



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

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

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

10:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ETHICS TRAINING (OEA DIRECTOR) (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

10:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 10:55 a.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

Present: 11 - Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Vice Chair Wala Blegay
Chair Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Ingrid Watson
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Mel Franklin

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Leonard Moses, Legislative/Zoning Assistant

James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant

Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Terry L. Bell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Amanda Denison, Chief Legislative Officer

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Pastora Ana Rodriguez of Iglesia Poder de Lo Alto Church of Langley Park and translated by Walkiria E. Pool, President and Founder of Centro de Apoyo Familiar (CAF) (Center for Assistance to Families).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mel Franklin.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

MIN 09192023 County Council Minutes dated September 19, 2023
Draft 1

Attachment(s): 09192023

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-089-2023](#)
Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES for the purpose of repealing and reenacting with amendments provisions of the County Code regulating taxicabs and limousines relating to, Taxicab Board composition, inspections, licensing, taxicab driver's licenses, fines, driver conduct, certificate registration, vehicle maintenance and inspection, limits of certain cost, charges, fees or assessments, rates, meters requirements, payment methods, emergency fuel cost surcharge, and generally relating to taxicabs and limousines.

Attachment(s): [B2023089](#)
[CB-089-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-089-2023 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

[CB-092-2023](#)
Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT for the purpose of establishing the homestead property tax credit for the County property tax for the taxable year beginning July 1, 2024.

Attachment(s): [B2023092](#)
[CB-092-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-092-2023 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.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**[CB-093-2023](#)**

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD for the purpose of amending the definition of public nuisance, the service of process of Nuisance Abatement Board notices and granting the Nuisance Abatement Board the expressed authority to close a property that has been found to be a nuisance to the community.

Attachment(s): [B2023093](#)
[CB-093-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-093-2023 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

(c) Introduction of Resolutions**[CR-082-2023](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM WAIT TIMES for the purpose of establishing the task force on reducing hospital emergency room wait times to study best practices and make recommendations for reducing emergency room wait times; and generally relating to the task force on reducing emergency room wait times.

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

Attachment(s): [R2023082](#)
[CR-082-2023 Summary](#)

Because the emergency room wait times threaten the safety of patients and are untenable, a task force is needed to study the problem and to provide recommendations for alleviating these wait times.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Dernoga, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha, Burroughs, Watson, Hawkins and Franklin and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

[CR-083-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT ALLOCATION PROGRAM for the purpose of approving, as an Act of the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County,

an annual residential permit allocation process.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Ivey, Olson, Hawkins and Burroughs

Attachment(s): [R2023083](#)
[CR-083-2023 Summary](#)
[CR-083-2023 Attachment A](#)
[CR-083-2023 Attachment B](#)
[CR-083-2023 Attachment C](#)

This Resolution declares the policy of the Council to implement an public facilities adequacy formula of building permit allocation in furtherance of established land use and development policies in the County, and to ensure the orderly development of land and uses, in furtherance of the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Ivey, Olson, Hawkins and Burroughs and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

[Add21-23](#)

ADDITIONS

Draft 1

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 -	Hawkins, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin
Abstain	2 -	Harrison and Fisher

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

First Reading of Bills (Presentation) (Continued)

[CB-094-2023](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING TAX DIFFERENTIAL TASK FORCE for the purpose of establishing a four-year term of office for appointees to the Annual Tax Differential Task Force.

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [B2023094](#)
[CB-094-2023 Summary](#)
[CB-094-2023 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.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Introduction of Resolutions (Continued)

CR-085-2023

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOCAL IMPACT GRANT FUNDS

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

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

Attachment(s): [R2023085](#)
[CR-085-2023 Attachment A](#)
[CR-085-2023 Summary](#)
[CR-085-2023 Transmittal](#)

Pursuant to CB-88-2015, this resolution will approve the Local Impact Fund Multiyear Plan for FY 2024 - FY 2026. The spending plan details the planned use of video lottery terminal taxes from FY 2024- FY 2026. The FY 2024 spending plan totals \$10,022,500 and allots funding to the following areas: Crossland High School Career Academy (\$2,665,300), Prince George's Community College (\$1,064,000), Prince George's Memorial Library System (\$800,000) Police Department (\$1,219,000), Fire Department (\$767,700), Employ Prince George's National Harbor Job Training Center (\$637,700), Youth Employment Program (\$400,000), Department of the Environment (\$380,000), Department of Public Works (\$519,800), Revenue Authority (\$144,000), scholarships for high school students attending Friendly, Oxon Hill, Potomac and Crossland high schools (\$200,000) and various Community Impact Grants (\$1,225,000). The FY 2024 portion of the plan has been included in the FY 2024 Approved Budget Ordinance (CB-63-2023).

The plan also has funding totaling \$10,162,400 in FY 2025 and \$10,304,500

in FY 2026. The spending plan is subject to change based upon the County's budget process and adjustments to out-year revenue projections.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs, Hawkins, Dernoga, Franklin, Fisher and Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

[Consent39-23](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Draft 1

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

Aye	10 -	Hawkins, Harrison, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin
Absent		Blegay

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 09262023](#)

Draft 1

Proposed joint signature letter to Mr. Paul J. Wiedefeld, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation regarding 2023 Projects List for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2029 State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Attachment(s): [FY24-29 CTP Letter \(DR-3\)](#)
[FY24-29 CTP Priority List \(DR-3\)](#)

This Agenda Letter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

4. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

[CR-065-2023](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN for the purpose of adopting an updated County-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) to remain eligible for Federal mitigation assistance for natural disasters.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga, Watson, Harrison, Ivey, Olson, Franklin and Hawkins

Attachment(s): [R2023065](#)
[CR-065-2023 Attachment A](#)
[CR-065-2023 Attachment B](#)
[CR-065-2023 Summary](#)
[CR-065-2023 Report](#)
[CR-065-2023 Transmittal](#)

Nathaniel K. Tutt, III, Director, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-065-2023. Council Members: Hawkins requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

CR-084-2023

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE BOWIE-MITCHELLVILLE AND VICINITY SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Endorsed Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Sectional Map Amendment and directing that a second joint public hearing be held to take testimony on the proposed Amendments.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Watson and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [R2023084](#)
[CR-084-2023 Summary](#)

Karen Zavakos, Legislative and Zoning Counsel, provided an overview for CR-084-2023.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Watson and Dernoga.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

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

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

[ADJ82-23](#)

Draft 1

ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:16 A.M.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 11 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey, Oriadha and Franklin

11:00 AM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

12:00 PM - PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar Reese III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council