



# Prince George's County Council

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

## Meeting Minutes - Final Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

9:30 AM

VIRTUAL MEETING

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### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Deni Taveras at 9:34 p.m. with seven members present at roll call. Council Member Franklin arrived at 9:44 a.m.; Council Member Harrison at 9:45 a.m.; Council Member Anderson-Walker at 10:03 a.m. and Council Member Glaros at 10:04 a.m.*

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

*Also present:*

*Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator  
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant  
Leonard D. Moses, Zoning Assistant  
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison  
Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney  
Monica B. James, Legislative Officer  
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director  
Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer  
Karen Zavakos, Legislative & Zoning Counsel*

*Jackie Brown, PHED Committee Director  
Howard Stone, GOFP Committee Director  
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Officer  
Donna Whitman, Legislative Officer  
James Walker-Bey, Zoning Reference Aide*

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITEMS**

### **STATEWIDE BILLS**

HB 940 - Gaming - Regulation of Fantasy Gaming Competitions and Implementation of Sports Wagering

*A motion was made by Council Member Hawkins; seconded by Council Member Davis to HOLD this item. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 88 / HB 304 - State and Local Government - Participation in Federal Immigration Enforcement

*A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Turner to SUPPORT this bill. The motion carried 9-0. (Absent: Council Members Glaros and Anderson-Walker). The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 23 / HB 316 - Conditions of Pretrial Release - Home Detention Monitoring

*A motion was made by Council Member Taveras; seconded by Council Member Dernoga to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 234 / HB 23 - Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access

*A motion was made by Council Member Glaros; seconded by Council Member Turner to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 478 / HB 16 - Correctional Services – Immigration Detention – Prohibition (Dignity Not Detention Act)

*A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga; seconded by Council Member Hawkins to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 9-0 (Absent: Council Members Harrison and Turner). The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 317 / HB 750 - Office of the Attorney General - Right to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings  
Coordinator

*A motion was made by Council Member Turner; seconded by Council Member Davis to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive supports this bill.*

SB 151 / HB 82 - Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights

*A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga; seconded by Council Member Ivey to HOLD this item. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 213 - State Highways – Designations – President Barack Obama Highway

*A motion was made by Council Member Davis to HOLD this item. Mr. Battle noted that HB 1297 seeks to change the Indian Head Highway to Thurgood Marshall Highway.*

## **POLICE REFORM BILLS**

### **ADDITION**

*A motion was made by Council Member Anderson-Walker; seconded by Council Member Turner to accept the additions package to add HB 670 to today's agenda. The motion carried 10-0 (Absent: Council Member Taveras).*

HB 670 - Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021

*A motion was made by Council Member Glaros; seconded by Council Member Hawkins to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 187 / HB 240 - Criminal Procedure – Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis, Searching, Regulation, and Oversight

*A motion was made by Council Member Turner; seconded by Council Member Davis to HOLD this item. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 136 / HB 315 - Juvenile Law - Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act

*A motion was made by Council Member Turner; seconded by Council Member Davis to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 626 / HB 139 - Law Enforcement Officers - Use of Force

*A motion was made by Council Member Turner; seconded by Council Member Davis to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 10-0-1. The County Executive takes no position.*

SB 627 - Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Repeal and Procedures for Discipline

*A motion was made by Council Member Turner; seconded by Council Member Davis to SUPPORT this item. The motion carried 11-0. The County Executive takes no position.*

*Council Member Turner noted that one uniform position statement be prepared encompassing all Police Reform Bills acted upon this date.*

**MACO UPDATES**

*Updates were provided by Council Member Todd M. Turner*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATES**

*Updates were provided by Staff/Consultants*

**RECESS**

*THE MEETING RECESSED AT 11:02 A.M.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Ivey to recess the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

**RECONVENE**

*THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:36 P.M.*

**ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:**

- a) *Presentation by Committee Staff*  
(Including comments received by the Committee)
- b) *Comments from Sponsor*
- c) *Questions from Committee Members*
- d) *Comments from Agencies*
- e) *General Discussion*
- f) *Motion and Vote*

**LEGISLATION**

**CR-005-2021**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION** for the purpose of making certain appropriations and amendments to the Prince George's County portion of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (the "Commission") Fiscal Year 2021 operating and capital budgets as provided pursuant to the provisions of the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended ("Land Use Article").

