

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

Council Members Mason Carter, Jerry Donald, Kavonte Duckett, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Renee Knapp, Steve McKay, and Brad Young were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council; and Abby Boroughs, Administrative Assistant, County Council.

Council President Brad Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Opening Statement from Council President Brad Young**

Council President Brad Young provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcome to the Legislative Day for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. Council President Brad Young asked staff to call role and a quorum was established.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 05/23/2023 as presented. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

**Public Comment**

Public Comment was heard from:

- Katelyn Wade
- Vladimir Tolskiy
- Melissa Dirks
- Sharon Eburg
- Jennifer Cooper

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

**Budget Adjustments**

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*Council Member M.C. Steve McKay moved to approve the following budget adjustments:*

- Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #23-07 and J-23-293 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-23-297 – Interagency Information Technologies Division
- J-23-298 – Emergency Communications, Emergency Management Division

*Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

**Windridge Rezoning Case No. R-22-03 Denial Resolution for Signature Purposes**

*The Council Members signed the Windridge Rezoning Case No. R-22-03 Denial Resolution.*

**Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2024 – Emergency Rehabilitation Program**

Susan Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division was present to answer any Council questions.

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Division of Citizen Services, Department of Housing and Community Development to submit the application for up to \$200,000 and if awarded to fund single family housing rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income homeowners in Frederick County. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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District 4– Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

**Third Reading Calendar:**

a) Bill 23-08 - FEMA and MDE Directed Update on the Zoning Ordinance Flood Plain Provisions Bill

Council President Brad Young passed the gavel in order to make a motion.

*Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 23-08 FEMA & MDE Directed Update on the Zoning Ordinance Flood Plain Provisions. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/Abstain/Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4– Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Council President Brad Young reclaimed the gavel in order to preside.

**Public Hearing on Income Tax Ordinance**

Erin White, Director, Finance Division was present to answer any Council questions.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Dawn Lynch
- Richard Kaplowitz
- Annette Breiling
- Lily Bourgstein
- Eli Dawes
- MaryAnn Ford

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to adopt the Income Tax Ordinance as presented. Council Member Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion.*

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Proposed Amendment 3 – Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve proposed amendment 3. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 5-2.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald		X	
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett		X	
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

***Break at 6:25 p.m.***

***Reconvened at 7:00 p.m.***

Council President Brad Young asked staff to call the roll after the break and a quorum was established.

**Second Reading Calendar:**

- a) Bill 23-09 - Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Loan Program – Council Member Renee Knapp

Public comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

- b) Bill 23-10 - Establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission – Council Member Jerry Donald

Public comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

- c) Bill 23-11 - Parking Restrictions on County Roads – Council President Brad Young

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Public comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

d) Bill 23-12 - Admissions and Amusement Tax – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

Public comment was heard from:

- Doug Schweinhart
- Ashley Schweinhart
- Bobby Fiandra
- Eric Allen
- Lisa Gaver
- Tom Barse
- Amanda Rhineclar
- Robert Black
- Denny Remsburg
- John Williams
- MaryJane Roop
- Doug Murdoch
- Murryl Mayne
- Patti Higiman
- Natasha Valencia

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

e) Bill 23-13 - Arts and Entertainment Property Tax – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

Public comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

**Public Comment**

Public Comment was heard from:

- Mike Morse
- Yewande Oladeinde

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

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**Council Member Comments**

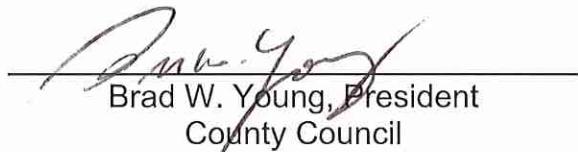
Council Member comments were provided.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – Legislative Day
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Legislative Day

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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Brad W. Young, President  
County Council