



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, District 5
Sydney J. Harrison, Vice Chair, District 9
Wala Blegay, District 6
Edward P. Burroughs, III, District 8
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Mel Franklin, At-Large
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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10:00 A.M. - - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

12:30 P.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

1:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 1:09 p.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

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- Present:** 10 - Chair Jolene Ivey
Vice Chair Sydney Harrison
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Ingrid Watson
- Remote:** 1 - Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Acting Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant
James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney
Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Attorney
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney
Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee
Jabari Cooper, General Assembly Committee

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastor Colin Pugh II, Senior Pastor, Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Maryland. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for the family of 2-year-old Jeremy Poou-Caceres and his mother who were victims of a senseless shooting in Langley Park this past week. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for the family of activist and longtime advocate of the incarcerated, Bernice Slaughter, who passed away after 90 plus years of life and service to the community. Council Vice Chair Harrison requested prayer for the entire Prince George's County community, the family members of the public servants of the county, Public Safety Officials, First Responders, and that peace and the pursuit of peace becomes the reality. Council Member Dernoga requested prayer for the Lee family as they mourn the loss of Dennis Lee, who passed this week after a battle with cancer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Watson.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

Council Member Hawkins, Chair Jolene Ivey, and Vice Chair Sydney Harrison presented a proclamation to DeLawn Parrish, Head Coach, Dr. Henry A Wise Jr. High School Football Team, recognizing his "Dedication, Leadership Sacrifices, and Coaching Prowess" in Prince George's County.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 02062024](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 6, 2024

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Attachment(s): [02062024](#)

These Minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)****[CB-005-2024](#)**

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE AUTHORITY - PARKING

ENFORCEMENT for the purpose of providing that the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County and the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement shall have authorization to enforce certain parking enforcement laws regarding the stopping, standing, or parking on private property for commercial vehicles; and generally regarding Revenue Authority parking enforcement.

Sponsor(s): Olson, Ivey and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2024005](#)
[CB-005-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Olson, Ivey and Dernoga and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

[CB-006-2024](#)

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AN ACT CONCERNING RE-ENTRY PREFERRED HIRING PROGRAM for

the purpose of establishing the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program; establishing the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program Fund; providing for the administration of the Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program and Re-Entry Preferred Hiring Program Fund; requiring a certain appropriation; requiring County agencies, departments and offices to provide a preference for hiring non-violent ex-offenders; providing an exception to the hiring preference requirement; requiring reporting requirements; and generally relating to re-entry hiring.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [B2024006](#)
[CB-006-2024 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay, Burroughs and Hawkins and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**(c) Introduction of Resolutions****[CR-005-2024](#)**

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS for the purpose of highlighting the County Council's encouragement and strong support for the creation of a commission on providing reparations to African American descendants of those previously enslaved in this State; appealing to the General Assembly to create the Maryland Representations Commission in remembrance of Harriet Tubman; and to have the General Assembly establish the Maryland Representations Commission during the 2024 legislative session.

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Oriadha, Ivey, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Burroughs, Harrison, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024005](#)
[CR-005-2024 Summary](#)

The State of Maryland formally expressed its apology for its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade through a House of Delegates joint resolution in 2007 (HJ 4). Subsequent to the adoption of the House of Delegates joint resolution members of the House of Delegates in 2020 introduced the Maryland Reparations Commission - Establishment (Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act) bill, which did not make it out of committee. The same bill was introduced in 2021, 2022, and 2023 legislative sessions only to see the bill remain in committee in each consecutive legislative year. Pursuant to Section 302, Article III of the Prince George's County Charter the County Council has "[a]ll legislative powers which may be exercised by Prince George's County under the Constitution and laws of Maryland, including all law making powers heretofore exercised by the General Assembly of Maryland but transferred to the people of the County by virtue of the adoption of this Charter, shall be vested in the Council."

