

AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, March 24, 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 10:12 A.M. with the following Council Members present:

Marilynn M. Bland
Will Campos
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum (Absent)
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
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 Sylvia Taylor, County Employee. Council Member Harrison requested special prayers for the family of Charles Gallion, Community Activist in Cedar Heights, in his passing. Council Member Olson for the family of Rochelle Funkhouser in her passing and Council Member Bland for Council Member Exum recovering and for the family members of the Dewitt mother and daughter killed in Largo.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Councilperson Bland acknowledge March as Women's History Month and spoke to the contributions and services of current and past female members of the Council. She also acknowledged Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council, as the 2009 Gladys Noon Spellman award recipient. Chairperson Bland presented a Proclamation to Ms. Floyd and extended congratulations on behalf of the County Council and the Legislation Branch.

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

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) Approval of County Council Minutes dated March 17, 2009.

- **APPROVED**

- (b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

CR-12-2009 – AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANT FUNDING for the purpose of expressing a preference that any economic recovery plan funds provided to Prince George's County and the State of Maryland be spent by the County and the State on goods and services made or performed in the United States of America.

- **INTRODUCED**

Council Resolution 12 is an act concerning economic renewal grant funding for the purpose of expressing a preference that any economic recovery plan funds provided to Prince George's County and the State of Maryland be spent by the County and the State on goods and services made or performed in the United States of America. Council Resolution 12 was introduced by Council Members Olson, Turner, Harrison and Dernoga and was referred to the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were considered

Council Member Harrison moved adoption of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council Member Dean. The motion carried by voice vote. (Absent: Council Member Exum).

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

- (a) Transmittal of letters to the Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair, Prince George's House Delegation and the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair, Prince George's Senate Delegation, expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State legislation.
- **CHAIRPERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

Todd Turner, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee of the Whole (COW) to the Council. A letter was proposed for sending to the Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair, Prince George's House Delegation and the Honorable C. Anthony Muse, Chair, Prince George's Senate Delegation, expressing the positions of the County Council on proposed State legislation. Council Member Dean moved to authorize the Chairperson's signature; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).

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

CR-10-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STATE OF MARYLAND

COMMUNITY LEGACY PROGRAM for the purpose of approving the application by Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. ("HIP"), a Maryland nonprofit, to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding through the Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund. - **ADOPTED**

Council Member Dernoga, Chair, of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 10 was introduced by Council Members Harrison and Campos on 3/10/09 and was favorably reported out of Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) on 3/12/09. Council Member Harrison moved adoption of Council Resolution 10; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).

CR-11-2009 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND NEIGHBORHOOD

CONSERVATION INITIATIVE for the purpose of supporting the application submitted by Prince George's County, through its Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in the amount of \$10,883,234 from the Maryland Neighborhood Conservation Initiative Program and authorizing the County Executive to execute certain documents required for the submission of the application. - **ADOPTED**

Council Member Dernoga, Chair, of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 11 was introduced by Council Members Turner, Harrison and Dean on 3/10/09 and was favorably reported out of Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) on 3/12/09. Council Member Dernoga moved adoption of Council Resolution 11; seconded by Council Member Turner. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent:

Council Member Exum).

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

CR-9-2009 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING VICTORY CREST SENIOR APARTMENTS for the purpose of approving a \$1.3 million HOME Loan for the Victory Crest Senior Apartments project and amending the Prince George’s County “Annual Action Plan: FY 2006” and “Annual Action Plan: FY 2009” to include project and project funding.
- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Resolution 9. Mary Claire Davis spoke in support of Council Resolution 9. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

TRANSPORTATION HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THIS MATTER ON THURSDAY, 3/26/09 AT 10:00 A.M.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Carol Thompson Cole, President and CEO, Venture Philanthropy Partners, addressed the Council regarding initiatives to assist Prince George’s County students.

ADJOURN: - *Chairperson Bland adjourned the meeting at 10:51 A.M.*

11:07 A.M. **SITTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

Dr. Donald Shell, Health Officer, Prince George’s County Health Department

12:47 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)** - **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

2:30 P.M. **PLANNING, ZONING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – (ROOM 2027) -- COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council