

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, November 16, 2010, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President*. Present were Commissioners David Gray, *Vice President*; Kai Hagen, John L. Thompson, Jr. and Blaine Young. Also in attendance were Barry Stanton, County Manager and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

(Official minutes of the Board of County Commissioners' meetings are kept on file in the County Manager's Office; the meetings are also video recorded. Approved minutes are available on the county's website. To receive a copy of meetings recorded on videotape or DVD, please contact the Board of County Commissioners at 301-600-1100 or visit the county's website at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov.)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gardner noted the passing of Skip Lawrence, a longtime photographer for The Frederick News-Post.

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack 270, Den 2.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

To Discuss the Establishment of a Waiver of Impact Fees for Qualified Affordable Housing Programs – Jenny Short, Citizens Services Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the proposed ordinance to waive development impact fees for affordable housing.

Ms. Short presented the proposed ordinance.

Public comment was heard from:

- Reverend Sam Williams
- Ron Cramer
- Deborah Gilbert
- Steve Fox
- Mary Andes
- Sheila Gregg – Chair, Affordable Housing Council

John Mathias, County Attorney, commented on the effective date of the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Young moved to adopt the proposed ordinance to provide a development impact fee exemption for certain qualified affordable housing projects, and directed staff to take the necessary actions to implement the program, with an effective date of January 1, 2011. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 3-2 with Commissioners Gray and Thompson opposed.

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(A copy of the approved/adopted ordinance can be obtained in the County Manager's Office or from the county's website, www.FrederickCountyMD.gov.)

(Commissioner Thompson left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

Proposed Changes to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan ("Plan") – Fourteenth Amendment – Tracy Lobuts, Human Resources Division; Kate Hoffman, Mercer; and Mary Claire Cheshire, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, LLC

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the proposed revisions to the Plan.

Ms. Lobuts briefed the Board on the fourteenth amendment. Ms. Hoffman reviewed the revisions to the Plan.

Barry Stanton, County Manager, commented on the amendment.

Public comment was heard from:

- John Neery, President, Career Fire Fighters Association of Frederick County Maryland, Inc., Local #3666, International Association of Fire Fighters, and a member of the Retirement Plan Committee.

No action was taken by the Board as this public hearing was for the benefit to receive public comments. The Board will make a decision at their administrative business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

Proposed Changes to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan ("Plan") – Fifteenth Amendment – Tracy Lobuts, Human Resources Division and Mary Claire Cheshire, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, LLC

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on the proposed revisions to the Plan.

Ms. Lobuts briefed the Board on the fifteenth amendment. Ms. Cheshire reviewed the revisions to the Plan.

There were no public comments.

No action was taken by the Board as this public hearing was for the benefit to receive public comments. The Board will make a decision at their administrative business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary