

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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, March 15, 2022 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:**

- Matt Seubert

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #2-22

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment Board of*

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*Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #2-22 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 March 8, 2022.**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from March 8, 2022, 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		

**Grant Application - FY 23 Resolution and Grant Summary Form**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the Grant Application – FY 23 Resolution and Grant Summary Form as presented by staff. 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		

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**Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant – Homeless Services**

Susan Brown, Director, Department of Housing & Community Development, Citizens Services Division presented information to the Council on the Community Development Block Grant – Homeless Services.

Public Comment:

- None

**Public Hearing on FY 2022 Installment Purchase Program (IPP) Applications**

Anne Bradley, Administrator, Land Preservation Program, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the FY 2022 Installment Purchase Program (IPP) Applications.

Public Comment:

- None

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the FY 2022 Installment Purchase Program (IPP) Applications #22-01 - #22-24. 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		

**First Reading Calendar:**

At 6:15 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue

**Revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan (Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment) – Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan (Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment) – Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment.

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**Revisions to the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan (Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment) – Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Revisions to the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan (Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment) – Ad Hoc Cost of Living Adjustment.

**Establish a Police Accountability Board**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Establish a Police Accountability Board.

**Third Reading Calendar:**

**Amended Bill No. 22-01 – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Charging Electric Vehicles in Certain New Residential Structures**

*Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Amended Bill No. 22-01 – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Charging Electric Vehicles in Certain New Residential Structures. Council Member Jerry Donald 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 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		

**Bill No. 22-05 – Amending Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use**

*Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Bill No. 22-05 – Amending Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use. 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		

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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		

**Bill No. 22-06 – Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings**

*Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Bill No. 22-06 – Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings. 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 6:46 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Carol Antoniewicz
- Malika Diesa Gianna
- Mary Astudillo
- Maria Dennis

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council