

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

Council Members Mason Carter, Jerry Donald, Kavonte Duckett, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Renee Knapp, Steve McKay, and Brad Young were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council; and Abby Boroughs, Administrative Assistant, County Council.

Council President Brad Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Statement from Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcome to the Legislative Day for Tuesday, January 2, 2024, and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

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

Council President Brad Young asked staff to call role and a quorum was established.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 01/02/2024 as presented. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brent Simmons

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

Budget Adjustments – Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Office, Office of the County Executive

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Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the following budget adjustments:

- *J-24-150 – Division of Parks & Recreation*
- *J-24-157 – Engineering & Construction Management, Division of Public Works*
- *Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendments #1-24, #2-24, & #3-24*

Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Third Reading Calendar:

a) Bill 23-22 - Daycare Providers Tax Credit – Council Member Renee Knapp

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve Bill 23-22 – Daycare Providers Tax Credit. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 5-2, with Council Members Mason Carter and Steve McKay opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter		X	
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Council President Brad Young passed the gavel to Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett in order to make a motion.

b) Bill 23-23 - Amendment to Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Deferred Retirement Option Program – Council President Brad Young on behalf of the County Executive

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Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 23-23 - Amendment to Frederick County Uniformed Employees Retirement Plan – Deferred Retirement Option Program. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

c) Bill 23-24 - Amendment to Frederick County Employee Retirement Plan – Vesting Schedule – Council President Brad Young on behalf of the County Executive

Council Member Brad Young moved to approve Bill 23-24 - Amendment to Frederick County Employee Retirement Plan – Vesting Schedule. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Council President Brad Young regained the gavel in order to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Recess at: 6:00 p.m.

Reconvened at: 6:59 p.m.

Second Reading Calendar:

a) Bill 23-25 - Residency Requirements for Planning Commission Members – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

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Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

b) Bill 23-26 - Residency Requirements for Board of Appeals Members – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

Council Member Comments

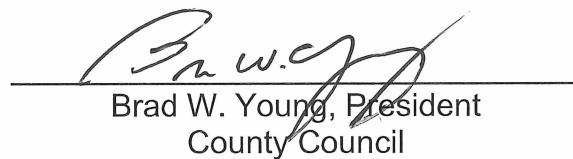
Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – Workshop
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council