

# **AGENDA MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

**Legislative Day No. 9**

## **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; recovering from surgery)  
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  
Karen Zvakos, Legislative Officer  
Frank Porter, PSFM Committee Director  
Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Committee Director  
Josh Hamlin, Associate County Attorney  
Russell King, Associate County Attorney  
Marcus Jackson, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

**INVOCATION:** - *The Invocation was led by Ms. Sherrell Myers, County Employee. Council Member Bland requested special prayers for Council Member Exum, recovering from surgery and for the family of Reginald Stewart, OITC, on the loss of his father. Council Member Campos for the family of Sylvia Brown, Legislative Branch employee, on the loss of her mother.*

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

1. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/BILLS ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING – (ENACTMENT)**

**CB-3-2009 (DR-2) - AN ACT CONCERNING TAXICAB REGULATIONS** for the purpose of amending provisions of the Code relating to regular taxicab rates and the emergency fuel cost surcharge. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 3 (DR-2). 9 persons spoke in support of Council Bill 3 (DR-2). All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Dernoga moved enactment of Council Bill 3 (DR-2) seconded by Council Member Dean. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum.*

**CB-5-2009 – AN ACT CONCERNING AMENDING THE ENERGY REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT** for the purpose of amending the tax credit for real property for residential homeowners who utilize solar energy conservation devices.  
- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 5. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Olson moved enactment of Council Bill 5; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum.)*

**CB-6-2009 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE, OFFER OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CIGAR PRODUCTS** for the purpose of amending the provisions of the County Code prohibiting the sale, offer or distribution of cigar and cigar products intended for or designed for the use in ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana, cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil into the human body to minors and in quantities fewer than packages of five. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 6. Mr. Bryon Marshall, Ms. Sylvia Quinton and Mr. Thomas Hicks Hamper spoke in support of Council Bill 6. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Chairperson Bland announced that she was in receipt of three letters in support of Council Bill 6. Council Member Dean moved enactment of Council Bill 6; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).*

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

**CR-9-2009 (DR-2) – 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.  
- **DR-2 SUBSTITUTED; 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 9 was introduced by Council Member Campos on 2/10/2009*

*and was favorably reported out of Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) on 3/26/2009 with amendments. Council Member Dernoga moved to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried by voice vote. (Absent: Council Member Exum). Council Member Campos moved adoption of Council Resolution 9; seconded by Council Member Knotts. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).*

### **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

*Council Member Dernoga moved to accept additional items to the 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 from the Committee of the Whole (COW) on 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 Harrison moved to authorize the Chairperson's signature; seconded by Council Member Dean. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Exum).*

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

*No persons wished to address the Council.*

**ADJOURN:** - *Chairperson Bland adjourned the meeting at 11:04 A.M.*

Prepared By:

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Shirley T. Blake, Administrative Aide

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Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council