

# ***ACTION MINUTES***

**Tuesday, January 14, 2003**

**Business Meeting**

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

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

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS** – *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro commenced presentation of proclamations at 9:49 a.m. and concluded at 10:05 a.m.*

**Proclamation recognizing Fort Foote Elementary School as the recipient of the “Blue Ribbon” and “National Blue Ribbon” award in Prince George’s County.**

(Council Chairman Peter A. Shapiro, Council Vice Chairman Tony Knotts and Council Members Samuel H. Dean, Marilynn Bland, Camille A. Exum and Douglas J.J. Peters) - **PRESENTED**

*Chairman Peter A. Shapiro, Vice Chairman Tony Knotts and Council Members Dean, Bland, Exum and Peters presented a proclamation to Fort Foote Elementary School, recognizing the school as the recipient of the "Blue Ribbon" and "National Blue Ribbon" awards. The Principal, Dr. Iris T. Metts, Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Beatrice Tignor, President of the Board of Education were present to accept the award. They were accompanied by many civic leaders and well-wishers. Plaques were also presented to the Principal and Dr. Metts for their leadership.*

**CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro called to order at 10:10 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

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

*Others Present:**Craig 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**Steve Gilbert, Principal Council*

**INVOCATION** – *The Invocation was provided by Ms. Adeline Marie Bolden, Member, 1st Baptist Highland Park, Landover, Maryland. A moment of silence was recognized in memory of Mr. Charles Monroe, President of the Arlington County Board, in his passing. Special intentions were requested for the Lloyd and Shearing families in the passing of Tora Marie Lloyd, of Fort Washington and Mr. Ray Fritz of New Carrollton.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *The pledge 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 - **APPROVED**

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

**CB-1-2003 – AN ACT CONCERNING WAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS** for the purpose of requiring that certain service contracts include minimum wage requirements under certain circumstances. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 1 was presented by Council Member Hendershot and referred to the Public Safety Fiscal Management Committee.*

**CB-2-2003 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PRIVATE SCHOOL OR STUDIO FOR ARTISTIC OR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION** for the purpose of permitting a private school or studio for artistic or technical instruction in the L-A-C Zone. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 2 was presented by Council Member Dean and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee.*

- \*\*** *Council Member Harrington moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Peters; carried by voice vote*

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

*No items were removed.*

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

- (a) Proposed letter to Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, endorsing the recommendations of the Planning Board on the Goals, Concepts, Guidelines and Public Participation Program for the Tuxedo Road/Arbor Street and Cheverly Metro Area Sector Plan. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*The Chairman, at the request of the Planning Board, proposed that a letter be sent to Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett endorsing the recommendations of the Planning Board for the Tuxedo Road/Arbor Street and Cheverly Metro Area Sector Plan. Council Member Harrington moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Knotts; carried by roll call vote 9-0.*

- (b) General Assembly Report - **APPROVED**

*Mr. Robert Williams, Jr., Associate Council Administrator, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole, as contained within the General Assembly Report. Council Member Peters requested that MC/PG 108-03, be pulled from the report and considered separately. Council Member Hendershot moved to approve the Committee's recommendations, excluding MC/PG 108-03; seconded by Council Member Dean; carried by roll call vote 9-0. Council Member Hendershot moved to approve the Committee's recommendation for opposition of MC/PG 108-03; seconded by Council Member Dean; carried by roll call vote 8-1. (Opposed: Council Member Peters)*

- (c) Proposed letter to the Editor of the Prince George's Journal regarding the closing of the Prince George's County Editorial Office. - **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*A letter was proposed to be sent to the Editor of the Prince George's Journal expressing concern about the decision to close the Prince George's County Editorial Office and to reduce the coverage of the County events in its publication. Council Member Hendershot spoke to the intent of the letter and moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Dean; carried by roll call vote 9-0.*

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

*Ms. Alice Neff Lucan spoke on behalf of the Journal Newspaper. Ms. Susan Gervasi and Mr. Karl Hille, former Journal reporters, also addressed the Council.*

**ADJOURN** – *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.*

**Prepared by:**

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**Submitted by:**

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council