



# 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*

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Thursday, May 25, 2023

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 11:28 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*

*Stanley Earley, Director, OMB*

*Kathleen Canning, Legislative Officer*

*Turkessa Green, County Auditor*

*Jackie Brown, Director, PHED Committee*

*J. Kenneth Battle, Director, TIEE Committee*

*Sandra Eubanks, Director, EWD Committee*

#### **INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Reverend W. Ricky Burton, Executive Pastor, Christian Unity Baptist Church. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for the families of the victims of the Uvalde school shooting and for the friends and family of musical icon Tina Turner, who recently passed away. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for all of the Africans celebrating Africa Day as well as for the health and well being of the County Council.*

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ivey.*

#### **DESIGNATION OF MAY 25, 2023 AS LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 20**

**1. ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS**[CR-055-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION AND THE RECOMMENDATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATES AND AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024** for the purpose of adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the recommended Water and Sewer Rates and Ad Valorem Tax Levies for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**Attachment(s):** [R2023055](#)  
[CR-055-2023 Appendix C](#)  
[CR-055-2023 Appendix D](#)  
[CR-055-2023 Appendix E](#)  
[CR-055-2023 Appendix F](#)  
[CR-055-2023 Summary](#)

*Section 17-202 of the Public Utilities Article, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, requires the joint WSSC operating and capital budgets. This resolution recommends that WSSC adopt a 7.0% rate increase in water and sewer rates. The joint approval of both Councils is required to increase operating expenditures above the amount approved for Fiscal Year 2024. Any changes to the Operating or Capital Budget categories, which exceed the approved categories by 5% or greater, require prior Council approval. For changes below the 5% limit, the Commission may authorize the transfer of funds between categories.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Hawkins, Oriadha, Olson, Fisher and Franklin.**

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

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> | Franklin  |

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**[CR-056-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION FISCAL YEARS 2024-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE** for the purpose of adopting with amendments the WSSC Fiscal Years 2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program and Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget for Water and Sewerage.

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

**Attachment(s):** [R2023056](#)  
[CR-056-2023 Appendix A](#)  
[CR-056-2023 Appendix B](#)  
[CR-056-2023 Summary](#)  
[Revenue Authority Hamilton Manor Project](#)  
[CR-056-2023](#)

*The WSSC Fiscal Years 2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program contains projects totaling \$4.5 billion. The Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget totals \$683.1 million.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Hawkins, Oriadha, Olson and Fisher.**

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

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> | Franklin  |

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**[CR-057-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION BUDGET AND TAX RATES** for the purpose of approving the Washington Suburban Transit Commission's administration of the County's Fiscal Year 2024 Mass Transit Plan; approving the levy of property tax rates necessary to support the expenses and obligations of the Commission including County mass transit operations; and approving the Commission's administrative budget.

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

**Attachment(s):** [R2023057](#)  
[CR-057-2023 Summary](#)

*This resolution provides for certifying the dedicated property tax rates for transit activities by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission ("WSTC"), approving the levy of property tax rates necessary to support the expenses and obligations of the Commission, approving the budget for the County's Mass Transit Plan, and formally approving the WSTC's administrative budget, as approved in the Prince George's - Montgomery Bi-County Council meeting of May 11, 2023.*

*The tax levy of two and six-tenths cents (\$0.026) per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property and six- and one-half cents (\$0.065) per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property and operating real property is the County's share of the total WSTC budget of \$343,396,426. The County's share of the Approved FY 24 WSTC Administrative Budget is \$127,893.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson and Oriadha.**

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

|               |      |  |
|---------------|------|--|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - | Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> |      | Franklin   |

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**[CR-058-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REVENUE AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2024-2029, prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 21A of the Prince George's County Code and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Authority for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**Attachment(s):** [R2023058](#)  
[CR-058-2023 Attachment 1](#)  
[CR-058-2023 Attachment 2](#)  
[CR-058-2023 Summary](#)

*In Fiscal Year 2024, the Revenue Authority's capital expenditures authorized is \$215,500,000. This resolution approves the proposed Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Revenue Authority.*

*The Revenue Authority is required to submit its proposed Operating Budget to the Council for comments. This resolution states the Council's concurrence with the FY 2024 Operating Budget of \$46,335,500 and the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2024-2029.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Hawkins.**

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

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> | Franklin  |

**ADOPTION OF WSSC, WSTC, REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGETS (Continued)**[CR-059-2023](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

for the purpose of approving the Capital Improvement Program of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County for Fiscal Years 2024-2029; prepared pursuant to the authority contained in Subtitle 15B of the Prince George's County Code; and providing comments on the proposed Operating Budget of the Redevelopment Authority for Fiscal Year 2024.

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson and Hawkins

**Attachment(s):** [R2023059](#)

[CR-059-2023 Attachment 1](#)

[CR-059-2023 Attachment 2](#)

[CR-059-2023 Summary](#)

*The Redevelopment Authority is required to submit its proposed Operating Budget to the County Council for comments. This resolution states the Council's concurrence on the Authority's proposed FY 2024 Capital Budget of \$16,686,000, and an Operating Budget of approximately \$534,500.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson and Hawkins.**

**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**                    10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson,  
Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha

**Absent**                Franklin

**2. ADOPTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PORTION OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR THE M-NCPPC**

**[CB-062-2023](#)**

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION** for the purpose of approving the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission budget and making appropriations and levying certain taxes for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended ("Land Use Article").

