



Prince George's County Council

County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie
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Upper Marlboro, Maryland
20772-3050

Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Todd M. Turner, Council Chair, District 4
Monique Anderson-Walker, District 8
Derrick Leon Davis, District 6
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Mel Franklin, At-Large
Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Vice Chair, At-Large
Jolene Ivey, District 5
Rodney C. Streeter, District 7
Deni L. Taveras, District 2

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

9:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (ROOM 2027)

The Agenda Briefing commenced at 9:43 a.m. Due to a lack of a quorum of members, a public statement was read and the Agenda Briefing was conducted as an informal discussion in lieu of a public meeting. Members present: Council Chair Turner and Council Members Anderson-Walker and Hawkins. The Agenda Briefing concluded at 9:49 a.m.

10:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEETING - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

(SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

11:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Turner at 11:40 a.m. with 11 members present at roll call.

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

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant
Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer
J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE & General Assembly Committees
Nathaniel Tutt, III, Acting Director, HHSPS Committee
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Amanda S. Denison, Office of Law
Sakinda L. Skinner, Office of Law

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Pastor Linda Brown Hall, Never the Less Ministries, Washington, D.C. Council Member Turner requested prayer for Shelby McRae, Design and Technology Specialist in the Office of Communications, who was recently released from the hospital and wishing her a speedy recovery. Council Member Ivey asked that prayer be offered for the family of Rubin J. Reid, former Mayor of the City of Glenarden, in his recent passing.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dernoga.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**[APPT-2-20](#)**

Appointment of the following individual as Fire Chief for Prince George's County:

Tiffany D. Green

Appointment - Pursuant to proper notice the public hearing was convened at 11:45 a.m. Council Member Hawkins as Chair of the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS) provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks introduced the nominee to the Council and spoke to her character and credentials. Chief Marc S. Bashoor, Fire Rescue 1, Fire Chief Executive Editor and Fomer Chief of Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department and Mr. Vernon R. Herron, Director of Officer Safety and Wellness, Baltimore City Police Department and former Deputy CAO for Public Safety and Director of Homeland Secutity provided verbal testimony in support of Ms. Green's appointment as Fire Chief. Ms. Green was present and spoke on her on behalf. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

This public hearing was held.

Meeting Reconvened

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hawkins, seconded by Member Taveras, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECESS

Motion was made by Council Member Hawkins; seconded by Council Member Harrison to recess the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting recessed at 12:14 p.m.

RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

** Mr. Bill Orleans addressed the Council regarding the Bus Transformation Project.*

** Ms. Theresa Mitchell Dudley, President, PGCEA, thanked the Council for their continued support and also spoke to overcrowding in schools, the Black Lives Matter Program in schools and announced that "Education Night in Annapolis" is scheduled February 24, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 3**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 01282020](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 28, 2020.

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-001-2020](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONNEL for the purpose of expanding the amount of parental leave to county employees eligible for family and medical leave.

Sponsor(s): Dernoga

Attachment(s): [B2020001](#)
[CB-001-2020 AIS](#)

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

(c) Introduction of Resolutions

[CR-001-2020](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROTECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - LET OUR COMMUNITIES ACT LOCALLY for the purpose of expressing the County Council's support for the goals of LOCAL Maryland to prevent state preemption laws which serve as a tool to weaken local democracies and protect the rights of local governments to pass laws that support

healthy families, a clean environment, good jobs and promote equity and inclusion in our municipalities and throughout the State of Maryland.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Streeter and Turner

Attachment(s): [R2020001](#)
[CR-001-2020 AIS](#)
[CR-001-2020 Report](#)

LOCAL Maryland is a coalition of advocacy organizations committed to protecting the ability of local elected officials to pass laws that support healthy families, a clean environment and good jobs. The proposed legislation expresses the Council's support of the goals of LOCAL Maryland and calls on the state government to allow local governments to continue to promote and pass laws in furtherance of healthy families, a clean environment, good jobs, and promote equity and inclusion.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Anderson-Walker, Turner, Dernoga, Hawkins, Franklin, Anderson-Walker, Streeter, Harrison and Glaros and referred to the General Assembly Committee.

[CR-002-2020](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SETTLEMENT for the purpose of supporting the settlement offer made by the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition ("HBCU Coalition") to resolve the lawsuit against the State of Maryland; and urging Governor Hogan and the members of the Maryland General Assembly to settle the HBCU Coalition lawsuit in accordance with the Court ruling and the offer made by the HBCU Coalition.

Sponsor(s): Turner, Hawkins, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Dernoga, Streeter, Taveras and Anderson-Walker

Attachment(s): [R2020002](#)
[CR-002-2020 AIS](#)
[CR-002-2020 Report](#)

This Resolution supports the ruling of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and the settlement offer made by the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition to resolve the lawsuit against the State of Maryland; and urges Governor Hogan and the members of the Maryland General Assembly to settle the Coalition lawsuit in accordance with the Court ruling and the offer made by the Coalition.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Turner, Hawkins,

Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Dernoga and Taveras and referred to the General Assembly Committee.

[Consent4-20](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hawkins, seconded by Member Davis, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were considered.

4. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 01282020a](#)

Draft 2

Proposed joint signature letter to Mr. Gregory Slater, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation regarding 2020 Priority Projects List for the FY 2020-2025 State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

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

J. Kenneth Battle, as Director of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (TIEE) Committee provided a report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Aye 10 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey and Streeter

Abstain 1 - Taveras

[LTR 02042020](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation and the Honorable Erik L. Barron, 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 \(2-4-20\)](#)

J. Kenneth Battle, as Director of the General Assembly Committee provided a report of the Committee's actions and recommendations.

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

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

12:15 P.M. - BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

[BR 02042020](#)

WMATA BUS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

NEONICHE STRATEGIES

Mr. Rich Davey
Consultant Lead, BTP
Partner and Associate Director, Boston Consulting Group

The briefing convened at 12:43 p.m. Mr. Rich Davey facilitated a PowerPoint Presentation which focused on the need to transform the Bus, the Bus Transformation Strategy and Action Plan and next steps. Mr. Thomas Graham, Alternate Member of the WMATA Board and Mr. Terry Bellamy, Director of DPW&T provided brief comments. Mr. Davey responded to questions and comments posed by the Council regarding: connectivity (inter-County and from National Harbor to Virginia, development nodes in areas that have density, transportation as a path to economic development, wifi access, benchmarks, customer service, next steps, outreach and cooperation between jurisdictions. The briefing concluded at 1:30 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

[ADJ10-20](#)

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Member Dernoga, seconded by Member Glaros, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

1:30 P.M. - RETREAT FOLLOWUP - (ROOM 2027)

The meeting convened at 2:09 p.m.

Prepared by:

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council