

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 6, 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, June 6, 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 06/06/2023 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:

- Steve Black
- Steve Poteat

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the minutes from 5/16 and 5/23, 2023 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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

Budget Adjustments

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

- J-23-303 – Housing & Community Development, Citizens Services Division
- J-23-305 – Child Advocacy Center, Citizens Services Division
- J-23-307 – Debt & Benefit Trust Management, Finance Division
- J-23-308 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- J-23-309 – State's Attorney's Office
- J-23-315 – Climate & Energy, Energy & Environment Division

Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett abstaining.

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		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Michael Hatfield to the Affordable Housing Council to terms as described by staff. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Mason Carter abstaining.

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

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Andrew Toms, Esquire to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board to terms as described by staff. 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 Member M.C Keegan-Ayer moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Robert Black and Gary Grossnickle to the Agriculture Business Council to terms as described 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 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Todd Johnson to the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board to terms as described by staff. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0..

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

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Maurice "Mick" O'Leary to the Public Library Board to terms as described by staff. 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 Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of David Drezner and Christopher Kimberly to the Social Services Advisory Board to terms as described by staff. 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 Member Kavonté Duckett moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Dr. Kristine Pearl to the Workforce Development Board to terms as described by staff. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Third Reading Calendar:

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

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve Bill 23-09. 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		

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

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Bill 23-10. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Mason Carter opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
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District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
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Council President Brad Young passed the gavel in order to make a motion.

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

Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 23-11. 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.

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

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett moved to approve Bill 23-12. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 5-2, with Council Members Mason Carter and Steve McKay 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		

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

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett moved to approve Bill 23-13. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

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

Council Member Comments

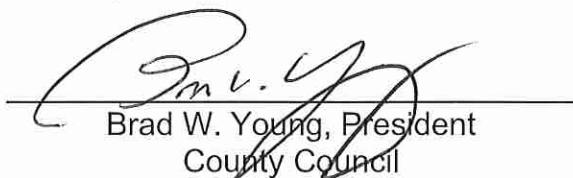
Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – Workshop
- Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council