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

**Attachment(s):** [B2023062](#)  
[CB-62-2023\\_Appendix A](#)  
[CB-62-2023\\_Appendix B](#)  
[CB-062-2023 Summary](#)

*This bill adopts the M-NCPPC's operating and capital budgets for Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2024, and establishes the tax rates as shown below. The total tax rate is proposed at 29.40 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real property and 73.50 cents per \$100 of assessed value of personal property.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson and Oriadha.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Olson, that the rules be suspended for this Council Bill. The motion carried by the following vote:**

|               |     |   |
|---------------|-----|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 9 - | Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Nay</b>    | 1 - | Hawkins   |
| <b>Absent</b> |     | Franklin  |

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Council Bill be enacted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

|               |     |   |
|---------------|-----|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 9 - | Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Nay</b>    | 1 - | Hawkins   |
| <b>Absent</b> |     | Franklin  |



**3. ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CAPITAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**[CB-063-2023](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATIONS** for the purpose of making appropriations for the support of the County government and for the Prince George's Community College and for the schools, institutions, departments, offices, boards, commissions, and agencies of Prince George's County, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; adopting the current expense budget, the capital improvement program, and the capital budget prepared according to the Charter of Prince George's County and submitted by the County Executive to the County Council; appropriating the items of expense in said current expense budget; establishing rates of reimbursement for subsistence expenses for employees of the County; providing for the inclusion of all State, Federal and private grants received subsequent to adoption of the current expense budget; imposing the applicable income and special area tax rates under the public general laws and public local laws of Maryland; all to be known as the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Prince George's County for Fiscal Year 2024.

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga

**Attachment(s):** [B2023063](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 1](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 2](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 3](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 4](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 4A](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 4B](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 5](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 6](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Exhibit 7](#)  
[CB-063-2023 Summary](#)

*This bill adopts the County's current expense budget and capital budget for the fiscal year 2024.*

*It adopts an appropriation amount for the County's General Fund portion of the budget of \$4.514 billion, which is \$287 million, or 6.8% over the approved FY 2023 budget of \$4.227 billion. Overall, 65.8% of all General Funds are appropriated for Education (Board of Education, Community College and Memorial Library), while Public Safety receives 19.6% of available funds. Of the remaining 14.6% of County General Funds, 8.6%*

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*goes to pay for fixed charges and debt service, leaving 6.0% for Human Services, Public Works, Environment and General Government. The budget also establishes appropriation authority for all operating funds, including grants, Internal Service funds, Enterprise funds and Special Revenue funds that, when combined with the General Fund, totals \$5.41 billion.*

**This Council Bill was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Hawkins.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Olson, that the rules be suspended for this Council Bill.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

|               |      |  |
|---------------|------|--|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - | Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> |      | Franklin   |

**A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Vice Chair Blegay, that this Council Bill be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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|----------------|-----|---|
| <b>Aye</b>     | 6 - | Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Nay</b>     | 3 - | Hawkins, Harrison and Fisher                        |
| <b>Absent</b>  |     | Franklin  |
| <b>Abstain</b> | 1 - | Watson  |

**A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Council Bill be enacted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

|               |      |  |
|---------------|------|--|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - | Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> |      | Franklin   |

#### **4. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

[LTR 05252023](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Judy Mickens-Murray, Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga

**Attachment(s):** [BOE FY 2024 Budget Letter](#)  
[BOE FY 2024 Budget Letter Attachment 1](#)  
[Agenda Item Summary](#)

**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:**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Aye</b>    | 10 - Hawkins, Harrison, Blegay, Dernoga, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Burroughs, Ivey and Oriadha |
| <b>Absent</b> | Franklin  |

## **5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **CR-060-2023**

Draft 1

#### **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**

for the purpose of modifying the System Development Charge (SDC) to help finance the capital costs of expanding and augmenting water and sewage systems to accommodate service to subscribers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District (WSSD) and to provide a financing mechanism to aid the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Commission) in paying for the capital projects thereof by providing methods and procedures by which the SDC is to be implemented and/or collected.

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

**Attachment(s):** [R2023060](#)  
[CR-060-2023 Summary](#)

*Section 25-402 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the imposition of a System Development Charge (SDC) fee, and Section 25-403 provides that Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils shall meet annually to discuss and approve the SDC fee. The Councils met on May 11, 2023 and agreed to increase the SDC maximum allowable ceiling by a percentage equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior calendar year. The CPI for November 2021 to November 2022 increased by 5.5%. The Commission is not increasing the SDC fee. The fee has not changed since FY 2000 (July 1999). This action provides the Commission with the flexibility in future fiscal years to increase the base System Development Charge for water supply fixtures with an assigned fixture value of 1 from \$88.00 to a maximum of \$153.00, and the base System Development Charge for a sewage drainage fixture with an assigned drainage fixture unit value of 1 from \$115.00 to a maximum of \$199.00.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga, Harrison, Watson, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha, Hawkins and Fisher.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The**

**motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent**                    Franklin

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

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

**Absent**                    Franklin

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

*Council Chair Dernoga spoke to the budget as adopted by the Council and expressed a gratitude to each of his colleagues on the Council for their efforts collectively and in their respective districts. Chair Dernoga thanked the residents for participating in the budget process and highlighted some of the priorities included in the budget, despite the current budget climate in the county and around the country. Chair Dernoga also thanked the Council's Administrative staff along with various staff from the Office of the County Executive.*

**ADJ58-23**

Draft 1

**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:23 P.M.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Olson, 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

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council