

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Legislative Day No. 9

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) – BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER: - *Chairman Dean called to order at 10:11 A.M. with the following Council Members present:*

*Marilynn M. Bland
Will Campos
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum
Tony Knotts
Eric C. Olson
Ingrid M. Turner
District 5 Vacant*

Others Present:

*Craig Price, Council Administrator
Robert J. Williams Jr., Deputy Council Administrator
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer
Frank Porter, Committee Director (PSFM)
Russell King, Associate County Attorney
Josh Hamlin, Associate County Attorney
Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

INVOCATION: - *The Invocation was led by Reverend Deborah Johnson, Associate Minister, Greater Rock Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Rainier, Maryland. Council Member Bland requested special prayers for Dr. David Billings, Chief of Staff, undergoing surgery this morning. Council Member Exum for the Board of Education Chair, Verjeana Jacobs, on the lost of her father. Council Member Campos for the Candidates of the District 5 primary special election today.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: - *The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Exum.*

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 January 15, 2008, January 22, 2008 and January 29, 2008

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

CB-10-2008 - AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RECORDATION TAX RATE for the purpose of revising the recordation tax rate. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 10 was presented by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

CB-11-2008 – AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSERVATION REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of establishing a tax credit for real property for residential homeowners who utilize solar or geothermal energy conservation devices. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 11 was presented by Council Members Olson, Dernoga and Campos. Council Bill 11 was referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

(c) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-22-2008 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY INCOME TAX RATE for the purpose of increasing the County income tax rate to 3.20% of the State taxable income. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 22 increases the County income tax rate to 3.20% of the State taxable income. Council Resolution 22 was introduced by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING

CR-23-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OBLIGATION for the purpose of providing that special obligation bonds may be issued from time to time under the provisions of this Resolution in the aggregate principal amount of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) in order for the County to finance or reimburse costs related to the construction of certain infrastructure improvements as more particularly described herein; making certain findings and determinations, among others, concerning the public benefit and purpose of such special obligation bonds; providing for the levy of a special tax in the form of a special hotel rental tax, the creation of a special fund and the allocation of such special tax with respect to the special taxing district to be paid over to such special fund; providing that such

special obligation bonds authorized to be issued hereby shall be payable from the special hotel rental tax collected and deposited in the special fund, as described below, and that the special obligation bonds shall not constitute a general obligation debt of the County or a pledge of the County's full faith and credit or taxing power other than the taxes representing the Special Hotel Rental Tax ; specifying certain terms and conditions with respect to the issuance of the special obligation bonds; authorizing the County Executive of the County to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve certain details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such special obligation bonds issued hereunder and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, delivery and payment of such special obligation bonds; authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions, to execute documents and make certain commitments on behalf of the County in connection with the issuance and delivery of such special obligation bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of such special obligation bonds and such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to effectuate the financing of the infrastructure improvements and the issuance and delivery of such special obligation bonds; generally providing for, and determining various matters in connection with, the issuance, delivery and payment of such special obligation bonds. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 23 concerns the Issuance of Special Obligation Bonds in aggregate principal amount of \$35,000,000 for the financing of certain infrastructure improvements relating to the National Harbor Development District and the National Harbor Special Taxing District. Council Resolution 23 was introduced by Council Members Knotts and Campos. Council Resolution 23 was referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED THIS AFTERNOON AT 1:00 P.M.

THIS RESOLUTION REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING

Council Member Bland moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. 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**

No Items were considered

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

CB-1-2008 – AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE

PENSION PLAN for the purpose of approving by legislative act an amendment to the Police Pension Plan regarding the addition of line of duty death benefits.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 1. Vernon Herron, Director of Homeland Security; Vince Canales, President FOP 85; Donna Gaughan, Wife of

fallen Officer Steven Gaughan and Carmen Bailey-Walker, Wife of fallen Officer Anthony Michael Walker. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Exum moved enactment of Council Bill 1; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 8-0. (District 5 Vacant).

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons wished to address the Council

ADJOURN: - *Chairman Dean adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.*

PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - **(ROOM 2027)**
- **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council