

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 20, 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.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Lee Redmond, Executive Assistant, County Council; Sarah Grabowski, Executive Assistant, County Council; 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, September 20, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President M.C. 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 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

With no additional speakers, Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

**Business Items:**

**Approval of Minutes from August 22, August 23, August 30, and September 6, 2022.**

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*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the minutes from August 22, August 23, and August 30, 2022 as presented, and September 6 with one amendment on page 4 to change Agricultural Preservation to Human Relations Commission. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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		

**Budget Adjustments:**

- J-23-054 – Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Division
- J-23-058 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-23-059 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-23-061 – Transit Services Division
- J-23-062 – Office of Economic Development
- J-23-067 – Frederick County Developmental Center, Health Services Division
- J-23-068 – Frederick County Public Libraries

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-23-054 – Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Division, J-23-058 – Frederick County Public Libraries, J-23-059 – Frederick County Public Libraries, J-23-061 – Transit Services Division, J-23-062 – Office of Economic Development, J-23-067 – Frederick County Developmental Center, Health Services Division, and J-23-068 – Frederick County Public Libraries. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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		
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**Approval of Council Initiatives to Be Added to the 2023 Legislative Package**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to include a proposed Bill to increase the Marriage License fee by \$10 in Frederick County in the 2023 Legislative Package. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion which passed 6-0-1.*

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		

**Sugarloaf Extension Resolution**

*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the Resolution to Extend the 90 Day Deadline for the Council to Approve, Modify, Remand, or Disapprove the recommendation of the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Management Plan according to the Resolution as attached. Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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 Hearing:**

**Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places**

**Carty-Miller House (CR #22-03)**

Kimberly Brandt, Director of Planning, Livable Frederick, Planning and Permitting Division; and Beau Lockard, Historic Preservation Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division, requested the Council approve the application of the Carty-Miller House (CR#22-03) to be added to the County Register of Historic Places.

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**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

With no additional speakers, Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer closed public comment

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to add the Carty-Miller House (CR#22-03) to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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		

**Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places**

**Collier's Log House (CR #22-04)**

Kimberly Brandt, Director of Planning, Livable Frederick, Planning and Permitting Division; and Beau Lockard, Historic Preservation Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division requested the Council approve the application of the Collier's Log House (CR#22-04) to be added to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

With no additional speakers, Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to add the Collier Log House CR#22-04 to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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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:**

**Impact Fee Exemption for Relocating a Home Bill**

Council Member Steve McKay introduced a Proposed Bill to Amend the Development Impact Fee Ordinance to exempt an existing dwelling unit that is relocated from a lot in Frederick County to another lot in Frederick County if certain conditions are met.

**Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) Proposal to Amend Chapter 1-6A**

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater introduced a Proposed Bill to Amend Chapter 1-6A regarding Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs).

**Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) Proposal to Amend Chapter 1-19**

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater introduced a Proposed Bill to Amend Chapter 1-19 regarding Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs).

**Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) Proposal to Amend Chapter 1-22**

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater introduced a Proposed Bill to Amend Chapter 1-22 regarding Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs).

At 6:10 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue.

**Third Reading Calendar**

**Bill No. 22-15 - Amendment to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan – Additional Plan Committee Member**

*Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved Bill No. 22-15 - Amendment to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan – Additional Plan Committee Member. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

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District 1 – Donald	X		
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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey			X
At-large – Hagen	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Bill No. 22-16 - Amendment to the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Additional Plan Committee Member**

*Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved Bill No. 22-16 - Amendment to the Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Additional Plan Committee Member. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
Presiding Officer – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey			X
At-large – Hagen	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		

At 6:13 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

With no additional speakers, Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

**FINAL**

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
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