

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

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

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, County Attorney; Catherine Keller, 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. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and it is a legislative day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is continuing to conduct our meetings on-line during this time and it seems this may be the way we will be holding our meetings for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings are televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV, and while we are meeting virtually, we will continue to use our software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at: (Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov), or by calling our office line (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our virtual format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to our meetings live and to give public comment. I will be giving instructions for how to give public comment before each portion of our meeting when public comment will be received. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions in a round robin type fashion, calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as often as necessary until all questions are heard.

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To begin our meeting, I will start with a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Just respond with “here”. Again, going in alphabetical order: CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. A quorum having been established, we will begin our meeting.

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

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-105 – Sheriff’s Office
- J-21-112 – Frederick County Developmental Center, Health Services Division
- J-21-117 – Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Management Division
- J-21-118 – Fire and Rescue Services Division
- Board of Education Current Expense Fund Amendment #1-21
- J-21-131 – Office of the County Executive

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-105, J-21-112, J-21-117, J-21-118, Board of Education Expense Fund Amendment #1-21, and J-21-131 as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		

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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 October 20, and October 27, 2020.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from October 20, and October 27, 2020 as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive’s Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Local Management Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Ralph Hertges, Sister Martha Beaudoin, and Ann Ryan to the Local Management Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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		

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Parks and Recreation Commission

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Viktor Kraenbring, Dr. Howard Looney and Mary Jo Richmond to the Parks and Recreation Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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		

Senior Services Advisory Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Sally Livingston, Barbara Angleberger and Penny Van Rens to the Senior Services Advisory Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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		

Transportation Services Advisory Council

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Carole Sepe to the Transportation Services Advisory Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		

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District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Action on Council Assignments to Boards and Commissions

Council Member Fitzwater asked for the Council's unanimous consent for her to serve as the Council representative to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council when the County Executive makes her appointments to that body. Without objection this was agreed upon.

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Council Assignments to Boards and Commissions as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ 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		

Workshop on The City of Frederick Annexation - Lupcho Property

Kim Brandt, Director of the Livable Frederick Planning Office, and John Dimitriou, Principal Planner II, Planning and Permitting Division, presented information to the Council on the City of Frederick Annexation – Lupcho Property.

First Reading Calendar

Frederick County Personnel Rules

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater presented information to the council on the Proposed Bill - Frederick County Personnel Rules

Third Reading Calendar

Amended Bill 20-16 Use of the School Construction Fee Option in Certain Circumstances to Encourage Completion of Construction of that Development

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Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Bill 20-16 Use of the School Construction Fee Option in Certain Circumstances to Encourage Completion of Construction of that Development as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 3– Keegan -Ayer	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Danny Farrah
- Mary Posey
- Monica Stuckey
- Brett Hess
- Danny Kolon

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council