



Council Members left to right: Billy Shreve, Jessica Fitzwater, Vice President M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President Bud Otis, Treasurer Tony Chmelik, Jerry Donald and Kirby Delauter.

## Submitting Testimony to the Council

Testimony is public comment on pending legislation presented at a Council public hearing, mailed via the postal service, or emailed to Council Members. All testimony becomes part of the official record and is given equal consideration. To provide testimony:

- **In Person:** Sign-up outside the First Floor Hearing Room on the day a public hearing is scheduled. for the legislation on which you wish to speak. Please bring 15 copies of any handouts.
- **Email:** Send an e-mail to [CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:CouncilMembers@FrederickCountyMD.gov).
- **Postal Mail:** Mail your letter to Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

## Council Schedule

- **December 13**—4:30 p.m. Legislative Day
- **December 20**—Cancelled
- **December 27**—No Workshop
- **January 3**—4:30 p.m.. Legislative Day  
7:30 p.m Public Hearing
- **January 10**—Council Workshop
- **January 17**—4:30 p.m. Legislative Day
- **January 24**—4:30 p.m. Council Workshop
- **January 31**—No Workshop

All Council Meetings are in the First Floor Hearing Room and televised unless noted.

See Council website for more information

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# Council Member Corner

## *This Month: A Message from Vice President MC Keegan-Ayer*

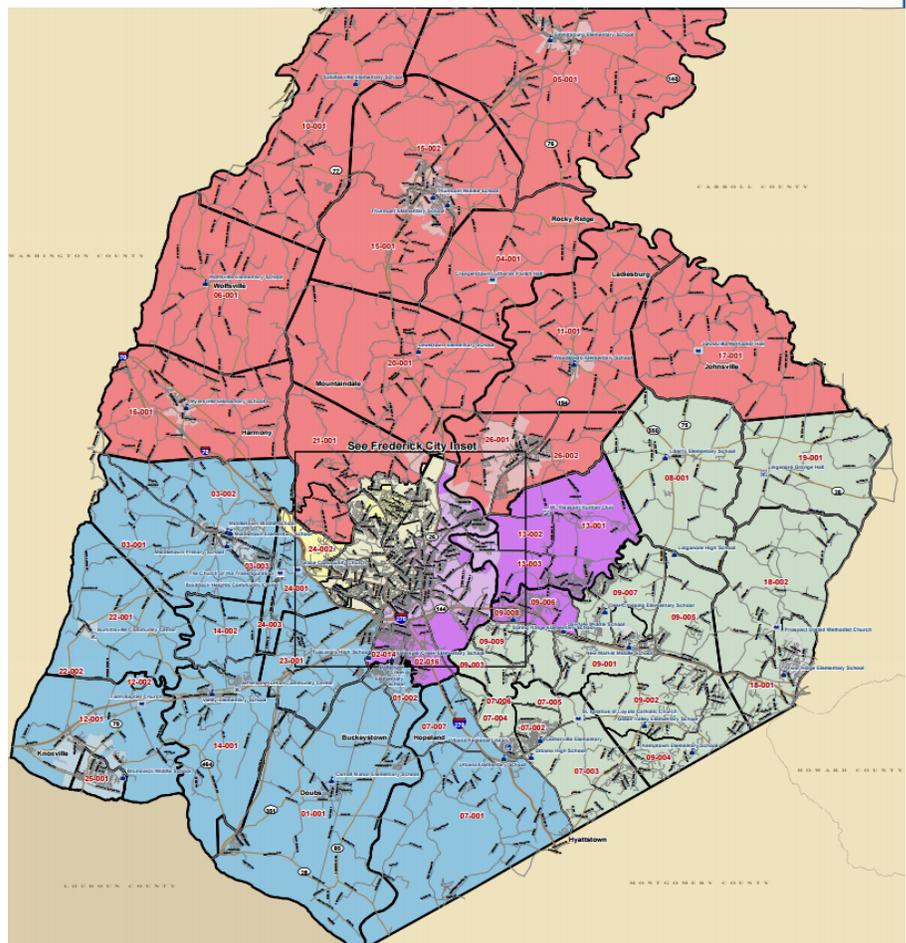
December 1, 2016...we are already halfway through the term of the first ever Frederick County Council, under our new Charter government. In a very short time, we have accomplished so much:

- We have laid much of the groundwork for how the County Council and the County Executive will work together for the benefit of ALL Frederick County residents both now and in the future.
- We have put into place our own rules and procedures for how the Council will work, move legislation and pass laws for Frederick County.
- We have successfully passed two budgets in conjunction with the County Executive and in doing so we have added critically needed additional staffing to the ranks of our Emergency Management Division, our Fire and Rescue Services Division and additional deputies to our Sheriff's Division thereby improving the morale of our emergency responders and the safety of our residents.
- We have worked in collaboration with the County Executive and members of the building and development community to come up with innovative strategies for funding our sorely needed school construction projects. We were able to finish a high school and keep two elementary schools on schedule that will be crucial to continued student achievement in those communities.
- We have passed laws allowing for more public engagement in our local decisions, more public input into our processes and greater transparency in how our local laws are being made,
- We have tightened the ethics laws to ensure higher levels of public confidence in our elected officials and the decisions they are making.
- We have begun to look at ways to determine whether our zoning laws need to be adapted or modified to embrace the future potential for growth in our County in areas of new interests such as medical cannabis, solar power/green energy and special event venues and others.
- We have supported efforts to bring additional business opportunities and job growth to Frederick County through new or revised incentive programs, innovative strategies and updates or changes to our local ordinances to provide tax breaks to companies choosing to locate or expand their business here in Frederick County.....and so much more.



We are just barely halfway through our first term with Charter Government. Yet working together and with the County Executive, we are already accomplishing so much for the people of this beautiful county. Stay tuned as we continue this journey because we truly believe **the best is yet to come!**

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