

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 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, November 21, 2023, and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

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

Council President Brad Young asked staff to call role and a quorum was established.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 11/21/2023 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

| 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 | | |

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Vladimir Tolskiy

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the minutes from 11/07 & 11/14, 2023 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-

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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 | | |

Confirmation of the County Executive's Appointments to Frederick County Boards and Commissions – Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Office, Office of the County Executive

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Zohreh Rezazadeh to the Commission for Women to terms as described by staff. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

| 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 | | |

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Kristen Dunn to the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council 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 |
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| District 1 – Donald | X | | |
| District 2 – McKay | X | | |
| District 3 – Keegan-Ayer | X | | |
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Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Bharat Deolekar, Mizanur Rahman, Officer Nicholas Aylward, Dr. Ben Chepkoit, Claudia Hernandez, Hubert Azane, Calvin Fisher, Cody Rosenbarker, Ishaan Srivastava, and Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett to the Immigrant Affairs Commission 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 |
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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 | | |

Public Hearing on Out-of-Sequence (Fall 2023) Water and Sewerage Plan

Amendment - Karin Flom, Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Division of Planning and Permitting

WS-23-01 – Charlyn, LLC (Calumet/Cline Farm)

Karin Flom briefed the Council on WS-23-01 – Charlyn, LLC (Calumet/Cline Farm).

Cross examination was asked by Brent Simmons.

On behalf of the applicant, Soo Lee-Cho presented the case and answered any Council questions.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brent Simmons

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

Council Member Steve McKay moved to postpone the decision of Case WS-23-01 until December 5, 2023, in order to obtain additional documents related to the application. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

| Council Members | Aye | Nay | Absent/ Abstain/ Present |
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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 | | |

WS-23-02 – Justron, LLC (Calumet/Smith Farm)

Council Member Steve McKay moved to postpone the public hearing and the decision of Case WS-23-02 until December 5, 2023, in order to obtain additional documents related to the application. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

| 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 | | |

First Reading Calendar:

a) Amendment to Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Deferred Retirement Option Program - Council President Brad Young on behalf of County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Council President Brad Young introduced the bill titled Amendment to Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Deferred Retirement Option Program.

b) Amendment to Frederick County Employee Retirement Plan – Vesting Schedule - Council President Brad Young on behalf of County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Council President Brad Young introduced the bill titled Amendment to Frederick County Employee Retirement Plan – Vesting Schedule.

Third Reading Calendar:

a) Bill 23-20 - Limited Landscape Contractor Parking and Storage in the A District – Council Member Steve McKay

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Bill 23-20 – Limited Landscape

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Contractor Parking and Storage in the A District. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 5-2, with Council Members Jerry Donald and M.C. Keegan-Ayer opposed.

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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 | | |

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

b) Bill 23-21 - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code, Zoning Ordinance - Add Cannabis Dispensary, Cannabis Growing Facility, and Cannabis Processing Facility - Council President Brad Young on behalf of County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 23-21 - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code, Zoning Ordinance - Add Cannabis Dispensary, Cannabis Growing Facility, and Cannabis Processing Facility. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

| 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 | | |

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

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brent Simmons

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

Council Member Comments

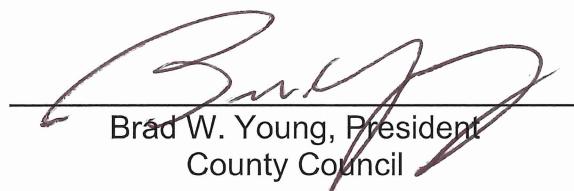
Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, November 28, 2023 – Workshop
- Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council