

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 30, 2015**

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 3:50 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

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

Business Items:

Third Reading/Adoption of Bill #15-02 Concerning Revised Electric Lighting District Tax (Public Hearing held 4/29/15) – Council President Bud Otis

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to adopt Bill #15-02, the Revised Electric Lighting District tax rates. Council Member Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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		

FY 2016 Draft Budget Actions (Continued from 4/29/15) – County Council

Mr. Doug Browning, Chief Administrative Officer, read a letter from County Executive Gardner responding to the budget proposal made by Council Member Delauter on April 29.

Discussion was held.

The following motions were made regarding the FY 2016 Draft Budget.

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Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the County Executive line item by \$200,000. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the Human Resources Division line item by \$87,260. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the Finance Division line item by \$160,847. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

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Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the Community Development Division line item by \$207,200. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the Public Works Division line item by \$700,000. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Chmelik moved to reduce the Reserve Fund Contribution Litigation line item by \$900,000. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion.

Council Member Shreve moved to amend the reduction to \$2 million from the Reserve Fund Contribution Litigation. Council Member Chmelik accepted the amendment that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

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The vote on the original motion to reduce the Reserve Fund Contribution Litigation line item by \$900,000 failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Highway Operations, Public Works Division line item by \$120,000. Council Member Chmelik seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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		

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Transportation Engineering, Public Works Division line item by \$20,000. Council Member Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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		

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Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Parks and Recreation Division, line item by \$25,000. Council Member Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 5-2 with Council Members Donald and Fitzwater 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		

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Board of Elections line item by \$50,000. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that passed 5-2 with Council Members Donald and Fitzwater 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		

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to reduce the Water and Sewer Fund line item by \$400,000. Council Member Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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		

(The Council took a break and returned at 6:00 p.m.)

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Council Member Delauter moved to reduce the Board of Education funding by \$2.4 million. Council Member Shreve seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Shreve moved to reduce the multiple department line items by \$3.9 million. Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that failed 3-4 with Council Members Otis, Keegan-Ayer, Donald and Fitzwater 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	

Council Member Fitzwater moved to approve the County Executive's Draft FY 2016 Budget as amended. Council Member Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 4-3 with Council Members Chmelik, 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		

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It was noted the adoption of the FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets and approval of the FY 2016-2021 Capital Improvements Program would be scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bud Otis, President
County Council