

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 7/28/98

Reference No.: CR-62-1998

Proposer: Russell, Bailey, Del Giudice, Estepp, Gourdine,
Hendershot, Maloney, Scott, Wilson

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Sponsors: Russell, Bailey, Del Giudice, Estepp, Gourdine,
Hendershot, Maloney, Scott, Wilson

Item Title: A Resolution establishing a broad-based public panel
representing all segments of the County to prepare a
Biennial Growth Management Policy Plan

Drafter: Tom Tyson, M-NCPPC

Resource Personnel: Jackie Brown,
PZED Committee Director

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__
Committee Referral: __/__/__ _____
Committee Action: __/__/__ _____
Date Introduced: 7/28/98
Pub. Hearing Date: __/__/__ __:__ __

Executive Action: __/__/__ _____
Effective Date: __/__/__

Council Action: 7/28/98 ADOPTED
Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, AS:A, MW:A
Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

7/28/98: Amended on the floor

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

In 1996, the County Council initiated the development of a Countywide Growth Policy and Strategic Economic Development Plan. By adoption of CR-18-1997, a 7-member Interagency Work Group and a 17-member Task Force were established to assist in the development of this Plan. The Council

supported the concepts of the Growth Policy that were reviewed and commented on by the Work Group and Task Force. In November 1997, the Council adopted CR-63-1997 which directed the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to prepare legislation embodying the overall concept and establishing a growth management program for Prince George's County and submit this legislation to the Council by March 1998.

After further discussions, the Council determined that an opportunity for additional public input should be incorporated into the process for establishing this program. The Council also recommended that the Planning Department staff use the additional time to seek information on how other jurisdictions have implemented growth management programs. During Spring 1998, the County Council, assisted by Planning Department staff, prepared a policy paper, *Managing Growth in the 21st Century: A Smart Growth Initiative for Prince George's County*. The policy paper discusses issues and concerns which must be addressed as part of the Council's initiative and also identifies emerging policies that provide the framework for a growth management program in Prince George's County. A planning law consultant, Freilich, Leitner and Carlisle (FLC), was retained to evaluate the policy paper and advise the Council on growth management programs used in other jurisdictions. Based upon FLC's report, the Council desires to move forward to implement growth policies using as a framework *Managing Growth in the 21st Century: A Smart Growth Initiative for Prince George's County*. The Council recognizes that this initiative must also take into consideration the preliminary results of a comprehensive study, *Comparative Evaluation of Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance*, the preparation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan under the direction of the County Executive and the development of a General Plan amendment since the 1982 General Plan is no longer adequate to guide growth and development from a Countywide perspective.

CR-62-1998 establishes a 53-member task force, to be known as Commission 2000, to provide for a broad-based public participation effort in the development of the first Biennial Growth Management Policy Plan, a General Plan amendment and legislation to revise the Zoning Ordinance and development review process.

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