

AGENDA MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Business Meeting

(Legislative Day No. 33 to be declared)

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

AGENDA BRIEFING – (ROOM 2027) - BRIEFING HELD

CALL TO ORDER: - *Chairman Dean called to order at 1:49 P.M. with the following Council Members present:*

*Marilynn M. Bland
Will Campos
Samuel H. Dean
Thomas E. Dernoga
Camille A. Exum
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
Carman Jackson-Brown, Legislative Officer
Frank Porter, PSFM Committee Director
Sandra Eubanks, HEHS Committee Director
Jackie Brown, PZED Committee Director
Hawi Sanu, THE 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 Reverend Vernon N. Lattimore, Senior Pastor, New Bible Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Council Member Olson requested special prayers for the family of Pearline Thrower, Civic Activist, in her passing. Council Member Exum for the family of Fulton Vinson, President of Rolling Ridge Civic Association, in his passing and Council Member Knotts for the families of tragic Medivac helicopter crash victims.*

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Chairman Dean read a statement acknowledging the election of Barack Obama as President elect of the United States. He congratulated the voters for their turn-out and the Board of Elections for their extraordinary efforts to manage the record number of voters.

DESIGNATION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2008 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 33

Chairman Dean designated Wednesday November 5, 2008 as Legislative Day number thirty-three.

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 October 21, 2008.
- **APPROVED**

Council Member Exum moved to accept additional items to the Agenda; seconded by Council Member Bland. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

No items were considered

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

- (a) Proposed letter to Dr. David Lever, R.A., D.A., Executive Director, Interagency Committee on State School Construction, expressing the County's support of the Prince George's County Board of Education's proposed FY 2010 capital budget request and to identify the projects that this administration considers most critical
- **REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW); SCHEDULED FOR 11/18/2008**

- (b) Proposed letter to Mr. William G. Robertson, President, CEO, Adventist Health Care, in support of plans to relocate hospital and expand health care services.

- **DEFERRED**

Council Member Campos, Chair of the Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ALL CONFIRMED**

Council Member Campos, Chair of the Health, Education and Human Services (HEHS) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the Appointment of the below listed individuals to the Advisory Committee on Aging for Prince George's County. Michael Herman, County Executive Representative, introduced the Nominees to the Council. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Exum moved confirmations of all nominees to the Advisory Committee on Aging for Prince George's County; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 9-0.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Chairman Dean acknowledged the following Public Officials: Mayor Bettyjean Bailey-Schmiedigen of the Town of Brentwood, Jack Sims, District Heights Council Member, Donna Hathway-Beck, Prince George's County Board of Education and Mayor Darryl Miller of Capitol Heights.

● **Appointment of the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Aging for Prince George's County:**

Ms. Leslie Adams	Appointment/General Public Replacing: Ms. Lydia McDaniel Term Expiring: 2/1/2010
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Ms. Dorothy Powell-Allen	Appointment/General Public Replacing: Ms. Esther Christian Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
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Ms. Trina D. Brown	Appointment/General Public Replacing: Mr. Abu B. Conteh Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
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Ms. Carla W. Carter, CPA, CPM	Appointment/Public-Nonprofit Replacing: Ms. Tamitha M. Christian Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
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Mr. Albert Dickson	Appointment/Senior Citizen Replacing: Mr. James Marsh Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Ms. Brenda Harris	Appointment/Public-Nonprofit Replacing: Ms. Angela Heavens Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Mr. Spencer B. Howard	Appointment/Senior Citizen Replacing: Mr. Claudis D. Walker Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Mr. Robert A. James, Jr.	Appointment/Senior Citizen Replacing: Mr. Herman R. Roebuck Term Expiring: 2/1/2010
Ms. Betty S. Richardson	Appointment/Senior Citizen Replacing: Mr. Albert R. Byrd Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Mr. Byron Richardson	Appointment/General Public Replacing: Ms. Amber Waller Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Ms. Bettyjean Bailey-Schmiedigen	Appointment/Public-Nonprofit Replacing: Shuron Baldwin Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Ms. Cristal Parker Batey	Reappointment/Public-Nonprofit Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Ms. Mary H. Budd	Reappointment/Senior Citizen Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Ms. Judith G. Cato	Reappointment/Public-Nonprofit Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Ms. Camille M. Crawford	Reappointment/Public-Nonprofit Term Expiring: 2/1/2009

