

# **AGENDA MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009**

**Business Meeting**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** - *Chairperson Bland called to order at 1:38 P.M. with the following Council Members present:*

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

*Others Present:*

*Craig S. Price, Council Administrator  
Robert J. Williams Jr., Deputy Council Administrator  
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer  
Todd Turner, Legislative Officer  
Carmen Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer  
Karen Zvakos, Legislative Officer  
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 Bishop G. Randolph Gurley, Tabernacle Church, Laurel, Maryland. Council Member Campos requested special prayers for the Teachers, Students and the family members of the Teacher and Coach of Northwestern High School in their passing. Council Member Harrison for Sally Joseph, Heart & Hand Association in her passing and Council Member Bland for the safe return of her Brother from Iraq and for the Inaugurational participants.*

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

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

*Council Member Turner asked the County and her colleagues to support President-Elect Obama's National Day of Service.*

1. **CONSENT AGENDA – CR-2, CR-3, CB-2 AND CB-3 ADDED (pg 3) – 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-1-2009 –AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** for the purpose of prohibiting video lottery terminals in Prince George's County.

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 1 was presented by Council Member Olson and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee.*

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-1-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ANNEXTION** for the purpose of petitioning the chief executive and administrative officer of the City of Laurel for referendum on a certain resolution of annexation. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 1 concerns Municipal Annexation for the purpose of petitioning the chief executive and administrative officer of the City of Laurel for referendum on a certain resolution of annexation. Council Resolution was introduced by Council Member Dernoga and referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

*Council Member Olson moved to accept additional items to the Agenda; seconded by Council Member Harrison. 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**

- (a) Proposed letter to Samuel J. Parker, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, requesting a six-month extension of the timeframe for preparing the Preliminary Glenn Dale-Seabrook-Lanham Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment.
- **CHAIRPERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*A letter was proposed for sending to Samuel J. Parker, Prince George's County Planning Board, requesting a six-month extension of the timeframe for preparing the Preliminary Glenn Dale-Seabrook-Lanham Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment. Council Member Olson moved to authorize the Chairperson's signature; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 9-0.*

*Chairperson Bland recessed the County Council meeting at 1:50 P.M.*

4. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**  
- **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**CR-1-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ANNEXTION** for the purpose of petitioning the chief executive and administrative officer of the City of Laurel for referendum on a certain resolution of annexation.

- **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**

*Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee of the Whole (COW) to the Council. Mr. Robert Manzi, Esq., addressed the Council regarding the Council's ability to send this legislation to referendum on behalf of the City of Laurel. Council Member Dernoga moved favorable recommendation for Council Resolution 1; seconded by Council Member Turner. The motion carried 9-0.*

*Chairperson Bland reconvened the County Council meeting at 2:21 P.M.*

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

**CR-1-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ANNEXTION** for the purpose of petitioning the chief executive and administrative officer of the City of Laurel for referendum on a certain resolution of annexation. - **ADOPTED**

*Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee of the Whole (COW) to the Council. Council Resolution 1 concerns Municipal Annexation for the purpose of petitioning the chief executive and administrative officer of the City of Laurel for referendum on a certain resolution of annexation. Council Resolution 1 was introduced by Council Member Dernoga on 01/13/2009 and was favorably reported out of the Committee of the Whole on 01/13/2009. Council Member Dernoga moved adoption of Council Resolution 1; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0.*

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**1. **CONSENT AGENDA – (page 2)**

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

**CB-2-2009 –AN ACT CONCERNING THE YOUTH COMMISSION** for the purpose of amending the provisions of the County Code relating to the Youth Commission.

- **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 2 was presented by Council Member Bland and referred to the Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee.*

**CB-3-2009 - AN ACT CONCERNING TAXICAB REGULATIONS** for the purpose of amending provisions of the Code relating to regular taxicab rates and the emergency fuel cost surcharge. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 3 was presented by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.*

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-3-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAXICAB RATES** for the purpose of implementing, on a temporary basis, certain rate increases for taxicabs proposed by the County Executive. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 3 temporarily amends taxicab regulations relating to taxicab rates. Council Resolution 3 was introduced by Council Members Bland, Olson, Campos, Dernoga and Harrison. Council Resolution 3 was referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW).*

4. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) – (page 3) –  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**CR-3-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAXICAB RATES** for the purpose of implementing, on a temporary basis, certain rate increases for taxicabs proposed by the County Executive. - **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION**

*Dennis Bigley, Department of Environment Resources (DER) provided a verbal overview on Council Resolution 3. Council Member Olson moved favorable recommendation on Council Resolution 3; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 9-0.*

5. **RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) – (page 3)**

**CR-3-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAXICAB RATES** for the purpose of implementing, on a temporary basis, certain rate increases for taxicabs proposed by the County Executive. - **ADOPTED**

*Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee of the Whole to the Council. Council Resolution 3 was introduced by Council Members Bland, Olson, Campos, Dernoga and Harrison on 1/13/2009 and was favorably reported out of the Committee of the Whole (COW) on 1/13/2009. Council Member Olson moved adoption of Council Resolution 3; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).*

6. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**CR-2-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE YOUTH COMMISSION** for the purpose of suspending certain provisions of the County Code relating to the Prince George's County Youth Commission.  
- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

*Council Resolution 2 concerns the Youth Commission for the purpose of suspending certain provisions of the County Code relating to the Prince George's County Youth Commission. Council Resolution 2 was introduced Council Members Bland, Turner, Harrison, Dean and Olson. Council Member Dernoga moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 2; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Dean moved adoption of Council Resolution 2; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).*

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

*Mr. Zachary S. Gray, Administrator, St. Thomas Moore Medical Complex, addressed concerns regarding the shut down, by a Health Department Surveyor, of the ventilator unit at his long-term care facility.*

*Mr. Abay Gidey, President of The Taxi Cab Alliance spoke in support of legislation concerning the Taxi Cab rate increase.*

*Mr. Brian Holmes, Taxi Cab Driver, thanked the Council for supporting the base rate increase.*

*Motion to convene in Executive Session made by Council Member Dean; seconded by Council Member Harrison; motion carried 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Turner)*

**ADJOURN:** - *Chairperson Bland adjourned the meeting at 2:38 P.M.*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

- **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

- (a) To consult with counsel, staff, consultants, or other individuals regarding pending or potential litigation in accordance with Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508 (a) (7) and (8).

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

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