

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

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

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Sarah Grabowski, 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, September 17, 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 09/17/2024 with one adjustment: to postpone item XIV. b) Bill 24-12 - Growth Moratorium Bill until the October 1st, 2024, meeting. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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:

- Tena O'Rear
- Grady O'Rear
- Sofi Ibrahim
- Sarah Hamid

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the minutes from 08/27, 09/03, 9/10, & Confidential 9/10 Minutes, 2024 as presented. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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		

Budget Adjustments – Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the following budget adjustments:

- **J-25-073** – Division of Energy & Environment
- **J-25-074** – Workforce Services, Division of Economic Opportunity
- **J-25-077** – Sheriff's Office

Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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		

Confirmation for Solid Waste & Recycling Division Director – Council President Brad Young

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Council Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm Lee Zimmerman to the Solid Waste & Recycling Division Director position. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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		

Update on the Prospect Center – John Peterson, Chief Administrative Officer

John Peterson, Dan Lewis, Chief Financial Officer; Jason Stitt, Division Director Public Works; Anthony Rosano, Director Emergency Management; and Shannon Moore, Division Director Energy and Environment; updated the Council on the Prospect Center.

Action on Resolution - Update to the Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule - Tom Coe, Chief/Director, Division of Fire and Rescue Services

Chief Tom Coe updated the Council on the Ambulance Transport Fee Schedule.

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve the resolution to update the ambulance transport fee schedule. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 5-1-1, with Council Member Mason Carter opposed and Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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 Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025/Fiscal Year 2026 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Acquisition Program - Shannon O’Neil, Administrator, Department of Agricultural Preservation, Office of Agriculture

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Shannon O'Neil and Beth Ahalt, Agriculture Preservation Specialist II; briefed the Council on the Fiscal Year 2025/Fiscal Year 2026 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Easement Acquisition Program.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None.

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

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve sixteen (16) applications to the FY-2025/FY-2026 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, file numbers: #25-05NG (Borghardt), 25-16 (Dewitt), 25-20NG (Farmer), 25-24 (Gammeter/Giacco), 25-25CF (Gladstone Farms, LLC), 25-32CF (Keeney), 25-34CF (Kline Farm Properties, LLC), 25-35NG (Kolega), 25-37CF (Lambert), 25-38 (Laney), 25-40 (Lloyd), 25-41CF (Lucky Acres Farms, LLC), 25-51NG (Reaver), 25-53 (Second Wind Farm, LLC), 25-56NG (Stull), and 25-58 (Waybright). Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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		

First Reading Calendar:

a) **Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code - Zoning Ordinance - Update Certain Definitions & Add New Definitions –**
Council President Brad Young on behalf of the County Executive

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code - Zoning Ordinance - Update Certain Definitions & Add New Definitions.

Third Reading Calendar:

a) **Bill 24-11 - Historic Preservation Tax Credit** – Council Member Renee Knapp

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve Bill 24-11 – Historic Preservation Tax

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Credit. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Member Steve McKay absent.

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:

- Gerald Miller
- Yusif Marar
- Jamile Marar
- Sasime Marar

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

Council Member Comments

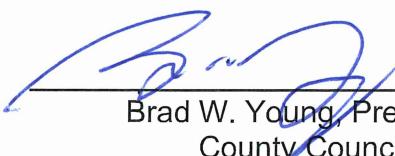
Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – Workshop
- Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council