



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

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

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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11:00 A.M. - - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

12:30 P.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

1:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 1:07 p.m. with 7 members present at roll call. Council Members Olson and Blegay arrived at 1:08 p.m. Council Member Hawkins arrived at 1:11 p.m. Council Member Franklin arrived at 1:15 p.m.

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

Remote: 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council
James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney
Katherine Canning, Legislative Attorney
Jabari Cooper, General Assembly Committee

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Ralph J. Chittams, Sr., Landover Hills Baptist Church, Landover Hills, MD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Olson.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes****MIN 03052024**

County Council Minutes dated March 5, 2024

Draft 1

Attachment(s): 03052024**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-011-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SETTLEMENT**TRANSPARENCY** for the purpose of promoting transparency with respect to settlement agreements for actions involving Prince George's County Government or its employees.**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha**Attachment(s):** [B2024011](#)[CB-011-2024 Summary](#)**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**[CB-012-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING PROCUREMENT PRACTICES REVISIONS for the purpose of amending provisions of Subtitle 10A regarding administrative procedures, award of contracts, and economic development; generally relating to procurements subject to Subtitle 10A.**Attachment(s):** [B2024012](#)[CB-012-2024 Summary](#)[CB-012-2024 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

[CB-016-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING LATE-NIGHT BUSINESS SAFETY PLAN for the purpose of requiring certain businesses that operate between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to obtain a late-night safety plan from the Office of the County Executive, or their Designee; that requires the business to obtain an approved late-night safety plan before operating; that the business must operate under the terms of the approved late-night safety plan; that an approved late-night safety plan authorizes the business to operate for three (3) years; that at the expiration of the three (3) period the business will need to obtain a new approved late-night safety plan; and that businesses operating without an approved late-night safety plan are subject in a civil fine for each day it operates without an approved late-night safety plan.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Fisher

Attachment(s): [B2024016](#)
[CB-016-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha and Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CB-017-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF APPEALS COMPOSITION AND SALARY REVISION for the purpose of decreasing the composition of the Board of Appeals, increasing the monthly salary rate for each member of the Board of Appeals and the additional annual salary rate for the Chairman of the Board of Appeals.

Sponsor(s): Ivey

Attachment(s): [B2024017](#)
[CB-017-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Chair Ivey and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CB-018-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GOOD GOVERNMENT for the purpose of requiring the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit a statement to the Council describing the fiscal impact of each bill before Council action; specifying the contents of the fiscal impact statement; and generally amending the law governing the consideration of

bills by the County Council.

Sponsor(s): Harrison

Attachment(s): [B2024018](#)
[CB-018-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Vice Chair Harrison and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

[CB-019-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT FAIRNESS ACT FOR RETURNING CITIZENS for the purpose of prohibiting employers in Prince George's County from inquiring into or considering certain past criminal records of prospective job applicants, subject to certain exemptions.

Sponsor(s): Franklin, Hawkins, Blegay, Burroughs, Harrison, Oriadha and Watson

Attachment(s): [B2024019](#)
[CB-019-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Franklin, Hawkins, Blegay, Burroughs, Harrison, Oriadha and Watson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[CB-020-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION ORDINANCE for the purpose of revising the existing subtitle in order to comply with state mandated revisions as per the Maryland Forest Conservation Act; revising and adding definitions; revising applicability and exemption requirements; revising plan review, validity and grandfathering requirements; revising the variance and appeal process; revising enforcement process; revising the conservation requirements including priority areas, thresholds and replacement ratios; revising conservation requirements design criteria, priorities, options and bonding; revising forest stand delineation area; and revising forest harvesting.

Attachment(s): [B2024020](#)
[CB-020-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-020-2024 Transmittal](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal Packet Pink 03-04-2024](#)
[HB 723 Forest Preservation and Retention](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the Planning Board and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure,

Energy and Environment Committee.**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)****[CB-021-2024](#)**

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING TREE CANOPY COVERAGE ORDINANCE for the purpose of revising the existing applicability language, revising the tree canopy coverage requirements, revising the credit and security requirements and adding the Planning Director to those that can issue waivers.

Attachment(s): [B2024021](#)
[CB-021-2024](#)
[CB-021-2024 Summary](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal Packet Pink 03-04-2024](#)
[HB 723 Forest Preservation and Retention](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the Planning Board and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

[CB-022-2024](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS'
ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY AREA for the purpose of removing environmental strategy area from definitions, and removing environmental strategy area from environmental standard and replacing with development location, and amending the required minimum stream buffer widths.

