

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the 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 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		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-276 – Housing & Community Development, Citizens Services Division
- J-21-277 – Transit Services Division
- J-21-285 – Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Division Division

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- J-21-286 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-21-287 – Emergency Communications, Emergency Management Division
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Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-276, J-21-277, J-21-285, J-21-286, J-21-287, J-21-288, and J-21-289 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		

Approval of Minutes from April 20, and April 27, 2021.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from April 20, and April 27, 2021. 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		
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.

Commission for Women

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Lindsay Burdette to the

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Commission for Women to terms 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		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Commission on Disabilities

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Karen Duffy and Mark Swift to the Commission on Disabilities 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		

Third Reading Calendar

Bill 21-04 – Pedestrians Rides or Businesses

Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve Bill 21-04 – Pedestrians Rides or Businesses as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that failed 3-4.

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	

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At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan -Ayer		X	

At 6:03 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue

Bill 21-05 – Revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan and the Adoption of the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Bill 21-05 – Revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan and the Adoption of the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan 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 3 – Keegan -Ayer	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		

At 6:14 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Budget Amendments

No Budget Amendments have been brought forth at this time.

Council took a break from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

FY 2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate

Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office, presented an overview of the FY2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate to the Council and public.

Public Comment was heard from:

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- None

To Consider Bill No. 21-06 – Small Business Advisory Commission

Council Member Phil Dacey provided information to the Council and public on Bill No. 21-06 – Small Business Advisory Commission.

Office of Economic Development Director Helen Propheeter presented an overview on the Office's efforts on behalf of businesses in Frederick County

Public Comment was heard from:

- Robert Farrar
- Keith Barnes

To Consider Bill No. 21-07 – Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit

Council Members Steven McKay, Jessica Fitzwater, Kai Hagen and Council Vice President Michael Blue provided information to the Council and public on Bill No. 21-07 – Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

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- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council