creation is provided for Section 506 of the Prince George's County Charter that provides the County Council or the County Executive to appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and programs.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Oriadha, Dernoga, Blegay, and Burroughs and referred to the Education and Workforce Development Committee.**

**CR-012-2024**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COUNTY PROCUREMENT**

**REGULATIONS WORK GROUP** for the purpose of establishing a work group to review, analyze, and evaluate current County procurement regulations and requirements and recommend updated procurement regulations and requirements to the County's current procurement regulations and requirements.

**Sponsor(s):** Hawkins

**Attachment(s):** [R2024012](#)  
[CR-012-2024 Summary](#)

**A motion was made by Chair Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Franklin and Hawkins

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

[CR-013-2024](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 911 CHARGE** for the purpose of approving a one cent increase in the additional charge for switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, and other 911 accessible service within the County.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Harrison, Watson and Fisher

**Attachment(s):** [R2024013](#)  
[CR-013-2024 Summary](#)  
[CR-013-2024 Transmittal](#)

*Public Safety Article Section 1-311 of the Annotated Code of Maryland was amended by Chapter 349 of the 2022 legislative session to permit a County to increase its 911 fee to recover the actual County cost of providing that service.*

*The County completed the FY 2021 audit of 911 fee revenue and the cost of providing service, and found that County expenses exceeded 911 fee revenue by \$9.0 million, however this does not reflect the additional revenue effective July 1, 2023 when the fee level was increased to \$1.40 per line. To recover the cost of service would require that the fee be raised by \$0.01 cent per line, to a revised total of \$1.41 per line. To do so, State law requires the County to hold a public hearing on the proposed fee increase, and upon adoption of a Resolution to notify the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission requires 60 days to notify telephone service providers before the fee goes into effect.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Watson, and Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

[Consent8-24](#)**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Draft 1

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

**Aye**                    9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson  
**Absent**                    Franklin and Hawkins

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

*NO ITEMS CONSIDERED*

**3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**[LTR 02272024a](#)

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 02/27/2024 General Assembly Committee meeting).

**Attachment(s):** [Delegation Position Letter Week 2-27-2024](#)

*Ellis Watson, Legislative Attorney, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.*

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

**Aye**                    9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson  
**Absent**                    Franklin and Hawkins

[LTR 02272024b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to The Honorable Peter A. Shapiro, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board approving the request for a 12-month extension of the period to prepare the Staff Draft Countywide Master Plan of Transportation 2035.

**Attachment(s):** [Letter to PIBd Chair - MPOT Extention Re-initiation Draft](#)  
[M-NCPPC MPOT Extension / Re-initiation Request](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's**

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**signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**                    9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Olson,  
Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                    Franklin and Hawkins

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

[APPT-1-24](#)

Draft 1

**Appointment of the following individuals to the Prince George's County  
Commission on Common Ownership Communities:**

**Ms. Chrisel Edwards-Green**

Appointment

Replacing: John Henry King

Term Expiration: 3/31/2026

**Ms. Patricia J. Fletcher**

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 3/31/2027

**Ms. Danielle L. Grey**

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 3/31/2027

**Mr. Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.**

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 3/31/2025

**Ms. Linda Hunt**

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 3/31/2025

**Mr. Robert E. Nicholson**

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 3/31/2027

**Ms. Rachelle A. Spencer**

Appointment

Replacing: Daniel Hall

Term Expiration: 3/31/2027

**Ms. LaShauna M. Tillmon**

Appointment

Replacing: Timothy Smith



Term Expiration: 3/31/2026

**Attachment(s):** [Common Ownership Comm. Appt. Transmittal](#)  
Common Ownership Comm. Appt. Package  
[Common Ownership Comm. Appt. Report](#)  
Common Ownership Comm. Appt. - Public Comments  
2-27-2024 CC

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:43 a.m. Council Member Dernoga, Chair, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the PHED Committee for the Commission on Common Ownership Communities appointments. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointees and spoke to their credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.*

**The public hearing for this Appointment was held.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	10 -	Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>		Hawkins