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Ivey, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Burroughs, Harrison, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

[CR-006-2024](#)

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HEALTHY FOOD IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES TASK FORCE for the purpose of creating a task force that will recommend to the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, and eventually the State of Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Commission on Correctional

Standards, nutritional, food safety, and other standards suitable for the correctional facility meal program that support the health, well-being, and religious and cultural identities of detained individuals and incarcerated individuals, align with the GFPP (Center for Good Food Purchasing's Good Food Purchasing Program) core values, meet or exceed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and consider the daily caloric and serving size needs of the populations served.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Attachment(s): [R2024006](#)
[CR-006-2024 Summary](#)

The purpose of the legislation is to establish a task force to provide recommendations on nutritional and other standards for incarcerated individuals in the Prince George' County Correctional Facility to the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, in response to concerns about nutritional disparities for incarcerated individuals in the Prince George's County Correctional Facility. In the event that the Board of Health concurs with the task force recommendations, it is anticipated that the County Council can then forward these recommendations to the Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Commission for Correctional Standards for consideration in their establishment of correctional standards pursuant to Section 8-103 of the Correctional Services Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs, Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

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MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 02132024](#)

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Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 02/13/2024 General Assembly Committee meeting).

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter_Week 2-13 FINAL](#)

Jabari Cooper, General Assembly Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 -	Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Oriadha
Absent		Franklin
Abstain	1 -	Watson

4. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

[CR-007-2024](#)

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT for the purpose of extending the temporary appointment of Mr. Jared M. McCarthy as the Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources Management.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins, Fisher and Watson

Attachment(s): [R2024007](#)
[CR-007-2024 Summary](#)
[CR-007-2024 Transmittal](#)

This legislation will extend the appointment of Mr. Jared M. McCarthy as the Acting Director for the Office of Human Resources Management for an additional four months effective March 6, 2024.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Fisher, and Watson.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins,
Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Absent Blegay and Franklin

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin,
Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Absent Blegay

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5. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)[BR 02132024](#)

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GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME UPDATE**Greater Washington Community Foundation**

Darius Graham, Managing Director, Community Investment

Darcelle Wilson, Sr. Director, Prince George's County

Kim Ford, Consultant

Amina Anderson, Consultant

Attachment(s): [Thrive Prince George's Presentation 02-13-2024 CC](#)

The briefing convened at 1:38 p.m. Chair Ivey introduced Darius Graham, Managing Director, Community Investment Greater Washington Community Foundation who introduced Darcelle Wilson, Sr. Director, Prince George's County, Kim Ford, Consultant, and Amina Anderson, Consultant. Ms. Graham, facilitated a Powerpoint Presentation titled, "Thrive Prince George's: The First-Ever Guaranteed Income Program in Prince George's County". The presentation highlighted the following: 50 Years of Impact; Connecting Philanthropy to Impact; A Vision for Economic Justice in the Greater Washington Region; A Focus on Neighborhoods; Interventions for Closing the Racial Wealth Gap; Why a Guaranteed Income Pilot; Proven Strategy; Thrive Prince George's: A Public Private Partnership; Program Overview; Target Populations; Eligibility Criteria; Implementation Partners; Program Evaluation; and Next Steps. The panelists responded to questions from Council Members. The briefing concluded at 2:20 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)[BR 02132024c](#)

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COUNCIL MEMBER WORKGROUP UPDATES

Chair Ivey provided comments and Council sponsored workgroups and allow opportunity for Council Members to provide updates on workgroups including Council Member Burroughs on CR-027-2023 Electric Public Utility Location; Council Member Ivey on CR-070-2023 Universal Design; Council Member Oriadha on CR-074-2023 Truancy Workgroup, CR-075-2023 Gun Violence Workgroup, CR-077-2023 LGBTQIA+ Workgroup, and CR-091-2023 Healthcare Audit Workgroup; Council Member Dernoga on CR-081-2023 Plan 2035 Implementation and Infrastructure Workgroup; and Council Member Blegay on CR-082-2023 Hospital Wait Times Workgroup. Council Member Oriadha also provided an update on progress with the rent stabilization legislation.

This Briefing was held.[REC3-24](#)

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THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 2:32 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Franklin, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

2:30 PM - BOARD OF HEALTH

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

6:00 PM - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ENDORSED BOWIE-MITCHELLVILLE AND VICINITY SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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