



# Prince George's County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

*Thomas E. Dernoga, Chair, District 1*  
*Wala Blegay, Vice Chair, District 6*  
*Edward P. Burroughs, III, District 8*  
*Wanika Fisher, District 2*  
*Mel Franklin, At-Large*  
*Sydney J. Harrison, District 9*  
*Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large*  
*Jolene Ivey, District 5*  
*Eric C. Olson, District 3*  
*Krystal Oriadha, District 7*  
*Ingrid S. Watson, District 4*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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Tuesday, March 21, 2023

2:30 PM

Council Hearing Room

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**1:30 P.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

**2:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 2:58 p.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Chair Dernoga announced that Council Member Hawkins has an excused absence. Council Member Olson arrived at 3:55 p.m.*

- Present:** 10 - Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Vice Chair Wala Blegay  
Chair Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Ingrid Watson  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Jolene Ivey  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha  
Council Member Mel Franklin
- Absent:** Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

*Also present:*

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator*  
*Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator*  
*Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council*  
*Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant*  
*James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant*  
*Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*  
*Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law*  
*Marverly Nettles-Simpson, General Assembly Committee Director*  
*Donna Whitman, Legislative Officer*

**INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Pastor Ylawnda Peebles, City of Praise Family Ministries, Landover, MD.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

*There was no one present to address the Council.*

**LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 12****1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 03142023](#)

County Council Minutes dated March 14, 2023

Draft 1

**Attachment(s):** [03142023](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-043-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING BRING YOUR OWN BAG ACT OF 2023** for the purpose of defining certain terms; prohibiting, on and after a certain date, a retail establishment from distributing certain plastic carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; providing for education and outreach; establishing a certain maximum civil penalty for a violation of this Act; establishing that the distribution of a certain number of plastic carryout bags at a single point of sale constitutes a single violation; prohibiting the imposition of a penalty under this Act unless certain conditions are met; providing for the enforcement of this Act; providing for a certain waiver; providing for a certain report; providing for conditions for certain citations; permitting the Department of the Environment to adopt certain regulations; providing for the applicability of the Act; and generally relating to one-time use plastic carryout bags.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher and Watson**Attachment(s):** [B2023043](#)[CB-043-2023 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Fisher and Watson and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**[CB-044-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING GAS STATION CREDIT PRICE SIGNAGE** for the purpose of requiring gas stations to display the credit card price on their signs.

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

**Attachment(s)**: [B2023044](#)  
[CB-044-2023 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay, Dernoga and Olson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CB-045-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING GENERAL PROVISIONS - AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION - ALTERNATE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS** for the purpose of providing authorization in the Zoning Ordinance for alternate development regulations for development of land owned by the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County.

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

**Attachment(s)**: [B2023045](#)  
[CB-045-2023 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha and Dernoga and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

**(c) Introduction of Resolutions**[CR-021-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** for the purpose of approving and adopting the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development ("FY 2024 Annual Action Plan").

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

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**Attachment(s):** [R2023021](#)  
[CR-021-2023 Attachment A](#)  
[CR-021-2023 Attachment B](#)  
[CR-021-2023 Summary](#)  
[CR-021-2023 Transmittal](#)

*This legislation will approve and adopt the Prince George's County Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.*

*The Annual Action Plan consists of federal programs, including related federal applications, which, along with other resources, serve to implement housing and community development strategies set forth in the County's FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, as adopted by CR-047-2020. The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") as a prerequisite for consideration of the funding applications. The funding applications, as detailed in the Annual Action Plan, are for the following federal entitlement program funds: Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program, HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") Program.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Ivey, Watson, Harrison, Fisher, Blegay and Franklin and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

[Consent17-23](#)

Draft 1

### **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

*NO ITEMS CONSIDERED*

**3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**[LTR 03212023b](#)

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 (and/or re-initiation) of the period to prepare the Staff Draft Countywide Master Plan of Transportation 2035.

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

*Brandon (Scott) Rowe, Master Planner (Planner IV), Community Planning Division, M-NCPPC, provided an overview of the proposed request.*

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

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

[LTR 03212023a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Nick Charles, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 03/21/2023 General Assembly Committee meeting).

*Marverly K. Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee, 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 Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature.**

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

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

**4. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)****[CB-010-2023](#)**

Draft 2

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY OPEN DATA** for the purpose of requiring the County to make certain public data sets available through a web portal prominently displayed on the internet; requiring the County to maintain technical standards for publishing public data sets; requiring the County Executive or their Designee to enhance the County Open Data Portal and develop an Open Data Plan; and generally relating to general provisions.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023010](#)  
[CB-010-2023 Summary](#)  
[CB-010-2023 Report](#)  
[CB-010-2023 PAFI](#)  
[CB-010-2023 OOL Comment](#)

*Council Member Burroughs, Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for CB-010-2023.*

*This bill will require the county to make public data sets available on a single web portal by requiring that the County develop technical standards for publishing; requiring the CAO to develop an implementation plan; and generally relating to general provisions.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Dernoga, Blegay, Ivey, Watson, Oriadha, Franklin and Fisher.**

