

# **AGENDA MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

**Business Meeting**

**(Legislative Day No. 30 to be declared)**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Dernoga called to order at 10:29 a.m. with the following Council Members present:*

*Marilynn M. Bland  
Will Campos  
Samuel H. Dean  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Camille A. Exum  
David C. Harrington  
Thomas R. Hendershot  
Tony Knotts  
Douglas J. J. Peters*

***Others Present:***

*Craig Price, Council Administrator  
Robert Williams, Jr., Deputy Council Administrator  
Ralph Grutzmacher, Legislative Officer  
Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer  
Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Associate Director  
Kathy Canning, Associate County Attorney  
Russell King, Associate County Attorney  
Adrian J. Howell, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

**INVOCATION:** - *The Invocation was led by Reverend Carl Bennett, Unity Baptist Church, Forestville, Maryland. Council Member Exum requested special prayers for Ms. Sharon Martin, President of Hillside Citizen's Association, for her speedy recuperation. Council Member Bland for the family of Mr. Robert Chad, President of the Accokeek Citizen's Association in his passing. Council Member Campos for Ms. Karen Robinson, City of Hyattsville, has cancer challenges and for the family of Ms. Elaine Murphy in the passing of her mother.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Bland.*

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

*Chairman Dernoga recognized Ms. Ingrid Turner, candidate for County Council District 4.*

**DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 24, 2006 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 30** –

*Chairman Dernoga designated October 24, 2006 as Legislative Day Number 30.*

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 April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2004 and May 4, 11, 18, 27, 2004 - **APPROVED**

(b) **Introduction of Resolutions**

**CR-81-2006 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2001 WATER AND SEWER PLAN LOCUST HILL PROPERTY** for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designation of property within the 2001 Water and Sewer Plan. – **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 81 concerns the 2001 Water and Sewer Plan ( Locust Hill Property) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designation of property within the 2001 Water and Sewer Plan. Council Resolution 81 was introduced by Council Member Dean and referred to the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee.*

**CR-82-2006 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROGRAM REGULATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM** for the purpose of adopting the program regulations for the Purchase of Development Rights Program.  
- **INTRODUCED**

*Council Resolution 82 approves the program regulations and procedures for the Purchase of Development Rights Program (“PDR”). Council Resolution 82 was introduced by Council Members Peters and Dernoga and was referred to the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee.*

*Council Member Exum moved adoption of the Consent Agenda: seconded by Council Member Harrington. The motion carried by voice vote.*

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

*No Items were removed.*

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

- (a) Proposed correspondence urging the Department of Transportation to award the seven available U.S. China passenger frequencies for nonstop service between Washington, D.C. and Beijing, China. – **CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN**

*A letter was proposed urging the Department of Transportation to award the seven available U.S. China passenger frequencies for nonstop service between Washington, D.C. and Beijing, China. Robert Williams, Deputy Council Administrator, provided clarification and answered questions posed by Council Members Knotts and Dean. Council Member Campos moved to authorize the Chairman's signature; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 8-1. (Opposed: Council Member Knotts).*

4. **SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)**

**CB-67-2006 – AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE FOOD VENDING IN URBAN AREAS** for the purpose of enhancing Livable Communities by authorizing the sale of certain food items by mobile food vendors and providing a licensing standard and definition for mobile food vendors. – **NO ACTION TAKEN**

**CB-82-2006 – AN ACT CONCERNING CABLE TELEVISION** for the purpose of granting a cable television franchise for the operation of a cable television system in Prince George's County, Maryland by prescribing certain terms and conditions to be included in a franchise agreement. – **REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

**CB-86-2006 - AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NONPROFIT SWIM CLUBS** for the purpose of granting a tax credit against property taxes imposed on nonprofit swim clubs that use their facilities exclusively to provide a recreational outlet for a local community. - **INTRODUCED**

*Council Bill 86 grants a tax credit against property taxes imposed on nonprofit swim clubs that use their facilities exclusively to provide a recreational outlet for a local community. Council Bill 86 was introduced by Council Members Peters, Dernoga, Campos and Harrington. Council Bill 86 was referred to Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee.*

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

**CR-74-2006 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FISCAL YEARS 2007-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE** for the purpose of amending the WSSC Fiscal Years 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Program for Water and Sewerage. – **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ADOPTED**

*Council Member Harrington, Chair, Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Resolution 74. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Peters moved adoption of Council Resolution 74; seconded by Council Member Dean. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Knotts).*

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

**CR-15-2006 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT – THE TOWERS AT UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER** for the purpose of establishing that a high rise multifamily student housing development known as The Towers at University Town Center, located in census tract number 805901 qualifies for a revitalization/development tax credit pursuant to Section 10-235.02 of the Prince George’s County Code. – **ADOPTED**

*Council Member Peters, Chair, Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee to the Council. Council Member Campos moved adoption of Council Resolution 15; seconded by Council Member Bland. The motion carried 9-0.*

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

*No persons wished to address the Council.*

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

*Council Member Dean spoke to the passing of 8-year-old Eric Ware, former student of Lake Arbor Elementary, who succumbed to cancer.*

**ADJOURNED: -** *Chairman Dernoga adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.*

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

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA)**

Mr. Dan Tangherlini  
Interim General Manager, WMATA

Mr. Charles Deegan  
First Vice President Maryland, WMATA  
Chairman, Real Estate Committee

Mr. Marcell Solomon  
Alternate Director, Maryland, WMATA

Mr. Ronald Kirby, Director, Department of Transportation Planning (unable to attend)  
Mr. Paul DesJardin, Chief of Planning  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

**BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) - CANCELLED**

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT COUNCIL ITEMS SCHEDULED  
FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006.**

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING –  
(ROOM 2027) - COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**

**SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUES**

**John E. Deasy, PH.D., CEO, Prince George's County Public Schools**

Prepared By:

Submitted By:

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Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council