Attachment(s): [B2024022](#)
[CB-022-2024 Summary](#)
[CB-022-2024 Transmittal](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal Packet Pink 03-04-2024](#)
[HB 723 Forest Preservation and Retention](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the Planning Board and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

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Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher,
Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 03122024](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 03/12/2024 General Assembly Committee meeting).

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter Week 3-12 FINAL](#)

Jabari Cooper, 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 Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[APPT-5-24](#)

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual as the Director of the Department of Corrections:

Terence K. Clark

Attachment(s): [Dept. of Corrections Director Appt. Transmittal](#)

Dept. of Corrections Director Appt. Package

[Dept. of Corrections Director Appt. Report](#)

Dept. of Corrections Director Appt. Public Comments

-CC 3-12-2024

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:19 p.m. Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for the Director to the Department of Corrections appointment. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced Barry Stanton, DCAO for Public Safety, Office of the County Executive, who introduced the appointee and spoke to his credentials and qualifications. Mr. Clark provided comments and spoke on his own behalf as well. There were no

speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)

[APPT-4-24](#)

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual to the Prince George's County Commission for Women:

SheShuana N. Davis

Appointment

Replacing: Deborah C. Wilder

Term Expiration: May 1, 2025

Attachment(s): [Comm. for Women 1-26-2024 Appt. Transmittal](#)

[Comm. for Women 1-26-2024 Appt. Package](#)

[Comm. for Women 1-26-2024 Appt. Report](#)

[Comm. for Women 1-26-2024 Appt. Public Comments](#)

[CC 3-12-2024](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 1:39 p.m. Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for the Commission for Women appointment. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointee and spoke to her credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent

Franklin

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chair Ivey recognized Council Member Hawkins for a Point of Personal Privilege. Council Member Hawkins presented a proclamation to the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Incorporated, Prince George's Chapter, as they joined the Council for their Public Policy Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)[EX 03052024](#)

Draft 2

Motion to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7), and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to discuss pending or potential litigation; to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to be briefed by counsel as to, and to discuss, the status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and/or the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation.

The Chair read the following closing statement/motion to convene in executive session: "Motion to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7), and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to discuss pending or potential litigation; to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to be briefed by counsel as to, and to discuss, the status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and/or the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation." The Executive Session was held

On 3/12/2024, A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:: Aye: 11, Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Date of Executive Session: March 12, 2024

Time of Vote to Close Session: 1:57 p.m.

Location of Executive Session: 1st Floor Executive Conference Room

Beginning Time: 4:21 p.m.

Ending Time: 4:42 p.m.

Members Present:

CM Harrison, Vice-Chairman, CM Blegay, CM Burroughs, CM Dernoga, CM Fisher, CM Franklin (virtual/remote), CM Olson, CM Oriadha and CM Watson

Members Absent:

CM Ivey, Chairwoman and CM Hawkins

Others Present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Karen Zavakos, Donna Brown, Rajesh Kumar and Ellis Watson

Topics Discussed:

1. Principal Counsel to the County Council, Rajesh Kumar, provided an update on pending litigation in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Supreme Court of Maryland:

- a. City of Glenarden (C-16-CV-23-005304) (DSP-22034. DDS-2202, AC-23001, and TCP2-053-07-06 Alta Woodmore)*
- b. Timberlake Home, BT (C-16-cv-23-000198) (CR 005-2023)*
- c. Crain Holdings, LLC, et. al. v. Prince George's County Council, No. 1469 September Term*
- d. Bradley Heard v. County Council for Prince George's County, Petition No.2, September Term*
- e. Northpoint Realty Partners, LLC (C-16-CV-23-002701)*

Actions Taken:

1. Motion to appeal Northpoint Realty Partners, LLC (C-16-CV-23-002701) by 9-0 vote (fav), Motion by: CM Burroughs, Second by: CM Oriadha

Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(b) (1): 11 – 0, Motion by: CM Harrison; Second by: CM Fisher

Vote to Adjourn: 9-0, Motion by: CM Burroughs; Second: CM Watson

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council

Member Fisher, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher,
Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

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ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Draft 1

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this District Council additions package be accepted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher,
Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

[REC6-24](#)

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THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 1:158 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher,
Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

1:45 PM - BOARD OF HEALTH (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

2:45 PM - DISTRICT COUNCIL (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

3:00 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

6:00 PM - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED GROSS HOUSES HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council