

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Council Members Bud Otis, President; M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Vice-President; Tony Chmelik, Treasurer; Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater, and Billy Shreve were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Michael Chomel, County Attorney's Office; and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Council President Otis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

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

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Chmelik seconded the motion that passed 6-1 with Council Member Shreve opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve		X	
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were considered on the consent agenda:

Budget Transfers – Rick Harcum, Budget Office

- BT-16-164 – Sheriff's Office
- BT-16-165 – Frederick County Public Libraries
- BT-16-166 – Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division
- BT-16-167 – Office for Children and Families, Citizens Services Division

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Chmelik seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1 with Council Member Shreve abstained.*

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District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve			X
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

**Third Reading Calendar:**

**To Consider Bill No. 16-06 – Amendment to Frederick County Code Chapter 1-2-126 – Negotiation of Wages and Benefits - President Bud Otis (on behalf of the County Executive)**

*Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to adopt and enact into law Bill No. 16-06 as presented. Council Member Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 5-2 with Council Members Delauter and Shreve opposed.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter		X	
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve		X	
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

(A copy of the adopted/enacted bill can be obtained from the county's website <http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/>)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Second Reading Calendar:**

**To Consider Bill No. 16-03 – Amend Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code – Medical Cannabis Grower – Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

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A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on proposed Bill No. 16-03 to allow medical cannabis as a permitted use in the Agricultural District with a special exception.

Council Member Keegan-Ayer presented the proposed bill.

Public comment was heard from:

- Robert Ramsburg, President, Frederick County Farm Bureau
- Jane Klink
- Larry Gude
- Mehrl Mayne
- David Severn, Esquire, Offit/Kurman
- Chad Tyler
- Tony Thomas
- Suzanne Law
- Annette Breiling
- Jenny Wolf
- Robert Palla
- Steve McKay
- Kevin Kennedy

It was noted Bill No. 16-03 would be considered for a Third Reading Calendar at a later date.

**Public Comments**

- Steve McKay
- Robert Cline
- Steve Cassis

**Council Member Comments**

Comments were provided by the Council Members.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Bud Otis, President  
County Council