

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 16, 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, County Council Chief of Staff; 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.

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, November 16, 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-22-112 – Housing & Community Development, Citizens Services Division
- J-22-113 – Drug Court, Circuit Court
- J-22-115 – State’s Attorney’s Office

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- J-22-117 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-22-119 – Transit Services Division
- J-22-120 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-22-121 – Accounting, Finance Division and Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-03
- J-22-122 – Accounting, Finance Division and Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-04
- J-22-123 – Office for Children & Families, Citizens Services Division

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-112, J-22-113, J-22-115, J-22-117, J-22-119, J-22-120, J-22-121 and Board of Education School Construction Budget Amendment #22-03, J-22-122 and Board of Education School Construction Budget Amendment #22-04 , and J-22-123 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay 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 November 2, and November 9, 2021.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from November 2, and November 9, 2021, as presented. Council Member Steve McKay 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		

Request Approval of Transit Service's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update

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Roman Steichen, Director, Transit Services Division, briefed the Council on the Transit Service's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Transit's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan update. Council Member Steve McKay 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		

Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Henry Brandenburg House (CR #21-04)

Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Counsel on the Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Henry Brandenburg House (CR #21-04).

Public Comment:

- None

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the application to list the Henry Brandenburg House property (CR# 21-04) on the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. 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		
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Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Adam Koogle House (CR #21-05)

Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Counsel on the Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Adam Koogle House (CR #21-05).

Public Comment:

- None

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the application to list the Adam Koogle House (CR #21-05) on the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. 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

Amended Bill 21-09 – Electric Vehicles

Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve Amended Bill 21-09 – Electric Vehicles as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 5-2.

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		

Bill 21-11 – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit

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Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve Bill 21-11 – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion.

Council Member Phil Dacey moved to approve Amendment 1 on Bill 21-11 – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that failed 2-5.

AMENDMENT 1 on Bill No. 21-11

Introduced By: Council Member Phil Dacey (At-Large)
Introduction Date: October 19, 2021
Adopted/~~Rejected~~/Withdrawn: _____

An ACT to Amend Frederick County Code Section 1-8-61 – Property Tax Credit, to grant a \$175.00 County real property tax credit to homeowners on their owner-occupied property.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1-8-61. PROPERTY TAX CREDIT.

(B) This real property tax credit is available only to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner as defined in Maryland Code Annotated, Tax Property Article, § 9-105 [~~with a property assessment on the July 1, 2021, real estate taxes and fees bill of \$328,512 or less as reduced by the amount of any assessment on which a property tax credit is granted under Md. Code Ann., Tax Property Article, § 9-105~~].

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

The Council then returned to the original motion made by Council Member Michael Blue to approve Bill 21-11 – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit as presented and

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was seconded by Council Member Steve McKay that passed 6-1.

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:

- Mary Posey

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council

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