

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

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

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 7, 2025, 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 roll and a quorum was established, noting that Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett was absent.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 10/07/2025 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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:

- Mark Florimbio
- Sam Rosenbloom (only one minute used- other two minutes used at the end of meeting public comment)

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

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Approval of Minutes

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the closed session summary and confidential minutes from 06/17 & 08/19; as well as the minutes from 09/16, 09/23, & 9/30, 2025, as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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-26-084 Workforce Services, Division of Economic Opportunity
- J-26-085 Accounting Dept, Finance Division
- J-26-095 Housing Division
- J-26-096 Livable Frederick, Division of Planning and Permitting
- J-26-100 Division of Emergency Management
- J-26-104 Parks and Recreation
- BOE Current Expense Fund Amendment #1-26

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Confirmations of the County Executive's Appointments to Frederick County

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Boards and Commissions - Miranda Ducey, Administrative Coordinator - Boards and Commissions, County Executive's Office

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer, Frederick County Health Department, Andrea Walker, Director of Behavioral Health Services Division, Frederick County Health Department, Sarah Drennan, Director of the Local Behavioral Health Authority, Frederick County Health Department, Sabrina de la Vega, Special Projects Manager (designee of the Office of the County Executive), Corporal Benjamin Wilson, City of Frederick Police Department (designee of the head of a local law enforcement agency), Chief Thomas Coe, Director of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue, Courtney Oland, MAP Coordinator, Division of Aging & Independence (designee of the Director of the County Division of Senior Services), and Kim Smith, Assistant Director for Child, Family and Adult Services (designee of the Director of the County's Department of Social Services) to the Behavioral Health Advisory Council as ex-officio, non-voting member representatives; Sharon MacDougall, Lee Hand, and Marci Corea to the Behavioral Health Advisory Council as voting member representatives; and Neil Donnely and Julie Elwell to the Behavioral Health Advisory Council to terms as described by staff. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Brian Staiger to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board to terms as escribed by staff Council Member Renee Knapp moved to second the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

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Presiding Officer – Young	X		
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Council Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive’s appointment of Mark Florimbio and Robert Gunter to the Commission on Disabilities to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive’s appointment of Ashanti Wilson and Kathleen Siedor to the Commission for Women to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to confirm the County Executive’s appointment of Manasseh Abijah and Paul Donaghueto the Electrical Board to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President absent.

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

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve the County Executive's appointment of Shannon Bell, Wilford Graham, and Peggy Vaughn to the Ethics Commission to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Adele Connolly to the Senior Services Advisory Board to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Jonathan "JP" Pernell to the Workforce Development Board to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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

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District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Bell Farm Rezoning (R-25-01) Ordinance for Signature Purposes – Council President Brad Young

The Council signed an ordinance for the Bell Farm Rezoning (R-25-01).

Longview Rezoning (R-25-03) Ordinance for Signature Purposes – Council President Brad Young

The Council signed an ordinance for the Longview Rezoning (R-25-03).

Installment Purchase Program - Request for Approval of Resolution - Enter into Installment Purchase Agreement (Christopher J Adams) - Shannon O'Neil and Beth Ahalt, Office of Agriculture

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the resolution to enter into an installment purchase agreement with Christopher J. Adams to terms as described by staff. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

Installment Purchase Program - Request for Approval of Resolution - Enter into Installment Purchase Agreement (CFW, LLC) - Shannon O'Neil and Beth Ahalt, Office of Agriculture

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the resolution to enter into an installment purchase agreement with CFW, LLC to terms as described by staff. Council Member Mason Carter seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President absent.

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District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
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Resolution - Support for X-Energy, LLC - Beth Woodring, Director of Financial Operations, Division of Economic Opportunity

Beth Woodring briefed the Council on a resolution in support for X-Energy, LLC.

First Reading Calendar:

- a) Codify the Local Management Board – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Codify the Local Management Board.

- b) Amend Zoning Approval Criteria for Cannabis Dispensary – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a bill titled Amend Zoning Approval Criteria for Cannabis Dispensary.

Third Reading Calendar:

- a) Bill 25-10 - to Amend the Rustic Roads Commission – Council President Brad Young

Council Member Mason Carter moved to approve Bill 25-10 – to Amend the Rustic Roads Commission. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-0-1, with Council Vice President 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		

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At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Sam Rosenbloom (using his remaining two minutes of public comment)

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

Council Member Comments

Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – Workshop
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.


 Brad W. Young, President
 County Council