

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Sarah Grabowski, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Workshop for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

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

Finalization of Council Related Initiatives for 2022 Legislative Package

Council Members discussed the Final Presentation on the Frederick County Legislative Package. Council Members agreed, by show of hands, which of the four items to move forward for consideration by the County Executive for inclusion in the 2022 Frederick County Legislative Package.

1. Board of Education Vacancy Special Election. (Unanimous to move forward)
2. Position Statement – Requirements for Advertisement of Constant Yield Tax Rate. (6-1 to move forward, CM Dacey opposed)
3. Buildings Used for Agritourism. (Council Member Fitzwater moved to withdraw this item from moving forward, without objection it was removed from consideration)
4. Position Statement – Climate Solutions Now Act. (Postponed, will be decided at the October 5th meeting)

Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, and Lori Depies, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, County Executive's Office, provided information to the Council on the Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit.

Budget Journal and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Establish a New Capital Project

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, County Executive's Office, and Kelly

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Weaver, Budget Director, Budget Office, provided information to the Council on the Budget Journal and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Establish a New Capital Project.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council