**[CB-020-2023](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BONDS** for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Prince George’s County, Maryland to issue and sell an amount not to exceed five hundred sixty-four million one hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$564,138,000) in aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds and Seventy-eight million eight hundred and five thousand dollars (\$78,805,000) in aggregate principal amount of general obligation stormwater management bonds for the purpose of providing funds for financing in whole or in part costs of the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, establishment, extension, enlargement, demolition, or improvement of certain capital projects and stormwater projects, respectively, set forth in the capital budget of the County for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; describing the projects or usable parts to be financed in whole or in part from the proceeds of the bonds hereby authorized and the estimated costs thereof and the probable useful lives thereof; prescribing or providing for the procedures for the issuance and sale of such bonds at private (negotiated) sale or public sale; declaring the County's official intent to reimburse itself for certain expenditures paid before the issuance of the bonds authorized hereby in accordance with applicable Income Tax Regulations; authorizing the consolidation of such bonds with other bonds for purposes of such sale; showing compliance with the power of the County to incur indebtedness; directing the application of the proceeds of such bonds and the proceeds of bonds previously issued by an act of the County; pledging the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County to the payment of such bonds and providing for the levy and collection of taxes necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds when due; authorizing the pledge of Clean Water Act Fees to the payment of the principal of and interest on such general obligation stormwater management bonds related to clean water projects when due; authorizing and empowering the County to issue and sell an amount not to exceed Six hundred forty-two million nine hundred forty-three thousand dollars (\$642,943,000) in aggregate principal amount of bond anticipation notes and covenanting to issue bonds in anticipation of which such notes are issued; pledging the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County to the payment of such bond anticipation notes and providing for the levy and collection of taxes necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bond anticipation notes when due and authorizing the pledge of Clean Water Act Fees to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bond anticipation notes related to clean water projects when due; directing the application of the proceeds of such bond anticipation notes; directing the application of the proceeds of such bonds; providing for the issuance of such bond anticipation notes in the form of commercial paper or revolving loan notes; providing for the issuance of such bond anticipation notes and the bonds in the form of variable rate demand obligations; authorizing certain determinations to be made in connection with the sale of any such bond anticipation notes; authorizing the consolidation of such bond anticipation notes with other notes for purposes of such sale; authorizing and empowering the County to issue, sell and deliver general obligation refunding bonds and general obligation stormwater management refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding all or a part of the bonds authorized hereby or in prior Acts of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 150% of the outstanding principal amount of the bonds to be refunded thereby, the proceeds of such refunding bonds to be used for the public purpose of providing funds sufficient to pay principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on such refunded bonds at the respective maturity, redemption, and interest payment dates of such refunded bonds and related issuance costs; prescribing or providing for the procedure for the issuance and



sale of such refunding bonds; empowering the County Executive to determine the time and method for the sale of such refunding bonds and other details with respect to the sale of such refunding bonds; pledging the full faith and credit of the County to the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on such refunding bonds when due; and providing for the levy and collection of taxes necessary for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any and interest on such refunding bonds when due, showing compliance with the limitations on the power of the County to incur indebtedness; authorizing the pledge of Clean Water Act Fees to the payment of the principal of and interest on such refunding bonds related to clean water projects when due; covenanting or providing for the making of certain covenants on matters relating to the tax-exempt status of interest on such bonds, bond anticipation notes and refunding bonds, as applicable; providing for compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; providing for the authorization of and entry into interest rate exchange agreements or contracts in connection with or incidental to any of the obligations authorized by this Act; authorizing the County Executive to delegate to appropriate officials the power to make certain determinations and sign certain documents, certificates or agreements authorized to be made or signed by the County Executive herein; and otherwise generally determining or providing for the determination of certain matters in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the general obligation and stormwater management bonds, bond anticipation notes and refunding bonds authorized by this Act.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023020](#)  
[CB-020-2023 Attachment 1](#)  
[CB-020-2023 Attachments 2 and 3](#)  
[CB-020-2023 Summary](#)  
[CB-020-2023 Report](#)  
[CB-020-2023 PAFI Statement](#)  
[CB-020-2023 Transmittal](#)  
[CB-020-2023 OOL Comment](#)

*Council Member Burroughs, Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFPP) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFPP Committee for CB-020-2023.*

*This bill provides the authority to issue and sell up to \$642,943,000 in general obligation bonds and stormwater management bonds to finance County, School, Community College, Library and Stormwater Management Capital projects in the FY 2023 Capital Budget.*

*The projects are listed in Attachment 1 of the legislation. The fiscal impact on the County for any bonds or bond anticipation notes will be negative to the extent of the debt service obligation incurred by the County when the bonds or notes are sold.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Ivey, Watson, Franklin, Fisher and Harrison.**

## **SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)**

### **[CB-022-2023](#)**

Draft 2

**AN ACT CONCERNING CABLE TELEVISION** for the purpose of granting a renewal of a franchise for the operation of a cable television system in the Northern and Southern Territories of Prince George’s County (the “County”) and prescribing certain terms and conditions to be included in a franchise agreement.

**Attachment(s):** [B2023022](#)  
[CB-022-2023 Exhibits A-J](#)  
[CB-022-2023 Summary](#)  
[CB-022-2023 Report](#)  
[CB-022-2023 PAFI](#)  
[CB-022-2023 Transmittal](#)  
[CB-022-2023 OOL Comments](#)

*Council Member Burroughs, Chair of the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for CB-022-2023.*

*This legislation will grant a renewal of a franchise for the operation of a cable television system in the northern and southern territories of Prince George's County and prescribing certain terms and conditions to be included in a franchise agreement.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Franklin and Fisher.**

[Add10-23](#)

Draft 1

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that these Additions to the Agenda be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent**                Hawkins and Olson

**SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)**[CB-027-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, INC. (CIVILIAN UNITS)** for the purpose of approving the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Prince George's County, Inc. (Civilian Units), to provide for wages and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023027](#)  
[CB-027-2023 Attachment](#)  
[CB-027-2023 Summary](#)  
[CB-027-2023 Report](#)  
[CB-027-2023 PAFI](#)  
[CB-027-2023 OMB Comments](#)  
[CB-027-2023 Transmittal](#)

*Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CB-027-2023.*

*Prince George's County, Maryland (the County) and the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Prince George's County, Inc. (Civilian Units), have completed labor negotiations on a two-year labor agreement covering Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. This Bill is to adopt and approve the referenced collective bargaining agreement in accordance with Section 16-233(f) of the Personnel Law.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga,**

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Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Fisher and Franklin.

**SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION) (Continued)**

[CB-028-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT -  
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

**LODGE 89, INC.** for the purpose of amending the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and the Fraternal Order of Police, Prince George's County Lodge 89, Inc., to provide for wages and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications initially certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board and amended from time to time by the Office of Human Resources Management.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023028](#)

[CB-028-2023 Attachment](#)

[CB-028-2023 Summary](#)

[CB-028-2023 Report](#)

[CB-028-2023 PAFI](#)

[CB-028-2023 OMB Comments](#)

[CB-028-2023 Transmittal](#)

*Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CB-028-2023.*

*Prince George's County, Maryland (the County) and the Fraternal Order of Police Prince George's County Lodge 89, Inc., have completed labor negotiations on a two-year labor agreement covering Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. This Bill is to adopt and approve the referenced collective bargaining agreement in accordance with Section 16-233(f) of the Personnel Law.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Harrison and Franklin.**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING – (ENACTMENT)**

[CB-008-2023](#)

Draft 3

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA INCENTIVE**

**PROGRAM** for the purpose of establishing a Private Security Camera Incentive Program that would encourage businesses and homeowners to set up cameras to increase security surveillance. Nationally, crime and illegal dumping is on the rise and establishing more surveillance would assist public safety in keeping our communities safe and clean.

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023008](#)  
[CB-008-2023 Summary](#)  
[CB-008-2023 Report](#)  
[CB-008-2023 PAFI](#)  
[CB-008-2023 OOL Comments](#)

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 3:31 p.m. Juanita Agnew, Lajuan Jones, Aaliyah Agnew, Antoine Agnew and Angella Jorina signed up to speak on this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.*

**The public hearing for this Council Bill was held.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## **6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

[CR-020-2023](#)

Draft 1

### **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING 2006 MASTER PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT FOR THE HENSON CREEK-SOUTH POTOMAC PLANNING AREA-MINOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT**

**AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT-INITIATION** for the purpose of initiating, pursuant to the local zoning laws for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District situated in Prince George's County, Maryland, a minor amendment to the 2006 Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Henson Creek-South Potomac Planning Area-in particular, to remove and replace certain obsolete development pattern guidelines, policies, and strategies for the physical development of portions of the Master Plan areas known as "The Henson Creek Transit Village," "The Broad Creek Transit Village & Medical Park," "The Rosecroft Mixed-Use Area," "Developing Tier," and "Rural Tier" to reflect the County's current development priorities-and initiating a concurrent Sectional Map Amendment for a portion of Planning Areas 76B and 80 of the Maryland-Washington Regional District.

**Attachment(s):** [R2023020](#)

*Chair Dernoga announced that CR-020-2023 is being deferred to the next Council Session.*

**This Resolution was deferred.**

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

[BR 03212023](#)

**COVID RELIEF FUNDS DISASTER GRANT UPDATE**

Draft 1

Ronnie Gill, Director, Office of Homeland Security

*Chair Dernoga announced that the briefing is being rescheduled.*

**This Briefing was postponed.**

[ADJ26-23](#)

**ADJOURN**

Draft 1

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:57 PM.*

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

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

**Absent**            Hawkins

**6:00 PM - TOWN HALL MEETING - DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council