



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chair Turner at 10:12 a.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Glaros arrived at 10:17 a.m., Council Member Taveras arrived at 10:27 a.m. and Council Member Franklin arrived at 10:33 a.m.

Present 11 - Calvin S. Hawkins
Derrick Davis
Deni Taveras
Dannielle Glaros
Monique Anderson-Walker
Sydney Harrison
Thomas Dernoga
Todd Turner
Rodney Streeter
Mel Franklin
Jolene Ivey

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Monica Best James, Legislative Officer

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE & General Assembly Committees

Terry Bell, Office of the County Executive

Amanda Denison, Office of Law

Council Chair Turner welcomed the audience to the first Committee of the Whole of the 2020 Legislative Year and provided an overview of the items being considered on the agenda. Mr. Turner also introduced Ms. Terry Bell from the Office of the County Executive as the new County Council Liaison.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE TEAM

J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., as Committee Director for the General Assembly Committee, introduced Monica Best James as the Legislative Office for the Committee. He also recognized the entire 2020 General Assembly Team: Jerry Evans and Hayley Evans, Evans and Associates; Tony Perez, Theresa Hessle, David Jacobs, LA Perez Consulting, LLC and Darrell Carrington, Carrington and Associates. Mr. Battle distributed a list of the opening day receptions and indicated that the County Executive plans to address the Prince George's County Delegation on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Terry Bell, Office of the County Executive, introduced the County Executives's Representatives to the General Assembly: Patrick Gallagher, Intergovernmental Affairs and Akua Pokuaa "PK" Owusu-Acheaw.

JOINT 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES LETTER

[LTR 01072020](#)

Draft 2

Proposed joint letter to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, the Honorable William C. "Bill" Ferguson, IV, Senate President and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House transmitting the County's State Legislative Priorities for the 2020 General Assembly Session.

Attachment(s): [Final Legislative Priorities Letter](#)

Mr. Battle distributed the approved 2019 Legislative Priorities Letter as a frame of reference. Terry Bell, Council Liaison, spoke to the 2020 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Priorities as outlined in the draft letter. The priorities include, but are not limited to, funding the transformative recommendations and vision articulated by the Kirwan Commission, funding the construction and renovation of schools, finding ways to bring smart opportunities for economic development and doing our part to minimize potential negative impacts to the environment. Council Members expressed concerns that the priorities listed in the draft letter are not presented as joint priorities and more detail should be provided. Also the letter should be amended to incorporate the County Council's Legislative Priorities regarding teacher pay, classroom sizes, Kirwan funding formula, Southern Maryland Rapid Transit, connectivity in the County, illegal dumping and more.

No action was taken on this item.

SB 105 - SOUTHERN MARYLAND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT - REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING

Chair Turner announced that SB 105 is scheduled in the Budget and Tax Committee on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

Motion was made by Council Member Harrison; seconded by Council Member Hawkins to SUPPORT SB 105. Motion carried 11-0.

REC1-20

Draft 1

RECESS

The meeting went into recess at 11:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Glaros, seconded by Member Hawkins, that the meeting be recessed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

11:30 A.M. - RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

APPOINTMENT

APPT-1-20

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual as the District 4 Representative to the Board of Education for Prince George's County:

Mr. Bryan M. Swann

Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, introduced the nominee to the Committee of the Whole and spoke to his qualifications and credentials. Mr. Swan was present and spoke to his visions and areas of focus and responded to questions posed by Council Members. The Chair announced that the public hearing is scheduled Tuesday, January 14, 202 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Ivey, seconded by Member Glaros, for a

favorable recommendation on the appointment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Hawkins, Davis, Taveras, Glaros, Anderson-Walker, Harrison, Dernoga, Turner, Streeter, Franklin and Ivey

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Member Anderson-Walker, seconded by Member Taveras, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.