

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 2, 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 2, 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 05/02/2023 as presented. 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		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Vladimir Toltskiy

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

Budget Adjustments

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the following budget adjustments:

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- J-23-264 – Circuit Court
- J-23-265 – Parks & Recreation Division
- J-23-266 – Transit Services Division
- J-23-271 – Parks & Recreation Division

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 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4– Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Presentation

County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, President and Michael Sanderson, Executive Director briefed the Council on the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Presentation.

First Reading Calendar:

- a) Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Loan Program – Council Member Renee Knapp on behalf of the County Executive

Council Member Renee Knapp introduced the bill titled Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Loan Program. The bill will update the Commercial Clean Energy Loan Program.

- b) Establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission – Council Member Jerry Donald on behalf of the County Executive

Council Member Jerry Donald introduced the bill titled Establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. The bill will establish a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

- c) Parking Restrictions on County Roads – Council President Brad Young on behalf of the County Executive

Council President Brad Young introduced the bill titled Parking Restrictions on County Roads. The bill will amend the parking restrictions on county roads, including clarifying

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the definition of a restricted vehicle and clarifying parking regulations for trailers on public rights-of-way.

- d) Admissions and Amusement Tax – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett on behalf of the County Executive

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett introduced the bill titled Admissions and Amusement Tax. The bill will repeal the Admissions and Amusement Tax.

- e) Arts and Entertainment Property Tax - Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett introduced the bill titled Arts and Entertainment Property Tax. The bill will update the Arts and Entertainment Property Tax Credit expiration date.

Windridge GI Rezoning Case #R-22-03

Council Member Steve McKay moved to deny the Rezoning of the Windridge Property (R-22-03) from Agricultural to General Industrial. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett opposed.

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		

Third Reading Calendar:

- a) Amended Bill 23-03 - Amend Senior Citizens Local Supplement to Homeowners Property Tax Credit – Council Member Steve McKay

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Amended Bill 23-03 – Amend Senior Citizens Local Supplement to Homeowners Property Tax. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present

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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		

b) Amended Bill 23-04 - Amend Elderly Individuals Uniformed Service Members Property Tax – Council Member Steve McKay

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Amended Bill 23-04 – Amend Elderly Individuals Uniformed Service Members Property Tax. Council Member Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald opposed.

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 6:30 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.

Public Hearing – Frederick County Tax Rate

Kelly Weaver, Budget Director briefed the Council on the Frederick County Tax Rate.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Ed Schoder
- Brent Simmons
- John Kasang

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

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Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Peter Friedrich
- Brent Simmons

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

Council Member Comments

Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – Budget Workshop
- Thursday, May 4, 2023 – Budget Workshop
- Friday, May 5, 2023 – Budget Workshop
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Workshop
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council