Ms. Patricia C. Fletcher	Reappointment/Public-Nonprofit Term Expiring: 2/1/2010
Ms. Jeanette E. Higginbotham	Reappointment/General Public Term Expiring: 2/1/2009
Ms. Ela E. Holmes	Reappointment/Senior Citizen Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Mr. James R. Lyles, Sr.	Reappointment/Senior Citizen Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Ms. Ethel L. Mitchell	Reappointment/General Public Term Expiring: 2/1/2011
Ms. Karren J. Pope-Onwukwe	Reappointment/General Public Term Expiring: 2/1/2010
Ms. Shirley D. Tyner-Pratt	Reappointment/Senior Citizen Term Expiring: 2/1/2010

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- DISCHARGED FROM TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT (THE) COMMITTEE; PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ALL CONFIRMED

Council Member Dernoga moved to Discharge this item from the Transportation, Housing and the Environment (THE) Committee; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on the Appointment of the below listed individuals to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission for Prince George's County. Michael Herman, County Executive's Representative, introduced the Nominees to the Council. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Bland moved confirmation of all Nominees to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission for Prince George's County to serve the terms as listed; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried 9-0.

● **Appointment of the following individuals to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission for Prince George's County:**

Mr. Bruce A. Bates	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2009
Ms. Kawana Cohen-Hopkins	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2010

Dr. Douglas E. Edwards, Ph.D.	Appointment/Council Representative Term Expiring: 10/28/2011
Mr. Vincent L. Ford	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2009
Mr. Henry W. Harris, Sr.	Appointment/Council Representative Term Expiring: 10/28/2010
Ms. Nicole A. Hinds	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2011
Mr. Howard E. Jackson	Appointment/Council Representative Term Expiring: 10/28/2009
Dr. Samuel B. Moki, Ph.D.	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2010
Mr. Charles L. Renninger	Appointment/Vice Chair/Council Representative Term Expiring: 10/28/2009
Mr. Jack Sims	Appointment/Chair Term Expiring: 10/28/2010
Ms. Eva Thorne	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2011
Mr. Justin C. Thornton	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2009
Ms. Lisa Williams-Payton	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2011
Ms. Tonia Wright	Appointment Term Expiring: 10/28/2010
Mr. David J. Byrd (unable to attend)	Appointment/Ex-Officio Member – County Executive

Mr. Kenneth C. Williams

Appointment/Ex-Officio Member – County
Council

RECESS: - *Chairman Dean recessed the meeting at 2:31 P.M.*

RECONVENE: - *Chairman Dean reconvened the meeting at 2:36 P.M.*

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

CB-24-2008 (DR-2) – AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING R-R ZONE for the purpose of amending the lot coverage requirement in the R-R Zone under certain circumstances.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 24(DR-2). Mr. Joseph Meinert, from the City of Bowie, spoke in support of Council Bill 24(DR-2). All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Turner moved enactment of Council Bill 24(DR-2); seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Knotts).

CB-60-2008 (DR-2) – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY for the purpose of eliminating and adding certain classes of work. - **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 60(DR-2). No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Harrison moved enactment of Council Bill 60(DR-2); seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0.

CB-63-2008 – AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTION OF THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF BOOKS FROM SECONDHAND AND PAWN DEALERS REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS for the purpose of creating an exemption of the sale or exchange of books from the registration and reporting requirements as secondhand and pawn dealers under the County Code.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD; ENACTED**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Bill 63. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held. Council Member Olson moved enactment of Council Bill 63; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 9-0.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION**

CR-90-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2001 WATER AND SEWER PLAN (AUGUST 2008 CYCLE OF AMENDMENTS) for the purpose of changing the water and sewer category designations of properties within the 2001 Water and Sewer Plan.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Resolution 90. Vernell B. Arrington, Esq. spoke in support of the County Executive's recommendation for 08-PW-02. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11/13/2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

CR-91-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2008 WATER AND SEWER PLAN for the purpose of adopting the 2008 Water and Sewer Plan and the 2008 Water and Sewer Category Maps, and revising the fee schedule for administering Water and Sewer Plan amendments, and the purchase of maps and related materials.

