

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, May 22, 2003

(Legislative Day No. 18 to be declared)

Business Meeting

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027) – C.O.W. HELD

CIP DISCUSSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION - *FAVORABLE* **RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED**

Chairman Shapiro convened the Committee of the Whole at 10:45 a.m. Council Member Dernoga moved amendment number one; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Bland moved amendment number two ; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Bland moved a favorable recommendation for the CIP, as amended; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Shapiro adjourned the committee session at 11:04 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro called to order at 11:16 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Peter A. Shapiro
Marilynn M. Bland
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum
David C. Harrington
Thomas R. Hendershot
Tony Knotts
Douglas J. J. Peters*

Others Present:

*Barbara Holtz, Council Administrator
Craig S. Price, Deputy Council Administrator
Robert Williams, Jr., Associate Council Administrator
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer
Aisha N. Braveboy, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney
Collete Gresham, Associate County Attorney
Cheryl Ringer, Associate County Attorney
Frank Porter, Committee Director, PSFM
Jacqueline Brown, Committee Director, PZED
Sandra Eubanks, Committee Director, THE & HEHS*

INVOCATION – *The Invocation was provided by Ms. Shirley Tomko, Member of Crossroad Christian Church in St. Leonard, Maryland. Special intentions were requested for Ms. Ella Ruth Gossage, Chairman Shapiro's mother-in-law, during her illness.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *The pledge was led by Council Member Knotts..*

DESIGNATION OF MAY 22, 2003 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 18 – *Chairman Shapiro designated Thursday, May 22, 2003 as Legislative Day number eighteen.*

1. **PUBLIC HEARING**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROPOSED FY 2004 SIX-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (INCLUDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET), INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT FOR A NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL - AMENDED PRIOR TO PUBLIC HEARING; PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Prior to public hearing, Council Member Harrington moved amendment to CIP as proposed by the County Executive; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 9-0. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the Prince George's County Proposed FY2004 Six-Year Capital Program. The Honorable Stewart Eisenberg, President of the Bowie City Council, on behalf of the Mayor, spoke in support of the CIP. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

2. **ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS**

CR-24-2003 - A Resolution for the purpose of approving Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommendation of Water and Sewer rates and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. - **INTRODUCED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 24, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, approves the Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommendation of Water and Sewer rates and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Council Resolution 24 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Dean and Peters. Council Member Hendershot moved adoption of Council Resolution 24; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried 8-0 (Absent: Vice-Chairman Knotts).

CR-25-2003 - A Resolution for the purpose of approving the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Fiscal Years 2004-2009 Capital Improvements Program and FY 2004 Capital Budget for Prince George's County for Water and Sewerage. - **INTRODUCED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 25, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, approves the WSSC Fiscal Years 2004-2009 Capital Improvements Program and Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Budget for Water and Sewerage for Prince George's County. Council Resolution 25 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Dean, Harrington and Peters. Council Member Harrington moved adoption of Council Resolution 25; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried 8-0 (Absent: Vice-Chairman Knotts).

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY BUDGETS – (CONTINUED)**

CR-27-2003 – A Resolution for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2004-2009, and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Authority for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. - **INTRODUCED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 27, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, approves the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004-2009 and provides comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget for the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County. Council Resolution 27 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Harrington and Peters. Council Member Hendershot moved adoption of Council Resolution 27; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 9-0.

CR-28-2003 – A Resolution approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2004-2009, and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Authority for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. - **INTRODUCED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 28, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, approves the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2004-2009 and provides comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget for the Redevelopment Authority. Council Resolution 28 was introduced by Council Members Hendershot, Exum, Harrington and Peters. Council Member Harrington moved adoption of Council Resolution 28; seconded by Council Member Hendershot. The motion carried 9-0.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PORTION OF THE
MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING TAXES FOR 2003-2004
FOR THE M-NCPPC – (CB-32-2003) - INTRODUCED; ENACTED**

Council Bill 32, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, adopts the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission's Operating and Capital Budgets for Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, and establishes certain tax rates. Council Bill 32 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Dean, Exum, Knotts and Harrington. Council Member Dean moved enactment of Council Bill 32; seconded by Council Member Hendershot. The motion carried 8-1 (Opposed: Council Member Bland).

4. **ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FY 2003-2004 – (CB-33-2003) - INTRODUCED; AMENDED; DR-2 ENACTED**

Council Bill 33, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, adopts Prince George's County's Current Expense Budget and Capital Budget for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004, establishes an appropriation authority for all operating funds, and sets rates for the County Energy tax and Special Improvement District taxes. Council Bill 33 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro and Dean. Council Member Bland moved amendment number one; seconded by Council Member Hendershot. The motion carried 9-0. Council Member Harrington moved enactment of Council Bill 33, Draft 2; seconded by Council Member Peters. The motion carried 9-0.

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

- (a) Proposed letter to Beatrice Tignor, EdD, Chairman, Board of Education, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

Chairman Shapiro proposed that a letter be sent to Ms. Beatrice Tignor transmitting the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget for the Board of Education. Council Member Knotts moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 9-0.

6. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

CR-30-2003 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of modifying the System Development Charge (SDC) to help finance the capital costs of expanding and augmenting water and sewage systems to accommodate service to subscribers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) and to provide a financing mechanism to aid the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Commission) in paying for the capital projects thereof by providing methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected. - **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution, as proposed by Chairman Shapiro, modifies the System Development Charge (SDC) and provides methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected. Council Resolution 30 was introduced by Council Members Shapiro, Dean and Peters. Council Member Dean moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 30; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Dean moved adoption of Council Resolution 30; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 8-0 (Absent: Vice-Chairman Knotts).

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons wished to address the Council.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – *Chairman Shapiro thanked the Council and County Executive for their collaboration during this budget process and remarked favorably regarding funding achieved for public schools, new construction, public safety, homeland security and parks and recreation.*

ADJOURN – *Chairman Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.*

Prepared by:

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