**Sponsor(s):** Hawkins, Ivey, Davis, Turner, Harrison, Franklin, Dernoga, Taveras and Streeter

**Attachment(s):** [R2021005](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Appendix A](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Appendix B](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Appendix C](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Appendix D](#)  
[CR-005-2021 AIS](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Report](#)  
[CR-005-2021 Transmittal](#)

***PANEL GUESTS:***

***M-NCPPC:***

*Elizabeth Hewlett, Planning Board Chairman*

*Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director*

*Adrian Gardner, General Counsel*

*Andree Checkley, Planning Director*

*Terry Johnson, M-NCPPC*

*Michelle Hedgepeth, M-NCPPC*

***OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE***

*Angie Rodgers, DCAO for Economic Development*

*Jackie Brown, Director of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee provided an overview of the legislation. Asuntha Chiang-Smith, the Commission's Executive Director, and Andree Checkley, Planning Director provided background on the Project and responded questions posed by Council Members. Angie Rodgers, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development, noted the County Executive's support for the legislation, however, requested budget amendment be limited to acquisition and design at this time and outlined a proposed amendment. Karen Zavakos, Zoning and Legislative Counsel advised that the revised language would be a substantive amendment to the Resolution which would necessitate an additional public hearing. After a robust discussion, the proposed amendment was not entertained.*

**A motion was made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Franklin, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Hawkins, Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Ivey, Streeter and Turner  
**Nay:** 1 - Dernoga  
**Absent:** Anderson-Walker and Taveras  
**Abstain:** 1 - Harrison

[CR-011-2021](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS** for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$4,086,220 to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Sponsor(s):** Hawkins, Dernoga, Davis, Streeter, Turner, Franklin, Harrison and Glaros

**Attachment(s):** [R2021011](#)  
[CR-011-2021 AIS](#)  
[CR-11-2021 Report](#)  
[CR-011-2021 Transmittal](#)

*This resolution will appropriate grant funds from Federal, State and other sources in the amount of \$4,086,220 to the Department of Housing and Community Development. As proposed the funds will be used to fund programs in the Department including legal services, food pantries and housing assistance. Aspasia Xypolia, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, provided an overview of the use of*

*the grant funds.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Ivey, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Taveras

[CR-012-2021](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS** for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$75,433,001 to the Office of the State's Attorney, the Judicial Branch/Circuit Court, the Board of Elections, the Health Department, the Non-Departmental budget, and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Attachment(s):** [R2021012](#)  
[CR-012-2021 AIS](#)  
[CR-12-2021 Report](#)  
[CR-012-2021 Transmittal](#)

*This Resolution will appropriate grant funds from Federal, State and other sources in the amount of \$75,433,001 to the Office of the State's Attorney, the Circuit Court, the Board of Elections, the Department of Housing and Community Development and Non-Departmental. Leslie Graves, Director, Experience Prince George's County, gave an overview of the hotel assistance program and how these funds would be used to further that program. Aspasia Xypolia, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, also explained how the funds would be used for housing assistance. A Draft 2 was submitted to increase the dollar amounts of the grant funds \$82, 201,01.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Davis, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** Taveras

[CR-013-2021](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND’S NINTH CONTINUED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY-CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)** for the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations most recently adopted by the governing body on January 12, 2021, CR-02-2021, and as may be further amended.

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

**Attachment(s):** [CR-013-2021 Attachment A](#)  
[CR-013-2020 AIS](#)  
[CR-013-2021 Report](#)  
[CR-013-20221 Transmittal](#)

*Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, gave an overview of the resolution. Dr. Ernest Carter, Health Officer, also briefed the Committee on the status of COVID-19 efforts in the County and the need to continue the emergency declaration. The Committee discussed issues involving vaccinations including distribution, phases, and locations; issues surrounding bowling alleys being capped at 50 patrons; including the faith-based community as vaccination distribution partners; and registering seniors for vaccinations. An amendment was offered to revise the resolution to extend the amount of time the declaration of emergency stays in effect to 45 days.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Davis, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Ivey, Streeter and Turner

**Absent:** Harrison and Taveras

**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50 p.m.*

**A motion was made by Member Davis, seconded by Member Turner, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.**