- **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened on Council Resolution 91. No persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was declared held.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11/13/2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

CR-76-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY for the purpose of adopting a Debt Management Policy for Prince George's County to provide guidelines for the issuance of bonds and other forms of indebtedness to finance capital improvements, equipment acquisition and other related services.

- **ADOPTED**

Council Member Knotts, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 76 was introduced by Council Member Dean on 9/9/2008 and was favorably reported out of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management on 10/20/2008. Council Member Knotts moved adoption of Council Resolution 76; seconded by Council Member Turner. The motion carried 9-0.

CR-93-2008 (DR-2) – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FUNDING FOR BATTERED SPOUSE SHELTERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS for the purpose of increasing the additional fee on marriage licenses to finance Battered Spouse Shelters and Domestic Violence programs in the County.

- **DR-2 SUBSTITUTED; ADOPTED**

Council Member Knotts, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 93 was introduced by Council Members Turner, Campos, Olson, Bland, Harrison and Dean on 10/14/2008. Council Resolution 93 was favorably reported out of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) on 10/27/2008 with amendments. Council Member Turner moved to substitute DR-2 of Council Resolution 93; seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Knotts moved adoption of Council Resolution (DR-2); seconded by Council Member Olson. The motion carried 9-0.

CR-95-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROVED POSITION GRADES for the purpose of adjusting the number of positions in certain grades in the County Council, Human Relations Commission, Office of the State’s Attorney, Department of Corrections, Department of Public Works and Transportation, and the Health Department. - **ADOPTED**

Council Member Knotts, Chair of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations from the Committee to the Council. Council Resolution 95 was introduced by Council Member Dean on 10/21/2008 and was favorably reported out of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management (PSFM) on 10/27/2008. Council Member Knotts moved adoption of Council Resolution 95; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried 9-0.

9. **INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

CR-98-2008 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SPENDING AFFORDABILITY LIMITS FOR THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION for the purpose of establishing spending control limits on the Fiscal Year 2010 Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC).

- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 98 establishes spending control limits for the Fiscal Year 2010 Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). Council Resolution 98 was introduced by Council Member Dean, Exum and Bland. Council Member Exum moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 98; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Harrison moved adoption of Council Resolution 98; seconded by Council Member Bland. The motion carried 8-0. (Absent: Council Member Knotts).

CR-99-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FREDDIE MAC AND FANNIE MAE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for continued charitable giving by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae as part of the Federal Housing Finance Agency

- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 99 concerns Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae in the National Capital region for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for continued charitable giving by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae as part of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Council Resolution 99 was introduced by Council Member Dean, Harrison, Campos, Turner, Bland and Dernoga. Council Member Bland moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 99; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Bland moved adoption of Council Resolution 99; seconded by Council Member Harrison. The motion carried 9-0.

CR-100-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARDS for the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Parking Alternatives for Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas.

- **INTRODUCED; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED**

Council Resolution 100 concerns the Citizens Advisory Boards for the purpose of Establishing a Task Force to Study Parking Alternatives for Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas. Council Resolution 100 was introduced by Council Member Campos. Council Member Exum moved to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to allow for the immediate adoption of Council Resolution 100; seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried by voice vote. Council Member Campos moved adoption of Council Resolution 100; seconded by Council Member Exum. The motion carried 9-0.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Denise Foskey and Ray Lacey addressed the Council concerning Henry Ferguson Elementary School's Capital Improvement Program funding

Carl Allen, Real Estate Agents for Change, spoke regarding the organization's ten point plan to address the current foreclosure crisis in Prince George's County

ADJOURN: - *Chairman Dean adjourned the meeting at 3:07 P.M.*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – (ROOM 2027) - COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

CR-97-2008 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM for the purpose of amending the Prince George’s County “Annual Action Plan: FY 2009” to serve as the application for a Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant, assisting the County with the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties.

- **FY 2009 BUDGET UPDATE**
Jonathan Seeman, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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