

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

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

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.

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, April 26, 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 Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Member Phil Dacey was absent.

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:

Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2022.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022, as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Member Phil Dacey was absent.

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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		

Sugarloaf Area Plan Discussion

Tim Goodfellow, Environmental Planner, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division and Kimberly Golden Brandt, Livable Frederick Director, provided information to the Council on the Sugarloaf Area Plan.

Third Reading Calendar

At 5:56 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue.

Amended Bill No. 22-09 – Establish a Police Accountability Board

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Amended Bill No. 22-09 – Establish a Police Accountability Board. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Amendment 7 on Bill No. 22-09 – Establish a Police Accountability Board. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1. Council Member Phil Dacey was absent.

AMENDMENT 7 on Bill No. 22-09

Introduced By: Council President Keegan-Ayer (District 3)
Introduction Date: April 26, 2022
Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn: _____

An ACT establish a Police Accountability Board and an Administrative Charging Committee; setting forth the qualifications for members and method of appointment; setting forth the process for selection of the board chairperson; providing for a process to receive certain complaints alleging police misconduct; setting forth the duties of the Board; defining certain terms; providing for the requirement to submit financial disclosure statements; providing for the staggering of initial appointments to the Board;

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providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to police accountability in Frederick County.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

§1-2-702. COMPOSITION.

(F) Of the initial appointees to the Board, 3 appointees shall have a term of 1 year, [3] 4 appointees shall have a term of 2 years, and [3] 4 appointees, one of which shall be the chairperson, shall have a term of 3 years. Members may be reappointed, but may not serve more than 2 full consecutive 3-year terms.

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		

Council Member Phil Dacey arrived at the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

The Council then returned to the original motion made by Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve Amended Bill No. 22-09 – Establish a Police Accountability Board which also incorporated adopted Amendment 7 which was not a substantive amendment requiring another public hearing. 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 6:05 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

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Workshop on Amend the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance

Council Members Steve McKay and Kai Hagen provided information to the Council on Amending the Adequate Facilities Ordinance.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Chaz Packan

With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council