



Prince George's County Council

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Report of the Standing Committee - Final Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee

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Monday, October 7, 2024

1:30 PM

Committee Room 2027

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ORDER OF PROCEEDING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ingrid Watson at 1:38 p.m. with five members present at roll call.

Council Chair Jolene Ivy, and Council Members Wala Blegay and Wanika Fisher were also present.

Present: 5 - Chair Ingrid Watson, Vice Chair Sydney Harrison, Council Member Thomas Dernoga, Council Member Krystal Oriadha and Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

LEGISLATION[CB-054-2024](#)**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE FACILITATION AND PROTECTION FUND**

for the purpose of creating a fund to facilitate and protect access to reproductive healthcare in Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Burroughs, Blegay, Watson and Olson

A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins

[CB-080-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE VACANT REAL PROPERTIES TAX RATE for the purpose of establishing a real property tax rate for real properties consisting of vacant houses/buildings or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice.

Sponsor(s): Ivey and Oriadha

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins

This Council Bill was Favorably reported out with recommended amendments to the County Council

[CB-088-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM WAGE INDEXING for the purpose of indexing Prince George's County's minimum wage to the Consumer Price Index.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Council Bill be amended (1). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins

[CR-061-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TASK FORCE for the purpose of ensuring that Prince George's County will stay competitive, prepare its workforce, improve service delivery, and build public trust in the Artificial Intelligence era.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Burroughs, Oriadha, Ivey and Watson

A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Resolution be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Oriadha and Hawkins

Absent: 1 - Dernoga

[CR-062-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILL BRANCH CROSSING

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for the purpose of designating a contiguous area within Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) as a “development district” as that term is used in Sections 12-201 through 12 213, inclusive, of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Tax Increment Financing Act”), such development district to be located in Bowie, Maryland and to be known as the “Mill Branch Crossing Development District”; providing for, and determining, various matters in connection with the establishment of a development district; creating a tax increment fund with respect to the Development District; allocating certain property taxes with respect to the development district to be paid over to the tax increment fund as provided in the Tax Increment Financing Act; making certain findings and determinations with respect to the tax increment fund and the uses of such fund; providing that special obligation bonds may be issued from time to time pursuant to an ordinance or ordinances enacted in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act and secured by the tax increment fund; and generally relating to the Development District.

Sponsor(s): Watson, Ivey, Hawkins and Fisher

A motion was made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Resolution be FAVORABLE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga and Hawkins

Abstain: 1 - Oriadha

[CB-064-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE MILL BRANCH CROSSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

for the purpose of providing that special obligation tax increment financing bonds may be issued from time to time under the provisions of this Act and Sections 12-201 through 12-213, inclusive, of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Tax Increment Financing Act”), and consistent with the provisions of CR-062-2024, adopted by the County Council of Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County Council”) on [_____], 2024 (the “Formation Resolution”), in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal

amount of Seventeen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$17,500,000), in order for Prince George’s County, Maryland (the “County”) to finance or reimburse, in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing Act, costs related to the construction and installation of certain infrastructure improvements, as more particularly described herein, and to pay certain costs of issuing such bonds; ratifying and confirming the designation of the Mill Branch Crossing Development District; making certain findings and determinations, among others, concerning the public benefit and purpose of such bonds, including that prior to the issuance of such bonds certain criteria set forth in CR-21-2019 (irrespective of any provision of CR-21-2019 to the contrary) and the provisions of CB-51-2022 will apply, including but not limited to the “But-For Test,” the “Trigger Mechanism/Look Back Provision,” a determination of impact on the County credit/bond rating, and the delivery and approval of a Supplier Diversity and Equity Plan have been satisfied; providing that such bonds authorized to be issued hereby shall be payable from certain amounts levied and deposited in the Tax Increment Fund (as defined in the Formation Resolution) and that such bonds shall not constitute a general obligation debt of the County or a pledge of the County’s full faith and credit or taxing power other than the County’s pledge of the taxes representing the levy on the Tax Increment (as defined in the Formation Resolution); specifying certain terms and conditions with respect to the issuance of the bonds and the financing or reimbursement of certain infrastructure improvements; authorizing the County Executive of the County (the “County Executive”) to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for and approve certain details, forms, documents or procedures in connection with such bonds issued hereunder and any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, delivery and payment of such bonds; authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions, execute documents and make certain commitments on behalf of the County in connection with the issuance and delivery of such bonds consistent with the provisions of this Act; authorizing the execution and delivery of such bonds and such other documents as may be necessary and desirable to effectuate the financing of certain infrastructure improvements described herein and the issuance and delivery of such bonds; and generally providing for, and determining various matters in connection with, the issuance, delivery and payment of such bonds.

Sponsor(s): Watson

A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be Favorably recommended to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga and Hawkins

Abstain: 1 - Oriadha

[CB-063-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND for the purpose of clarifying the appropriation of 65% of the Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue fund and providing

that a certain portion of the monies in the Drug Enforcement and Education Special Revenue Fund shall be appropriated to the Office of the Sheriff for certain purposes.

Sponsor(s): Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins, seconded by Chair Watson, that this Council Bill be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Oriadha and Hawkins

Absent: 1 - Dernoga

[CB-096-2024](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of adding classes of work to the Classification Plan of the County.

A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, that this Council Bill be FAVORABLE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Oriadha and Hawkins

Absent: 1 - Dernoga

[CR-086-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CREATION OF NEW SALARY SCHEDULE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS EXEMPT EMPLOYEES - SALARY SCHEDULE SAO for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to create a new Salary Schedule for certain exempt employees of the State's Attorney's Office and to reflect pay rates and benefits for these Assistant State's Attorneys.

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

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

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Oriadha and Hawkins

Absent: 1 - Dernoga

[CR-092-2024](#)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CREATION OF A REGIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR PILOT PROGRAM FOR LANGLEY PARK for the purpose of encouraging the establishment of a PILOT program that would explore the creation of the position of a Regional Service Director for Langley Park, Maryland

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

A motion was made by Chair Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that this Resolution be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga and Hawkins

Absent: 1 - Oriadha

ADJOURN

Adjourned @ 4:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Chair Watson that this be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Watson, Harrison, Dernoga, Oriadha and Hawkins