

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Steve McKay, Jessica Fitzwater, Kai Hagen and Phil Dacey were present for the meeting. Council Member Jerry Donald arrived late as noted below.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

| Council Members                 | Aye | Nay | Absent/<br>Abstain/<br>Present |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| District 1 – Donald             |     |     | X                              |
| District 2 – McKay              | X   |     |                                |
| District 4 – Fitzwater          | X   |     |                                |
| District 5 – Blue               | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Dacey                | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Hagen                | X   |     |                                |
| Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer | X   |     |                                |

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Ed Burrell

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- J-20-079 – Parks and Recreation Division
- J-20-084 – Interagency Information Technologies Division
- J-20-085 – Fire and Rescue Services Division
- J-20-090 – Office for Children and Families, Citizens Services Division
- J-20-092 – Frederick County Public Libraries

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the budget adjustments, as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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|---------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| District 1 – Donald             |     |     | X                              |
| District 2 – McKay              | X   |     |                                |
| District 4 – Fitzwater          | X   |     |                                |
| District 5 – Blue               | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Dacey                | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Hagen                | X   |     |                                |
| Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer | X   |     |                                |

**Approval of Minutes from September 24, October 1, and October 8, 2019**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from September 24, October 1, and October 8, 2019, as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

| Council Members                 | Aye | Nay | Absent/<br>Abstain/<br>Present |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| District 1 – Donald             |     |     | X                              |
| District 2 – McKay              | X   |     |                                |
| District 4 – Fitzwater          | X   |     |                                |
| District 5 – Blue               | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Dacey                | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Hagen                | X   |     |                                |
| Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer | X   |     |                                |

**SAFER Grant and FY2020 DFRS Salary Briefing**

Chief Administrative Officer Rick Harcum, Division of Fire and Rescue Services Division Interim Chief Tom Coe, and Budget Director Kelly Weaver presented the SAFER Grant and discussed DFRS salary enhancements to the council.

Council Member Donald arrived at 5:45 pm.

**First Reading Calendar:**

**Revisions to the Retiree Benefit Trust of Frederick County, Maryland – Change in Composition of Investment Committee Bill**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer introduced legislation and briefed the Council on a proposed bill to replace the former representative for the Frederick County Public Schools and to allow the finance office to have a representative as opposed to the Director of Finance.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue.

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**Third Reading Calendar:**

**Bill No. 19-13 Repeal of Certain Provisions of Frederick County Personnel Rules Pertaining to County Council Employees – Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Repeal of Certain Provisions of Frederick County Personnel Rules Pertaining to County Council Employees as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

| Council Members                 | Aye | Nay | Absent/<br>Abstain/<br>Present |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| District 1 – Donald             | X   |     |                                |
| District 2 – McKay              | X   |     |                                |
| District 4 – Fitzwater          | X   |     |                                |
| District 5 – Blue               | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Dacey                | X   |     |                                |
| At-large – Hagen                | X   |     |                                |
| Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer | X   |     |                                |

(A copy of the adopted/enacted bill can be obtained from the County's website, [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov))

Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council