

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday November 1, 2011, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Blaine Young, *President*. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve and Kirby Delauter. Also in attendance were Mr. Dave Dunn, County Manager and Ms. Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary. Commissioner David Gray arrived to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith noted he had attended a kick-off for the upcoming Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Futures Tour to be held at Musket Ridge Golf Course in the fall of 2012.

Commissioner Smith also noted he and Commissioner Young had recently attended a forum on the proposed PlanMaryland.

Commissioner Young thanked Commissioner Smith for working with Shannon Moore, Community Development Division, on developing a statement and creating a graph showing the impact to Frederick County of the proposed regulations relating to the PlanMaryland document.

Commissioner Young commented that Washington County had recently officially approved spending up to \$5,000 for the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition that is being formed.

Commissioner Young noted that Sheriff Chuck Jenkins joined with other sheriffs from around the country to inform lawmakers in Washington D.C. of severe local public safety problems due to the lack of unsecure borders. He also noted Sheriff Jenkins would be highlighted on Fox 45 TV on November 7.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

To Consider a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 1-8-51 of the Frederick County Code which Reallocates the Recordation Tax Revenues – Kelly Weaver, Finance Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on a proposal to reallocate the recordation tax revenues.

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Ms. Weaver presented an ordinance that would modify the current recordation tax ordinance by reducing the current allocation to the Agricultural Preservation Fund and the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund and redirecting the revenue to other uses.

Public comment was heard from:

- Barb Taylor, Chair, Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Charlotte Davis, Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the ordinance as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2012, and with a five (5) year sunset clause built into it. It was noted the ordinance would be brought back to the Thursday, November 3 Board meeting for final approval. Commissioner Delauter seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Gray absent.

To Consider a Proposed Ordinance to Decrease the Building Excise Tax Rate – Kelly Weaver, Finance Division

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on a revision to the building excise tax.

Ms. Weaver presented an ordinance to revise the building excise tax to reduce the amount of the tax to \$0.00 per gross square foot for residential and nonresidential construction.

Public comment was heard from:

- Jim Kelley

Commissioner Shreve moved to approve the proposed ordinance as presented with an effective date of November 2, 2011. Commissioner Delauter seconded the motion that passed 3-1 with Commissioner Smith opposed and Commissioner Gray absent.

(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.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS

- Kimberly Mellon
- Meredith Kelley
- Steve Cassis

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary