

Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8
Wala Blegay, District 6
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4
Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:18 a.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Council Member Olson participated remotely and on camera. Council Member Burroughs arrived at 11:20 a.m. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Present:

9 - Chair Jolene Ivey

Vice Chair Edward Burroughs Council Member Wala Blegay

Council Member Thomas Dernoga

Council Member Wanika Fisher

Council Member Sydney Harrison

Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

Council Member Krystal Oriadha

Council Member Ingrid Watson

Remote: 1 - Council Member Eric Olson

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator

Karen T. Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator

Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Presiding Prelate of the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church, Washington, DC. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for the country and its communities, especially the federal employees who are experiencing job insecurity, during difficult times. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for Council Member Olson in light of the passing of his father. Council Member Blegay requested prayer for the immigrant families in the county during difficult times. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Frank Turner, III, and his family in light of the passing of his father, former Delegate Frank Turner, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Oriadha.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Lois Staves, Alexis Johnson, Carolyn Scales, and Janice Sammuel addressed the Council with their concerns about the resources and services available to the blind and vision impaired residents of the county.

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 4

1. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION)

CR-005-2025

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS

<u>MULTIYEAR PLAN</u> for the purpose of transmitting the Local Impact Grant Funds Multiyear Plan to the County Council for review and approval.

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

Attachment(s): R2025005

CR-005-2025 Attachment A (Draft 2)

<u>CR-005-2025 Summary</u> <u>CR-005-2025 Transmittal</u>

CR-005-2025 Public Comments CC 02182025

Nathaniel K. Tutt III, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-005-2025. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:48 a.m. Senator C. Anthony Muse, Alijah Burns, Ava Spires, Ayame Jackson, Shannon Williams, Chasida Walker, Diedra Henry-Spires, Ebonique Bethea, Ethan Anderson, Jade Crandon, James Flowers, Jeremy Smith, Jonathan Harris, Jose Garcia, Kaila Hankerson, Kristina Briscoe, Lazaria Johnson, Madison Lumplin, Sr., Natalie Walker, Nia Scott, Psalm Fowlkes, Taylor Thigpin, William Scott, Julie Sandoval, Mason Jackson, Nehemiah Henderson, Tamia Lyles, Deborah Neal, Dr. Carolyn Yeager, Troy Lilly, Deborah Nelson, Dani Moore-King, Rev. Loxley O'Connor, Thea Wilson, Elizabeth Johnson, Beth Jacobson, Zeno W. St. Cyr II, Maulana Jenkins, Karimatu Kargbo, Marcus Prince, Kimberly Stephens, K. Lattimore-Williams, Odessa Barker, Jarriel Jordan, Matthew Manning, Justin Flemings, Quindella Fletcher, Arethia Toni Lewis, Dr. Mark Whitlock, Randolph Meekins, Cornelius Williams, Gary Linnen, Raquel Figueroa, Renee Tribbett, Candace Taylor, Sharon R. Sims-Colbert, Patsy Scott, Sharon Lawrence, Elizabeth Jacobson, Herb Jones, Barry Powell, Dr. Gybrilla Ballard-Blakes, Jacques Chevalier, Delegate Veronica Turner, Dr. Toye Latimore, Antoine Pollard, Mr. Williams Taylor, Dr. Falecia D. Williams, Kimberly Berry-Hicks, Patricia Monroe, Janna Parker, Kahlil Kuykendall, Bishop Reginald Jackson, Elder Jonathan Weaver and Harriet Richmond signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, provided comments for CR-005-2025. Council Member Burroughs, as proposer, provided comments.

The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 7 - Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and

Oriadha

Absent Ivey, Harrison and Watson

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

Aye 7 - Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and

Watson

Absent Ivey, Harrison and Hawkins

2. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of County Council Minutes

MIN 02112025

County Council Minutes dated February 11, 2025

Draft 1

Attachment(s): 02112025

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

CB-011-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CANNABIS REINVESTMENT AND

RESTORATION BOARD for the purpose of increasing the size of the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board; providing appointing authority to at-large Council members; and setting the initial term of members appointed by an at-large Council member.

Sponsor(s): Ivey and Hawkins

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025011</u>

CB-011-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Ivey and Hawkins and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CB-012-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING DPW&T SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

REPORTING for the purpose of requiring the Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation to report the department's snow removal operation plan to the Prince George's County Council; to detail the information that shall be submitted within the snow removal operation plan; defining certain terms related to the snow removal operation plan; and to provide the timeframe which the report should be submitted to the Prince George's County Council.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs and Oriadha

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025012</u>

CB-012-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

CB-013-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

<u>CONSERVATION</u> for the purpose of strengthening enforcement of woodland maintenance requirements set forth in the woodland conservation ordinance; providing for periodic inspections of conservation areas after construction activities have been completed; and requiring annual reporting on inspection and enforcement activities.

