

# ***ACTION MINUTES***

**Tuesday, April 15, 2003**

**Legislative Day No. 11**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**– *Chairman Peter A. Shapiro called to order at 10:14 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  
Tony Knotts  
Douglas J. J. Peters*

*Absent: Thomas R. Hendershot*

*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  
Cheryl Ringer, Associate County Attorney*

**INVOCATION** – *The Invocation was provided by Bishop Juanita Turner, New Covenant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of Colmar Manor, Maryland. Special intentions were requested for Mr. John Wallington and for the family of the Honorable Clarence Blount, former State Senator for the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District, in his passing*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *The pledge was led by Vice Chairman Knotts.*

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – *Council Member Harrington recognized the Honorable Floyd Wilson, former representative of the Fifth Councilmanic District and Bishop Juanita Turner and Mr. Turner for their dedicated service to the citizens of Prince George's County.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Appointment of the following individual as Chief of Police for Prince George's County: -**  
**PUBLIC HEARING HELD; CONFIRMED**

Melvin C. High

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the appointment of Mr. Melvin C. High as Chief of Police for Prince George's County. County Executive Jack Johnson introduced the nominee and spoke to his credential and character. Mr. Leonard Cooke, Ms. Kim Dyne, Dr. Rodwell M. Cato, Mr. George C. Crawley, Commissioner Murphy and Ms. Victoria Brock spoke in support of Mr. High's nomination. Mr. High was present and spoke on his own behalf. All person wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Dean moved confirmation of Mr. Melvin C. High as Chief of Police for Prince George's County; seconded by Council Member Harrington; carried by roll call vote 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Hendershot).*

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE** – *Chairman Shapiro recognized the leadership of the current Chief of Police, Chief Gerald Wilson and all of the men and women of the Police Department of Prince George's County for their tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for all Prince Georgians. Vice Chairman Knotts recognized Captain Archie O'Neil, Commander of the District Four police station.*

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-23-2003 – AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY POLICE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION** for the purpose of amending the labor agreement by and between Prince George’s County, Maryland and the Prince George’s County Police Civilian Employees Association to provide for wage and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications certified by the Prince George’s County Public Employee Relations Board AAA Case No. 16390 00248 01. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 23 was presented by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee.*

**CB-24-2003 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY** for the purpose of assigning certain existing classes of work to the bargaining unit represented by the Police Civilian Employees Association (PCEA). - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 23 was presented by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee.*

**CB-25-2003 – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING L-A-C ZONE** for the purpose of exempting certain dwelling units in proximity to the Metro Station from certain site and building design guidelines and regulations, and limitations on the number of townhouses and multifamily dwellings in the L-A-C Zone. - **PRESENTED**

*Council Bill 25 was presented by Council Member Harrington and referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee.*

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-18-2003 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS** for the purpose of funding from grants in the amount of \$4,738,345 to the Health Department, Department of Social Services, Office of the State’s Attorney, Department of Corrections, Department of Family Services, Police Department, Fire Department, Office of the Sheriff, Department of Environmental Resources and Office of Personnel and Labor Relations. **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 18 was proposed by the Chairman at the request of the County Executive and referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee. Council Resolution 18 provides for supplementary appropriations in the amount of \$4,738,345 to support grant programs for new or expanded efforts of ten (10) agencies. Council Resolution 18 was introduced by Chairman Shapiro.*

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

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

*No items were considered.*

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

*No items were considered.*

4. **BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL ACTION**

**CB-21-2003 – (EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14-2003) REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL** to create the Office of Homeland Security. - **APPROVED**

*Ms. Barbara Holtz, Council Administrator, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole. Council Bill 21 was favorably reported out of C.O.W. on 4/8/2003. Council Member Knotts moved enactment of Council Bill 21; seconded by Council Member Harrington; carried by roll call vote 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Hendershot)*

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

**CR-14-2003 (DR-2) – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE** for the purpose of endorsing the proposed expansion to the Prince George’s County Enterprise Zone. - **DRAFT 2 SUBSTITUTED; ADOPTED**

*Mr. Craig S. Price, Deputy Council Administrator, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole. Council Resolution 14 was favorably reported out of C.O.W. on 4/8/2003 with amendments. Council Member Exum moved to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1; seconded by Council Member Peters; carried by voice vote. Vice Chairman Knotts moved adoption; seconded by Council Member Dean; carried by roll call vote 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Hendershot).*

*Council Member Exum identified a discrepancy with the listed sponsorship for Council Resolution 14, expressing that it was her intent to sponsor this measure. (See the Council Action Verification Form and Errata in the Administrative Bill File for Council Resolution 14.)*

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

**CB-2-2003 (DR-2) – 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. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the hearing convened on Council Bill 2, Draft 2. Mr. Edward Gibbs spoke in support of the legislation. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Dean moved enactment of Council Bill 2, Draft 2; seconded by Council Member Knotts; carried by roll call vote 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Hendershot).*

**CB-13-2003 – AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS** for the purpose of repealing various obsolete provisions of Subtitle 18 pertaining to the Office of the Sheriff and the Department of Corrections. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the hearing convened on Council Bill 13. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Harrington moved enactment of Council Bill 13; seconded by Council Member Knotts; carried by roll call vote 8-0 (Absent: Council Member Hendershot).*

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CR-7-2003 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2001 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (DECEMBER 2002 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS)** for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2001 Water and Sewer Plan. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

*Pursuant to proper notice the public hearing convened on Council Resolution 7. Mr. Edward Gibbs, Mr. Bill Shipp, Mr. Thomas Haller, Mr. Bill Knight, Mr. Harvey Holland, Savey Dehouier, Mr. Stanley Robinson, Ms. Michelle Larocca, Mr. Joe Minert of the City of Bowie, Mr. Daniel Philapelli and Mr. Norman Rivera spoke in reference to particular water and sewer applications. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Chairman Shaprio announced that Council Resolution 7 would be considered during the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee meeting scheduled for 4/22/2003 at 1:30 p.m.*

*Council Member Exum identified a discrepancy with the listed sponsorship for Council Resolution 7, expressing that it was not her intent to sponsor this measure. (See the Council Action Verification Form and Errata in the Administrative Bill File for Council Resolution 7.)*

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

*None*

**ADJOURN** – Chairmna Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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

♦ **STAFF BUDGET REVIEW**

**TRANSPORTATION HOUSING & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING –  
(ROOM 2027) -- COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**Prepared by:**

**Submitted by:**

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council