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)**

[CR-002-2024](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CY 2024-2033 COMPREHENSIVE TEN YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN** for the purpose of adopting the Prince George's County CY 2024-2033 Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan as recommended by the County Executive.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Hawkins and Fisher

**Attachment(s):** [R2024002](#)  
[CR-002-2024 Attachment](#)  
[CR-002-2024 Summary](#)  
[CR-002-2024 Transmittal](#)  
CR-002-2024 Public Comments

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:53 a.m. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.*

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The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

## 5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

### [CR-010-2024](#)

Draft 1

#### A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXTENDING THE TRUANCY STUDY

WORKGROUP for the purpose of extending the Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the purpose of the Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the composition of the Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the Truancy Study Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a report; and generally regarding the Truancy Study Workgroup.

**Sponsor(s)**: Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Olson, Dernoga, Harrison and Fisher

**Attachment(s)**: [R2024010](#)  
[CR-010-2024 Summary](#)

*In 2023, the Truancy Study Workgroup was established by CR-74-2023 for a period of 12 months. This Resolution proposes to extend the Workgroup for an additional 12 months.*

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Hawkins

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

<b>Aye</b>	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Hawkins

**INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**[CR-011-2024](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AMENDING THE GUN VIOLENCE STUDY WORKGROUP** for the purpose of amending the Gun Violence Study Workgroup (“Workgroup”); providing for the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the amended composition of the Workgroup; providing for the staff and technical support for the Workgroup; providing for the issuance of a certain report; and generally regarding the Gun Violence Study Workgroup.

**Sponsor(s)**: Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs and Dernoga

**Attachment(s)**: [R2024011](#)  
[CR-011-2024 Summary](#)

*The Gun Violence Study Workgroup was established by CR-75-2023 and shall now be amended to permit the County adequate time to appoint members by removing the requirement that all workgroup members be selected within 60 days. This will allow for the Council to adequately vet and appoint appropriate and available members ready to serve.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs, and Dernoga.**

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

<b>Aye</b>	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Hawkins

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

<b>Aye</b>	10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Hawkins

**6. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**[BR 02272024](#)

Draft 1

**RENT STABILIZATION TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Bithia Ratnasamy Palmer  
Director, Equitable Housing Solutions

**Attachment(s):** [Rent Stabilization Presentation - County Council 02-27-2024](#)

*The briefing convened at 12:03 p.m. Chair Ivey introduced Bithia Ratnasamy Palmer, Director, Equitable Housing Solutions, who introduced, Melissa Bondi and Christina Plerhoples Stacy. Ms. Palmer then facilitated a Powerpoint Presentation titled, "Designing and Implementing a Rent Stabilization Policy in Prince George's County". The presentation highlighted the following: Prince George's County has lower asking rent per square foot than nearby jurisdictions for multi-family rentals; However, Prince George's County also has a lower median income than nearby jurisdictions; The percent of rent burdened households in Prince George's County is higher than in nearby jurisdictions; While average rent increases in the county are often near or below inflation, there is great variation in rent changes by property type with some increases as high as 20 percent; Rent Stabilization Act of 2023; The County also convened a work group to design a permanent rent stabilization measure for the county; What is rent stabilization; The role of rent stabilization policies; Rent stabilization regulations must be designed with balance in mind; Core components of rent stabilization policies; Core components of Montgomery County's rent stabilization policies; Montgomery County: Next Steps; Learnings Considerations Recommendations; Limitations on rent increases; Exemptions; Exceptions; Decontrol; Related tenant protections; Key Administration Considerations; What is required to establish a rent stabilization policy; How should the policy be enforced; What penalties do jurisdictions use; What systems should a jurisdiction have to manage a rent stabilization policy; What types of ongoing outreach and education are needed; and Rent stabilization cannot work on its own. The panelists responded to questions from Council Members. The briefing concluded at 12:52 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

[ADJ20-24](#)

**ADJOURN**

Draft 1

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:53 PM.*

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

**Aye**                    10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                Hawkins

**2:00 PM - BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

Prepared by:

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Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council