Sponsor(s): Olson

Attachment(s): B2025013

CB-013-2025 Summary

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

CB-014-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 1619 (FIRE FIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS AND FIRE

<u>FIGHTER/MEDICS</u>) for the purpose of amending the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1619 (Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Fire Fighter/Medics), to provide for wages and certain other terms and conditions of employment for personnel classifications initially certified by the Prince George's County Public Employee Relations Board or as amended by the Office of Human Resources Management.

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025014</u>

CB-014-2025 Summary CB-014-2025 Transmittal

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CB-015-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN CURB ACT OF 2025 for the purpose of providing that it is unlawful for the use of any County road, street, highway, or public right of way by leaving cones and objects thereon; authorizing certain County agencies to remove cones and other objects on any County road, street, highway, or public right of way; providing for a certain exclusion; and generally relating to the prohibition on leaving cones and other objects on any County road, street, highway, or public right of way.

Sponsor(s): Olson

Attachment(s): B2025015

CB-015-2025 Summary

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

CB-016-2025

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS

Draft 1

for the purpose of prohibiting the County Police and Fire/EMS departments from disqualifying applicants for uniformed positions solely on the basis of a positive screening for cannabis/marijuana.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>B2025016</u>

CB-016-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

(c) Introduction of Resolutions

CR-009-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING RELATED TO MILL BRANCH CROSSING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

for the purpose of approving a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proposal and certifications pursuant to CR-21-2019 to the extent to be required under CB-64-2024 and complying with the requirements of CB-51-2022, as applicable as described.

Sponsor(s): Watson, Ivey and Fisher

Attachment(s): R2025009

CR-009-2025 Summary

This legislation is needed to fulfill the processes required for approval of the TIF Proposal for Mill Branch Crossing Development District.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Watson, Ivey and Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CR-010-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS,
GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES - SALARY SCHEDULE G for the
purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect modified pay rates

for General Schedule Employees.

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

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>R2025010</u>

<u>CR-010-2025 Summary</u> <u>CR-010-2025 Transmittal</u>

This legislation amends the Salary Plan for General Schedule employees, Salary Schedule G, and reflects a two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective April 6, 2025.

A fiscal impact statement will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Fisher, Dernoga and Watson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

CR-011-2025

Draft 1

<u>A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE</u> for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Fisher, Oriadha, Watson and Olson

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>R2025011</u>

<u>CR-011-2025 Summary</u> <u>CR-011-2025 Transmittal</u>

This legislation provides for the continuation of certain military leave benefits and the eligibility requirements for certain military leave benefits for County employees in the National Guard of the United States or the Reserves who were called to active duty as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the war on terrorism and/or other military actions. The benefits established by this legislation shall continue as provided previously by CR-22-2023.

The fiscal impact will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget. These benefits shall expire on March 1, 2027, if extended.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Fisher, Oriadha, Watson and Olson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CR-012-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROVED

<u>POSITION GRADES</u> for the purpose of adjusting the number of positions in certain grades in the Office of Human Rights, Department of Family Services and the Office of the State's Attorney.

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

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025012

<u>CR-012-2025 Summary</u> CR-012-2025 Transmittal

This Resolution amends the Position by Grade exhibit (Attachment 6) to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County for FY 2025 (CB-45-2024). The resolution amends the authorized staffing count of positions in three agencies. The agencies include the Office of Human Rights, the Department of Family Services, and the Office of the State's Attorney. This legislation is the second resolution amending the Positions by Grade exhibit in FY 2025. The first resolution is CR-82-2024.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Oriadha, Watson and Fisher and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

<u>CR-013-2025</u>

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 1619 (FIRE FIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, AND FIRE

<u>FIGHTER/MEDICS</u>) SALARY SCHEDULE Y for the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect the terms of the labor agreement by and between Prince George's County, Maryland and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1619 (Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and Fire Fighter/Medics).

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

Attachment(s): R2025013

CR-013-2025 Settlement Summary

<u>CR-013-2025 Summary</u> <u>CR-013-2025 Transmittal</u>

This is companion legislation to the Bill to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Prince George's County, Maryland and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1619, AFL-CIO (Fire Fighters, Paramedics and Fire Fighter/Medics), Salary Schedule Y, for Fiscal Years

2025 and 2026. This legislation amends the Salary Plan to reflect compensation and benefit modifications of the agreement.

A fiscal impact statement will be provided by the Office of Management and Budget.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Hawkins and Olson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

CR-014-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DATA CENTERS for the purpose of directing the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to prepare a study of data center buildings and uses and their impact on the County and its residents including, but not limited to, issues such as transportation; demands on energy, water, sewer and other public and private utilities; environmental impacts, employment, and tax revenue.

