

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

A public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, February 21, 2012, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Blaine Young, *President*. Present were Commissioners C. Paul Smith, *Vice President*; Billy Shreve, David Gray and Kirby Delauter. Also in attendance were Mr. Dave Dunn, County Manager and Ms. 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 web page. 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 web page at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov)

NOTE: Copies of all staff reports are available in the OnBase system. If you need assistance with the OnBase system, please contact the recording secretary.

A video was shown regarding the Power Saver Challenge.

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

Power Saver Recognition

The Board recognized the Power Saver households in Frederick County.

The following elected officials participated in the Power Saver Challenge:

- Don Briggs, Mayor, Town of Emmitsburg
- Debby Burgoyne, Mayor, Town of Burkittsville
- Karin Tome, Councilman, Town of Brunswick
- Karen Young, Alderman, The City of Frederick

The following members of the Frederick County Sustainability Commissioner participated in the Power Saver Challenge:

- Mark Lancaster
- Margie Lance
- Rich Maranto

Commissioner Young recognized Ms. Shannon Moore and Ms. Lisa Orr, Community Development Division, for their hard work in organizing the Power Saver Challenge event.

Independent Hose Company Recognition

The Board recognized the Independent Hose Company for their effort in staffing their station with volunteers on a regular basis. Tom Owens, Fire and Rescue Services Division, introduced the members.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

To Consider a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapters 1-19, 1-20 and 1025 of the Frederick County Code to Allow Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) Requirements to be Approved as a Part of a Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA) Process – Kathy Mitchell, Office of the County Attorney

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on a draft ordinance to amend certain sections of the Frederick County Code to allow the option to include APFO approval as part of a DRRA.

Ms. Mitchell presented the draft ordinance to the Board.

Mr. Eric Soter, Community Development Division, noted the Frederick County Planning Commission sent a recommendation not to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Public comment was heard from:

- Rolan Clark
- Steve Oder, Frederick County Builders Association Land Use Council
- Meridythe Kelley
- Malgo Schmidt
- Bonnie Baker
- Kristina Bostick, Montgomery Countryside Alliance
- Jim Kelley

Commissioner Smith moved to approve and adopt the draft ordinance as presented with an effective date of March 2, 2012. Commissioner Delauter seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Gray opposed.

(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.)

To Consider a Proposed Ordinance Regarding English as the Official Language of Frederick County – John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, to consider a draft ordinance to authorize English as the official language for Frederick County.

Mr. Mathias presented the draft ordinance to the Board. He provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment was heard from:

- Jake Snow

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- Danielle Wivell-Wagner
- Suzanne Bibby, Pro English
- Christopher Massi
- Steve Bruns
- Dylan Petrolutos
- Andrew Vach
- Alex Reyes
- Meridythe Kelley
- Malgo Schmidt
- Nick Carrera
- Linda Norris-Waldt
- Alexis Hott
- Jim Wagner
- Jessie Taylor
- Rolan Clark
- Bob McCarthy
- Jim Kelly
- Maria Smith
- Kimberly Mellon

Commissioner Young moved to approve and adopt the draft ordinance with following changes:

- Section 1. Official English Language
 - D. Official actions of Frederick County which bind or commit Frederick County or which give the appearance of presenting the official views or position of Frederick County shall be taken in the English language. ~~and in no other language~~
- Eliminating Section 1.F
- Section 2. Exceptions - Adding K:
 - K Or any other worthy, justifiable or appropriate action approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion that passed 4-1 with Commissioner Gray opposed. It was indicated the ordinance would have an effective date of February 22, 2012.

(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.)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

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- Rolan Clark
- Nick Carrera
- Meridythe Kelley

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Patricia A. Morrow
Recording Secretary