

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

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

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; 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, October 1, 2024, 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 10/01/2024 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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:

- Tena O’Rear
- Grady O’Rear
- Zoe Dell
- Eric Musa
- Annette Breiling

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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 09/07 & 09/24, 2024 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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		

Budget Adjustments – Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the following budget adjustments:

- **J-25-075** – Livable Frederick Design & Planning Office, Division of Planning & Permitting
- **J-25-086** – Sheriff's Office
- **J-25-089** – Frederick County Developmental Center, Division of Health Services
- **J-25-090** – Division of Housing
- **J-25-093** – Broadband & Enterprise Projects, Division of Interagency Information Technologies

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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		

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

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Eric Anderson, Gary Bennet, Hugh Gordon, Terez Dorsey, and Joyce Kwamena- Poh to the Affordable Housing Council to terms as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Kelly Spore to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to a term as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Melissa Atherholt and Tawanda Bailey to the Commission for Women to terms as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald			X
District 2 – McKay	X		

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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 Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Maragret (Peggy) Vaughn to the Ethics Commission to terms as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Lt. Cassie Goodman to the Fire and Rescue Advisory Board to a term as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Jack Lynch, Kelley Berliner, Virginia Crum, W. Peter Pearre, and Grace Schofield to the Historic Preservation Commission to terms as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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

Action on the Extension of Ordinance 22-06-006 (Pandemic Ordinance) – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young moved to approve the extension of Ordinance 22-06-006 (Pandemic Ordinance). Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 4-2-1, with Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer and Steve McKay opposed, and Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 over the remainder of the meeting.

Public Hearing - Petition to Open, Close, Alter Mt. Phillip Road - David Olney, Supervisor, Traffic and Permitting Section, and Maddy Dolan, Project Manager II, Department of Engineering and Construction Management, Division of Public Works

Jen Keefer, Deputy County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney reminded the public that the Council is going to be considering OCA (open/close/alter) petitions consistent with a quasi-judicial matter.

David Olney and Maddy Dolan briefed the Council on the Petition to Open, Close, Alter Mt. Phillip Road.

Eric Soter, Rogers Consulting, Inc.; spoke on behalf of the applicant.

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Cross Examination was heard from:

- Gary Brooks

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Cross Examination.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Gary Brooks

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

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the petition to alter Mt. Phillip Road with the exception that the work be conducted consecutively with the Butterfly Lane extension and new traffic signal constructed and open to traffic before alteration of Mt. Phillip Road at the intersection with Alt. 40 begins. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Hearing - Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places - Judge William J. Stoner Farmhouse (CR #23-05) - Beau Lockard, Historic Preservation Principal Planner II, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Division of Planning & Permitting

Beau Lockard briefed the Council on the Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places - Judge William J. Stoner Farmhouse (CR #23-05).

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

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

Council Member Mason Carter moved to approve the Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places - Judge William J. Stoner Farmhouse (CR #23-05) based on the following criteria: the property is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society; the property exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political, or

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historic heritage of the County and its communities; the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or architecture. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Jerry Donald absent.

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 Hearing on Council Initiatives to the 2025 Legislative Package – Council President Brad Young

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

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

First Reading Calendar:

- a) Restricting the Payment in Lieu Option for Moderately Priced Dwelling Units - Council Member Steve McKay and Council Member Mason Carter

Council Members Steve McKay and Mason Carter introduced a bill titled Restricting the Payment in Lieu Option for Moderately Priced Dwelling Units.

Third Reading Calendar:

- a) Bill 24-12 - Growth Moratorium Bill – Council Member Steve McKay

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Bill 24-12 – Growth Moratorium Bill. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that failed 1-5-1, with Council Members Mason Carter, Kavonté Duckett, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Renee Knapp, and Brad Young opposed, and Jerry Donald absent.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald			X

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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:

- Roberta Huber
- Ed Wormald
- Levi Trumble
- Mary Posey

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

Council Member Comments

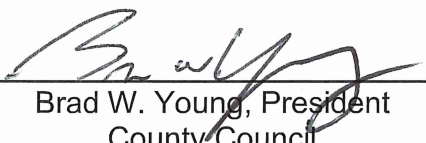
Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – Workshop
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.


 Brad W. Young, President
 County Council