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

Attachment(s): R2025014

CR-014-2025 Summary

CR-014-2025 PGCPB Transmittal letter

CR-014-2025 PGCPB Transmittal Packet cover sheet

To enable the Planning Department to study the available data on the impacts of data centers in other jurisdictions. The potential development of data center projects in the County has raised number of questions and concerns from the public as well as planners, developers, elected officials, and other stakeholders. In response, the Planning Department has been compiling a significant amount of information detailing issues associated with data center development including matters such as the demand data centers impose on energy, water, sewer and other public and private utilities, environmental impacts, employment, and tax revenues. This study will assist the County in developing the proper legislation and regulatory framework to address the future development and operation of such uses. No fiscal impact to the county budget.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Oriadha, Harrison, Hawkins and Fisher and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

CR-015-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR NON-CARCERAL

<u>MENTAL HEALTH CARE</u> for the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council's Support of Non-Carceral Mental Health Care in the Spirit of the People's Response Act.

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

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025015

CR-015-2025 Summary

This legislation seeks to express the County Council's support for non-carceral, community-based solutions that prioritize the rights, dignity and health of people experiencing mental health challenges that are critical in resolving mental health crises, as highlighted by the People's Response Act.

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

CR-016-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING QUALIFIED DATA CENTER TASK

<u>FORCE</u> for the purpose of creating a Qualified Data Center Task Force to study the potential risks, community benefits, and revenue potential of Qualified Data Center uses in Prince George's County, to develop potential location and procedural policies for the siting of Qualified Data Center uses; to specify appointment qualifications for membership of the Task Force; to set forth reporting requirements for the Task force; and to provide for the administrative support of its work.

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

Attachment(s): R2025016

CR-016-2025 Summary

This Resolution will establish a Qualified Data Center Task Force to study the potential risks, community benefits, and revenue potential of Qualified Data Center uses in Prince George's County, to develop potential location and procedural policies for the siting of Qualified Data Center uses. It further specifies appointment qualifications for membership, as well as reporting requirements, and designation of administrative staff support.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey and Watson and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic

Development Committee.

Consent8-25

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Draft 1

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

Aye 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha

and Watson

Absent Burroughs and Blegay

3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

4. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

LTR 02182025a

Draft 1

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.

Attachment(s): Delegation Position Letter Week 2-18-25

HB 836 PAB Position Statement

HB 1063 Position Statement

HB 1168 Position Statement

HB 597 SB 515 Position Statement

PG 504-25 Position Statement

SB 690 Position Statement

SB 832 Position Statement

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, 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 Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha

and Watson

Absent Burroughs and Blegay

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

LTR 02182025c

Draft 1

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, regarding opposition to the Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (MAGLEV).

Attachment(s): MAGLEVOPP Draft Letter

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, 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 Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha

and Watson

Absent Burroughs and Blegay

LTR 02182025b

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Tara H. Jackson, Acting County Executive, regarding the FY 2025-2027 Local Impact Grant (LIG) Multiyear Spending Plan.

Attachment(s): LIG MYSP Supplemental Letter

Attachment A LIG FY 2025 Amended (Draft 2)

FY25-FY27 CEX Transmittal to Council & Attachment

A LIG FY 2025 Amended

Nathaniel K. Tutt III, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for the agenda letter.

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

Aye 8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Blegay and Harrison

5. SECOND READING OF BILLS – (INTRODUCTION)

CB-001-2025

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING 2025-2026 COMPENSATION REVIEW

<u>COMMISSION</u> for the purpose of establishing a Compensation Review Commission to study the rate of current compensation and allowances for Council members and compensation for the County Executive and making recommendations regarding the amount of compensation in accordance with state and local laws, and generally relating to the Compensation Review Commission.

Sponsor(s): Ivey and Hawkins

Attachment(s): B2025001

CB-001-2025 Summary

CB-001-2025 Report

CB-001-2025 OOL Comments

Kathy Canning Legislative Attorney, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CB-001-2025.

This Bill provides for the establishment of a Compensation Review Commission and for the appointment of its members. Section 308 and Section 406 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland provide for the appointment of a compensation review commission by the Council and County Executive. Section 10-302, Local Government I Article, Annotated Code of Maryland provides that by ordinance, a county may establish a commission to recommend compensation and allowances for members of the county legislative body. Section 10-303, Local Government I Article, Annotated Code of Maryland provides that the county may set the qualifications, term of office, and compensation for the County Executive.

The 2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission shall consist of the following seven citizens: Gloria G. Lawlah, Maurice Simpson, Jr., Steven L. Taylor, appointed by the County Council, and L. Denise Hall, Arthur J. Horne, Jr., Jacqueline B. Woody, appointed by the County Executive; and Chair Camille A. Exum, jointly agreed upon by the County Executive and the Chair of the County Council.

This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Ivey and Hawkins.

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Draft 1

THIS MEETING ADJOURNED 3:22 PM

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins,

Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent Blegay

Prepared by:	
Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide	
Submitted by:	
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council	