

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Legislative Day No. 7

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) - BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER: - *Chair Exum called to order at 10:12 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

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

Others Present:

*Craig Price, Council Administrator
Robert J. Williams, Jr., Deputy Council Administrator
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer
Karen Zavakos, Legislative Officer
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney
Russell King, Associate County Attorney
Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Committee Director
Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director
David Van Dyke, Audit & Investigations
Steve McGibbon, Audit & Investigations*

INVOCATION: - *The Invocation was led by Mr. Sandy Vaughns, County Employee. Council Member Dean requested special prayers for the family of the tragic murder/suicide that occurred in the County. Council Member Turner for Bowie Councilman, William Aleshire, in the hospital and Council Member Bland for the families of the people in the tragic bus accident in Georgia and for our Military personnel in the war.*

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: - *Dr. Bill Rogers and students from Prince George's Community College visiting and observing the Council session. Council Member Bland spoke to the Youth Summit forum that was held at Colony South this past Sunday and thanked her colleagues for joining her and the youth from Chatown, Georgia. Mr. Knotts echoed the positive value of our future leaders and also thanked Dr. Brown for attending.*

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

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

CB-4-2007 (SUBDIVISION BILL) - AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISIONS – ADEQUATE PUBLIC ROAD FACILITIES for the purpose of deleting certain provisions of the Subdivision Regulations that allow the development of certain property notwithstanding the inadequacy of public road facilities. - **PRESENTED**

Council Bill 4 was presented by Council Member Dernoga and referred to Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee.

Council Member Dean moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried by voice vote.

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-13-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REPEAL OF MARYLAND'S DEATH PENALTY AND IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT PAROLE for the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Council position and urging the Governor and the General Assembly to repeal all statutes and provisions of death sentencing in Maryland and replace the death penalty with a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole as the highest penalty in the State. - **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 13 establishes the Prince George's County Council position and urges the Governor and the General Assembly to repeal all statutes and provisions of death sentencing in Maryland and replace the death penalty with a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole as the highest penalty in the State. Council Resolution 13 was introduced by Council Members Harrington, Dean, Bland, Olson and Exum. Council Resolution 13 was referred to Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

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

No items were considered

Council Member Bland, Chair, Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the Appointment of the following individuals to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for Prince George's County. Mr. Michael Herman, County Executive's Representative, introduced the nominees to the Council. Each nominee was present and spoke on their own behalf. Council Member Dernoga moved confirmation of all nominees; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 9-0.

● **Appointment of the following individuals to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for Prince George's County:**

Mr. Derek L. Ballard	Appointment/Replacing: Betty A. Norwood Consumer Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2007
Ms. Charmian O. Crawford	Appointment/Replacing: Gertrude Paige Department of Juvenile Services Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2009
Ms. Patricia J. Fletcher	Appointment General Public Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2007
Ms. Karyn T. Lynch	Appointment Department of Social Services Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2008
Ms. Deborah C. McBroom (Withdrawn by Executive)	Appointment/replacing: Betty Jane Diggs Local Agency Working With Elderly Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2008
Ms. Nicole McDavid	Appointment Mental Health Association Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2007
Martha Mihaly, PhD	Appointment/Replacing: Jeanne A. Scammon Mental Health Association Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2009
Mr. Joseph A. Rollo	Appointment/Replacing: Roberto L. Hylton Police Department Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2007
Ms. Ruth K. Walls	Appointment Local Alcohol and Drug Abuse Agency Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2009

Mr. Richard W. Butterfield	Reappointment/Chair Consumer Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2008
Ms. Mary Lynn Logsdon	Reappointment Housing Program Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2008
Mr. Timothy R. Jansen	Reappointment General Public Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2009
Ms. Luz R. Naval	Reappointment Consumer Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2008
Mr. Hassan A. Sabree	Reappointment Mental Health Professional Representative Term Expiration: 6/30/2009

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

CB-2-2007 (DR-3) – AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION for the purpose of appropriating to the General Fund revenue in excess of budget estimates to provide funds for costs that were not anticipated in the approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 2(DR-3). No person wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Harrington moved to enact Council Bill 2(DR-3); seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 8-1. (Opposed: Council Member Dernoga).

A public emergency exists affecting the public health, safety, and welfare; said emergency being the need to provide funding to Dimensions Health Corporation in order to support the continuation of essential health services for the citizens and residents of Prince George's County. As the largest provider of inpatient and emergency services, Dimensions Health Corporation is a cornerstone in the health care system in the County. Access to quality health care for the citizens and residents of the County depends on the continuation of Dimensions Health Corporation services. For the past several years, Dimensions Health Corporation has been facing serious financial difficulties resulting in significant operating losses. Supplemental County funding in Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in the amount of \$5,000,000 is necessary to assist Dimensions Health Corporation with operating costs. Without this supplementary appropriation funding, Dimensions Health Corporation will face increased difficulty in funding vital short-term operating needs that could affect access to care.

6 VOTES REQUIRED TO ENACT

6. **RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)**

CR-9-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits.

- **DEFERRED TO 03/13/2007**

7. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

CR-11-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PREPARATION OF A NEW SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT (SMA) AND APPROVAL OF GOALS, CONCEPTS, GUIDELINES, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM FOR THE BRANCH AVENUE CORRIDOR (PLANNING AREA 76A) for the purpose of initiating an amendment to the 2000 Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity Planning Area 76A and approving the Goals, Concepts, Guidelines and a Public Participation Program in order to develop a comprehensive approach to implement the recommendations of the 2002 General Plan, to ensure that future development is consistent with County policies. - **AMENDED; DR-2 INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; DR-2 ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 11 concerns Preparation of a New Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) and Approval of Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and Public Participation Program for the Branch Avenue Corridor (Planning Area 76A) for the purpose of initiating an amendment to the 2000 Approved Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Heights and Vicinity Planning Area 76A and approving the Goals, Concepts, Guidelines and a Public Participation Program in order to develop a comprehensive approach to implement the recommendations of the 2002 General Plan, to ensure that future development is consistent with County policies. Council Member Exum moved amendment number 1; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 9-0. Council Resolution 11 (DR-2) was introduced by Council Members Bland, Dernoga, Exum, Dean, Harrington and Knotts. Council Member Harrington moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 11(DR-2); seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Harrington moved adoption of Council Resolution 11(DR-2); seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 9-0.

CR-12-2007 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE OFFICE OF LAW for the purpose of extending the appointment of Ms. Stephanie P. Anderson as Acting County Attorney of the Office of Law.
- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 12 extends the appointment of Ms. Stephanie P. Anderson as Acting County Attorney of the Office of Law. Council Resolution 12 was introduced by Council Member Exum. Council Member Turner moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 12; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Dernoga moved adoption of Council Resolution

12; seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried 9-0.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEM

(SEE SEPARATE ACTION AGENDA)

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No person wished to address the Council

BRIEFINGS – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) - DEFERRED TO 03/13/2007

• **CHARTER AMENDMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**

Barbara L. Holtz, Consultant
Karen T. Zavakos, Legislative Officer

• **OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (GASB 45) - BRIEFING HELD**

Jonathan R. Seeman, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Charles M. Curtis, Assistant Director of Accounting, Office of Finance
J. Michael Dougherty, Jr., Director, Office of Finance

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Council Member Harrington announced that a Forum, regarding Levees and Stormwater issues, was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Bladensburg’s Town Hall.

ADJOURN: - *Chair Exum adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.*

BRIEFING – (HEARING ROOM) - CANCELLED

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007.

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council

