

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, October 20, 2009, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John L. Thompson, Jr. Also in attendance were Barry Stanton, Assistant County Manager, and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Frederick County's Proposed 2010 Legislative Package – John Mathias, County Attorney

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the proposed 2010 Legislative Package.

Mr. Mathias presented the following proposed items:

1. Mandatory Beverage Container Deposit/Return System.
2. Beverage Container Excise Tax.
3. Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit "Economic Development" Takings.
4. To Require Open Session Negotiations for Certain Public Employees.
5. Repeal on Use of Roadways for Charitable Solicitations (Requested by the Career Firefighters Association of Frederick County, Inc.).
6. Count of Students Whose Lawful Presence Within the U.S. Cannot Be Reasonably Documented.
7. Revision to Inmate Fees for the Frederick County Adult Detention Center (Requested by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office).
8. Pay-As-You Throw for Trash Disposal.
9. Authorization to Implement Mandatory Recycling in Frederick County.
10. Reduced State Property Tax for Agricultural Land.
11. Increase in Liquor License Application Fees (Requested by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners).

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12. Request for Liquor License Application Processing Fee (Requested by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners).

Two (2) Position Statements:

1. The state school construction funding for Frederick County should exceed the state government economic assistance for foreign (out of state) business entities; and
2. The distribution of plastic bags should be banned in Frederick County.

Public comment was heard from:

- Austin McGuire – Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Wholesalers
- Ellen Valentino – Executive Vice-President, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Soft Drink Association
- Jeff Zellmer - Maryland Retailers Association
- Bruce Bereano – Safeway, Food and Drug, Inc.
- Gary Stouter
- Gary Brennen - Frederick County Teachers Association
- Paul Throne
- Maddie Stewart – Muscular Dystrophy Association
- John Neary – President, Career Fire Fighters Association of Frederick County, Maryland, Inc.
- Leo Escoto
- Mike Gasgow
- Gina Clark – Executive Director, Maryland Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Karen Yoho

There was no action taken on this item as it was for public comment only. It was noted a subsequent hearing regarding federal and statewide legislative measures would be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The Board would take final action on the 2010 legislative items during their meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary