

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
"CALLED MEETING"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

6:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN

CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR

VICE CHAIRMAN  
ADMINISTRATOR  
CLERK TO COUNCIL  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JASON STEEN  
RON MUNNERLYN \*  
SUSAN RIVERS \*  
ANDREW MCLEOD \*

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN  
CHARLES P. MIDGLEY, JR.  
KENNETH STROMAN  
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

DR. DAMIEN JOHNSON  
PEARLY LAWSON  
VERD ODOM  
ANTHONY WOODS

- Absent

Others Present: Mr. Stephen Pollard, IT Director.

A copy of the Called Meeting Notice and agenda were posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the Marlboro County Website. A copy of the agenda was provided to Ms. Jacqueline Hough, Herald Advocate prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr. Chairman called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

Mr. Kenneth Stroman advised he would like to revisit the naming of the Golf Course of which he was not in favor of the recommended name by Mr. Verd Odom at the previous meeting. He would like to revisit and discuss it again after the executive session.

**Motion made by Mr. Kenneth Stroman, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to amend the agenda and add as item 1 B – Discussion of the Name of the Golf Course. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK TO COUNCIL SEARCH.

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Jason Steen, to enter Executive Session for the discussion for Economic Development Matters. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Dr. Damien Johnson joined the meeting while Council was in executive session.

**Motion made by Dr. Damien Johnson, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

DISCUSSION OF THE NAME FOR GOLF COURSE

Mr. Stroman said he would like to rediscuss the naming of the golf course as Mr. Odom suggested. He said in the spirit of cohesiveness and getting something done on the board, he would like to change his vote on the naming of the golf course. He said he was in the negative for the name change to “Marlboro County Golf and Recreational Complex”. He would like to change his vote.

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman to change the name of the Marlboro County Country Club to Marlboro County Golf and Recreational Complex.**

Before the vote could be taken, Ms. Pearly Lawson asked to be recognized. She said she had not come prepared to bring this up. She was not against it. She advised she had gone on some web sites for SC, NC, and GA and saw where they discussed golf courses, aquatics, restaurants, tennis courts, basketball courts, etc. She was going to provide some of that information to fellow council members. She said she was going to be a team player for the good of the group. Ms. Lawson said she liked the name Marlboro County Pines. Mr. Anthony Woods said he also wanted to go on record to make sure the public knew that the golf course was already an established venue. He wanted them to know that they as council members will continue to strive to push the recreation level and the recreation facility like they verbally initiated in the beginning. They do not need to put it on the back burner, need to move forward. He wanted it to be in full blast by next summer. Dr. Damien Johnson said he would like to restate his objections because he honestly felt like they had lied to the general public about their intentions for the use of the free money. It was not supposed to be used for golf. That was his only objections. Mr. Verd Odom said that from the initial start they had agreed that it would be a center piece or cornerstone for which a recreation complex would be built around. He said he and he didn't think any other council member had lied to the people of the county. They had always said it would be a cornerstone to include the splash pad and other recreational activities. Nothing had been removed from the project.

After further discussion Chairman Midgely asked Mr. Odom to restate his motion.

**Motion made by Mr. Verd Odom, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Stroman to change the name of the Marlboro County Country Club to Marlboro County Golf and Recreational Complex. Vote in favor: Mr. Anthony Woods, Mr. Kenneth Stroman, Mr. Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Mr. Jason Steen, Mr. Steve Blackmon, and Mr. Verd Odom. Opposed: Ms. Pearly Lawson and Dr. Damien Johnson. Vote: 6/2/0. Motion Carried.**

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**Chairman Midgley stated the motion carried. The name of the Golf Course is “Marlboro County Golf and Recreational Complex”.**

ADJOURN

**Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



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Charles P. Midgley, Jr., Chairman  
Marlboro County Council



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Susan Rivers, Clerk  
Marlboro County Clerk

Adopted: June 13, 2023