

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Streeeter, Turner, Dernoga, Glaros, and Taveras)

The Committee convened on September 22, 2022, to consider the appointment of Mr. Michael D. Johnson, P.E. to serve as Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation. The appointment package was transmitted to the Council by County Executive Alsobrooks on August 5, 2022. The Public Hearing on the appointment is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

Mr. Johnson, who has served as Acting Director since June 6, 2022, was introduced by the County Executive's Appointments Liaison, Miriam Brewer, who summarized his background as a high performing executive with more than three (3) decades of public works and engineering experience. He was most recently Director of Public Works for the City of Annapolis where he directed unionized and non-unionized staff and developed and implemented a \$15 million annual operating budget and a \$25 million infrastructure and stormwater capital improvement program. His commitment to human capital included a career path program for line and professional staff that provided an organized way of developing staff skill competencies with concomitant compensation. He previously served as Director of Public Works and City Engineer for the City of Gaithersburg and was Acting Executive Director of Water Utility for the City of East Orange. His private industry experience included Lichtenstein Engineers, LLP and Vollmer Associates, LLP.

Mr. Johnson received his Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from the City College of New York and a Master of Science in Operations Research degree from Columbia University. He is credentialed as a Certified Municipal Engineer by the State of New Jersey.

The appointee provided remarks regarding his desire to serve and answered questions from the Committee. The Committee discussion included the need for efforts to reduce the backlog of 3-1-1 requests associated with tree pruning/removal, mowing of rights-of-way as well as speed reduction methods. After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointment by a vote of 5-0.