

COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater, Kai Hagen, and Steve McKay were present for the meeting. Council Member Phil Dacey arrived late.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

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

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- J-22-325 – Operations/Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Division
- J-22-327 – Agricultural Preservation, Planning & Permitting Division
- J-22-328 – Agricultural Preservation, Planning & Permitting Division
- J-22-330 – Accounting & Finance, Water & Sewer Utilities Division

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- J-22-331 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-22-332 – Sustainability & Environmental Resources Office
- Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-14 and J-22-333 – Accounting, Finance Division
- J-22-335 – Frederick County Developmental Center, Health Services Division
- J-22-337 – Economic Development Office
- J-22-338 – Sustainability & Environmental Resources Office
- J-23-001 – Planning & Permitting Division
- Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #3-22

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-22-325, J-22-327, J-22-328, J-22-330, J-22-331, J-22-332, Board of Education School Construction Fund Budget Amendment #22-14 and J-22-333, J-22-335, J-22-337, J-22-338, J-23-001 and Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #3-22 as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Approval of Frederick Community College’s FY 23 Budget**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the Frederick Community College FY 23 Budget FY 2023 Operating budget of \$62,473,610, FY 2023 Auxiliary Enterprise Bookstore budget, and FY 2023 CIP budget of \$3,396,500, as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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**Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement - South Street Senior**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the joint City and County PILOT Agreement and adopt the Resolution – South Street Senior as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement - South Street Family**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the joint City and County PILOT Agreement and adopt the Resolution – South Street Family as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Hearing:**

**Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places**

Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Principal Planner II, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the Proposed Listing on the Register of Historic Places – John Clemson (Clemmont) House - #CR-21-06.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

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With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the Proposed Listing on the Register of Historic Places – John Clemson (Clemmont) House - #CR-21-06 as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Community Development Block Grant Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 Application - Good Works Frederick**

Susan Brown, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division, Lauren Metz, Housing Program Manager-Community Development, and Ed Hinde, Founder of Good Works, Frederick, Inc., presented information to the Council on the Community Development Block Grant Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 Application – Good Works Frederick.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Martina Duncan
- Dr. Leslie Puzio
- Ken Olden

With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

**Park Place at Ballenger Creek PUD – Rezoning Application No. R-21-01**

Denis Superczynski, Manager, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the Park Place at Ballenger Creek PUD – Rezoning Application No. R-21-01.

Chris Smariga and Dan Ebersole presented on behalf of the applicant DR. Acquisitions LLC. (Park Place at Ballenger PUD).

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Public Comment was heard from:

- None

With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment for this evening.

President Keegan-Ayer advised public comment would remain open until close of business on Friday June 10, 2022.

Council took a break from 7:28 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

The Council reconvened at 7:40 pm and Council President Keegan-Ayer re-established a quorum with all members present.

**To Consider Bill No. 22-11 – Increase General Fund Mandated Reserve (Committed General Fund Balance)**

CAO Rick Harcum presented information on Bill No. 22-11 - Increase General Fund Mandated Reserve (Committed General Fund Balance).

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brent Simmons

With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment.

**Knowledge Farms MXD – Rezoning Application No. R-21-02**

Denis Superczynski, Manager, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Council on the Knowledge Farms MXD – Rezoning Application No. R-21-02.

Mike Kalinock, Senior Vice President, JPB Partners; Michael J. Workosky, PTP President – Wells & Associates; Gerald Lee Miller, Jr., PE Terra Solutions Engineering; Anne-Herbert Rollins, Attorney – Miles & Stockbridge, presented on behalf of the applicant Knowledge Farms MXD.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Denise Lewinski
- Marian Callahan

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- Susan McCannon
- Michael Crom
- Marlene Johnson
- Robert Anderson
- Barbara Rosen
- Ericha Mitchell
- Christina Anderson
- Brent Simmons
- Jill Lacey
- Marianne Haught

With no additional speakers President Keegan-Ayer closed public comment for this evening.

President Keegan-Ayer advised public comment would remain open until close of business on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council