

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

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, Chief of Staff, County Council; Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council; Abby Boroughs, Administrative Specialist, County Council; and Sydnee Klimko, Senior Legislative Analyst, 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, January 6, 2026, 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 roll and a quorum was established.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 01/06/2026 with the following addendum: to add general public comment and Council Member comments to the end of the agenda. 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:

- Paul Gilligan

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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*Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the minutes from 12/16, 12/17, & 12/23, 2025 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		

**Budget Adjustment(s)** – Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office

*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the following budget adjustment:*

- J-26-193 – Family Partnership, Division of Family Services

*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		

**Proposed Resolution - Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area Amendment** -  
Shannon O'Neil, Land Preservation Program Administrator – Office of Agriculture

Shannon O'Neil briefed the Council on Proposed Resolution - Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area Amendment.

**First Reading Calendar:**

- a) Amendments to the New Jobs Tax Credit – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Amendments to the New

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Jobs Tax Credit.

- b) Revised Animal Control Definitions and Licensing – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Revised Animal Control Definitions and Licensing.

**Third Reading Calendar:**

- a) Bill 25-13 - Daycare Provider Tax Credit – Council Member Renee Knapp

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve Bill 25-13 – Daycare Provider Tax Credit. 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		

***Recess at:*** 5:46 p.m.

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

Council President Brad Young reestablished a quorum.

**Second Reading Calendar:**

- a) Bill 25-14 - Amendments to Ch 1-19 of the Frederick County Code to Update the Land Use Table – Council President Brad Young

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

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

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**Public Comment**

Public Comment was heard from:

- Mark Florimbio

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

**Council Member Comments**

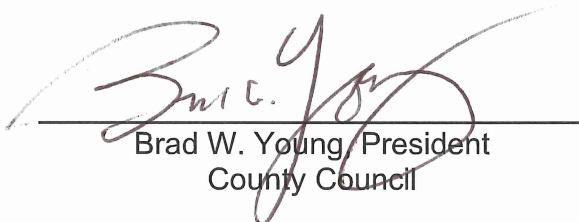
Council Member comments were provided.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President  
County Council