

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 15, 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, Chief of Staff, County Council; 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, October 15, 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 Steve McKay moved to approve the agenda for 10/15/2024 with the addition of a new item IX. Consideration of the Withdrawal of Bill 24-18. Council Member Mason Carter 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:

- Tom Barse
- Eric Musa
- Sofi Ibrahim
- Ian Thompson
- Nick Zube

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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 10/01 & 10/08, 2024 as presented. 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		

Budget Adjustments – Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office

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

- **J-25-095** – Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services
- **J-25-099** – Frederick County Public Libraries
- **J-25-108** – Administrative Services Section, Division of Fire & Rescue Services

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer 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		

Confirmation of the County Executive's Appointments to Frederick County Boards and Commissions – Joyce Grossnickle, County Executive's Office

Council Member Mason Carter moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Jason Schupp and Wayne Watkins to the Parks and Recreation Commission to terms as described by staff. Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that

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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		

Consideration of Withdrawal of Bill 24-18 – Council Member Steve McKay

Council Member Steve McKay moved to withdraw Bill 24-18 from Council consideration. Council Member Mason Carter 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		

First Reading Calendar:

- a) Amendments to Ch. 1-13-34 of the Frederick County Code - Local Program for the Preservation of Critical Agricultural Land - Amendments to Ch. 1-13-34 of the Frederick County Code - Local Program for the Preservation of Critical Agricultural Land – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Amendments to Ch. 1-13-34 of the Frederick County Code - Local Program for the Preservation of Critical Agricultural Land - Amendments to Ch. 1-13-34 of the Frederick County Code - Local Program for the Preservation of Critical Agricultural Land.

Third Reading Calendar:

- a) Bill 24-13 - Agricultural Building Usage Bill – Council Member Jerry Donald

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Bill 24-13 – Agricultural Building

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Usage Bill. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion.

Amendment to Bill 24-13

Amendment 1 – Council Member Jerry Donald

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve amendment 1 to Bill 24-13.

AMENDMENT 1 on Bill No. 24-13

Introduced By: Council Member Jerry Donald (District 1)
Introduction Date: October 15, 2024
Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn: **Adopted**

AN ACT Amend the Frederick County Building Code to clarify usage of agricultural buildings for agritourism.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1-6-18B. LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.

An existing agricultural building may be used by the public if:

(1) the structure has been determined to be used in conjunction with an approved agritourism use in accordance with the agritourism enterprise definition §1-19-11.100 of the County Code as a subordinate use of the structure for a period not to exceed [90] 120 calendar days annually;

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		
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b) Bill 24-14 - Amend Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Agritourism Enterprise Zoning) – Council Member Jerry Donald

Council Member – moved to approve Bill 24-14 - Amend Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Agritourism Enterprise Zoning). Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion.

Amendments to Bill 24-14

Amendment 1 – Council Member Jerry Donald

Council Member Jerry Donald moved amendment 1 to Bill 24-14.

AMENDMENT 1 on Bill No. 24-14

Introduced By: Council Member Jerry Donald (District 1)
Introduction Date: October 22, 2024
Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn: **Adopted**

AN ACT Amend Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add subsection 8.205.8, Agritourism Enterprise, which adopts restrictions on agritourism enterprise activities.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1-19-8.205.8. AGRITOURISM ENTERPRISE

(B) The owner or operator of agritourism enterprises must [file an annual statement through] RESPOND TO AN ANNUAL INQUIRY FROM the Office of Agriculture verifying the conditions and activities listed in the original zoning certificate remain the same, or providing updated conditions and activities, for approval from the Zoning Administrator

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		

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District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Amendment 2 – Council Member Jerry Donald

Council Member Jerry Donald moved amendment 2 to Bill 24-14.

AMENDMENT 2 on Bill No. 24-14

Introduced By: Council Member Jerry Donald (District 1)
Introduction Date: October 15, 2024
Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn: **Adopted**

AN ACT Amend Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add subsection 8.205.8, Agritourism Enterprise, which adopts restrictions on agritourism enterprise activities.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1-19-8.205.8. AGRITOURISM ENTERPRISE

(H) Recreational fire pits must not exceed [10] 20 fire pit sites, and any fire pits shall not be located within 500 feet of residential property lines.

Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett 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		
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Amendment 3 – Council Member Mason Carter

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Council Member Mason Carter moved amendment 3 to Bill 24-14.

AMENDMENT 3 on Bill No. 24-14

Introduced By: Council Member Mason Carter (District 5)
Introduction Date: October 15, 2024
Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn: **Adopted**

AN ACT Amend Chapter 1-19 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) to add subsection 8.205.8, Agritourism Enterprise, which adopts restrictions on agritourism enterprise activities.

On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

§ 1-19-8.205.8. AGRITOURISM ENTERPRISE

**(N) THE ABOVE REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE DEEMED EFFECTIVE UNTIL
JULY 1, 2025.**

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 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.

c) Bill 24-15 – The Frederick County Soil Conservation District – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 24-15 - The Frederick County Soil

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Conservation District. 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		

d) Bill 24-16 – General Obligation Bond Authorization – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young moved to approve Bill 24-16 - General Obligation Bond Authorization. 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: 6:42 p.m.

Reconvened at: 7:00 P.M.

Council President Brad Young reestablished a quorum.

Second Reading Calendar:

a) Bill 24-17 - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code - Zoning Ordinance - Update Certain Definitions & Add New Definitions – Council President Brad Young

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Public Comment was heard from:

- Denny Remsburg
- Tom Barse
- Eric Allen
- Lisa Gaver

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, October 22, 2024 – Workshop
- Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – Workshop

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council

