

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 15, 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; 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, December 15, 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:

- Yewande Oladeinde
- Ed Burrell
- Mary Ann Ford

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-144 – Frederick County Developmental Center, Health Services Division
- J-21-145 – Workforce Services, Office of Economic Development
- J-21-146 – Family Partnership, Citizens Services Division
- J-21-147 – State’s Attorney’s Office
- J-21-149 – Family Partnership, Citizens Services Division
- J-21-150 – Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources, Office of the County Executive

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-144, J-21-145, J-21-146, J-21-147, J-21-149, and J-21-150 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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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		

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Melanie Thom, Accounting Director, Finance Division, Lori Depies, Division Director, Finance Division, Christopher Lehman, Partner, SB & Company LLC, Bill Seymour, Partner, Public Sector Practice Leader, SB & Company LLC, provided information to the Council on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Public Hearing on Petition to Open-Close-Alter English Muffin Court

Robert Shen, Department Head, Department of Engineering & Construction Management (DECM), Division of Public Works (DPW); David Olney, Engineering Supervisor, and Thomas Washington, Project Manager, Traffic & Permit Section, DECM, DPW provided information to the Council on the Petition to Open-Close-Alter English Muffin Court.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the Petition to Open and Alter English Muffin Court and approve the attached Ordinance as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue 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		
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First Reading Calendar

Immigrant Affairs Commission

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater presented information to the council on the Proposed Bill - Immigrant Affairs Commission.

Sign Modification in PUD and MDX

Council Member Kai Hagen presented information to the council on the Proposed Bill – Sign Modification in PUD and MDX.

Third Reading Calendar

Bill 20-17 Frederick County Personnel Rules

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Bill 20-17 Frederick County Personnel Rules as presented. Council Member Michael Blue 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		

Vote Confirmation of Bill No. 20-16 - Use of the School Construction Fee Option

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the previous adoption of 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		

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District 3– Keegan -Ayer	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Akiyya Billups
- Flor Garay
- Ivania Amador
- Jane Tamagna
- Jazmin Di'Cola

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council