

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: February 12, 2015

1. Swearing-in of New Police Officers

The following officers will be sworn in during Tuesday's Council Meeting:

Private First Class Janet Blunt of Laurel was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for 2.5 years.

Private First Class Eric Edwards of Glen Burnie was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for 3 years.

Private First Class Richard Williams of Odenton was previously a member of the Baltimore City Police Department for 2.5 years.

2. County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Municipal Focus Group

On Wednesday, February 11th, Planning staff attended a municipal focus group meeting regarding the County's Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project. Elected officials or staff from Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton, College Park, Greenbelt, University Park, Upper Marlboro and Cheverly attended the meeting. The project is a three-year effort, begun last year, to comprehensively examine and make recommendations for improving the County's Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the Evaluation and Recommendations Report can be found at: <http://zoningpgc.pgplanning.com/resources/documents/>. The Report's key themes include: (1) Align with *Plan Prince George's 2035*; (2) Simplify and Modernize Zone Districts; (3) Use Best Practice Development Standards; and (4) Make the document User-Friendly and Streamlined. Staff reviewed the report and will be providing technical comments to Park and Planning staff. The Report's recommendations include new tools to protect stable residential neighborhoods and new standards to encourage or require Green Development, as well as eliminating "call ups" of applications by the District Council. The Focus Group's topics of interest included neighborhood conservation overlay zones, clarifying the municipal role in pre-application meetings, the need for more detailed impact assessments, public benefit features in the by-right zones and incentives to do good development. A Draft of New Zones and Zoning District Regulations is expected by late summer.