Approved: Meeting No. 06-14

Attest: Bridget Donnell Newton

Douglas A. Barber

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
January 13, 2014
Meeting No. 02-14
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Tom Moore, and Councilmember Virginia Onley.

Absent:

Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr.

Staff Present:

City Manager Barbara Matthews, City Clerk/Treasurer Doug Barber, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk Barber noted a minor revision to agenda item #5 (Appointments/Reappointments and Announcements of Vacancies). A revised copy was posted on the website and a hard copy provided to the Mayor and Council at the dais.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Matthews reported on the following:

- Rockville residents should report all utility-related emergencies to the Department of Public Works. Residents who see a potential leak are asked to call the 24-hour utility emergency line at 240-314-8567.

- She thanked the Inspection Services Division of CPDS who responded to 28 locations that have experienced outages in their life safety systems. This was in addition to their regularly scheduled inspections.

- Montgomery County's Department of General Services and Department of Health and Human Services will discuss plans for the Children's Resource Center at Broome Middle School. The discussion will take place during the community meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers at Rockville City Hall.

- The City's 42nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 2014, at Richard Montgomery High School.

- The Glenview Mansion Bridal Expo will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

- Registration for Rockville's Summer Camps begins on January 21, 2014. The City of Rockville offers more than 65 summer camps at a great value from June 16, 2014 through August 22, 2014.

5. Appointments/Reappointments and Announcements of Vacancies

Motion: to appoint Scott Robins, as Chair to the Human Services Advisory Board (one-year term) until January 1, 2015.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg, and passed unanimously.

Motion: to appoint Sebastian Amar, and to re-appoint Debra Dwyer, and Joy Murorunkwere to the Human Rights Commission (three-year terms) until January 1, 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg, seconded by Councilmember Onley, and passed unanimously.

Motion: to re-appoint Marcia Rehm to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (three year term) until January 1, 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Onley, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg, and passed unanimously.

Motion: to appoint Jill Martineau Cornish to the Senior Citizens Commission (three year term) until January 1, 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg, and passed unanimously.

Mayor Newton announced that there are vacancies on the following Boards and/or Commissions: Cultural Arts Commission, Historic District Commission, Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., Rockville Housing Enterprises, Rockville Sister City Corporation, Senior Citizens Commission, Traffic and Transportation Commission, Environment Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Advisory Commission, Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission, Personnel Appeals Board, Rockville Economic Development, Inc.(REDI), and the Ethics Commission.

6. Presentation – Rockville Economic Development, Inc., Quarterly Update

Laurie Boyer, Executive Director of Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI), provided the newly elected Mayor and Council with a general overview of REDI, along with a quarterly update on REDI's activities and accomplishments. Ms. Boyer noted the "Rockville Works for Me" ad campaign in the Gazette Newspaper and then closed with a video presentation of REDI's 2013 year in review.

7. Community Forum (formerly known as Citizen's Forum)

Citizen	*Issue*
David Thomas	Utilities Fees
Edward Himmelfarb	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project
June Plotkin	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project
Bob Plotkin	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project
Sandra Reznick	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project
Samuel Bisbey	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project
Maria Luginbill	25 Wall Street
Tom Luginbill	25 Wall Street
Joel Flax	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project

Ling-Xiang Ye	Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project

8. Mayor and Council's Response to Citizen's Forum and Announcements

Councilmember Feinberg thanked all the residents from the Horizon Hill area for addressing their comments and concerns on their issues to the Mayor and Council. She also thanked the residents who walked the area with her and Councilmember Palakovich Carr to bring them up to date on the proposed project.

Councilmember Moore and Councilmember Onley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and addressing the Mayor and Council with their comments and concerns regarding the Horizon Hill Stormwater Management Project.

Mayor Newton thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments regarding utility fees. Mayor Newton also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

9. Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Feinberg noted her scheduled attendance at the City's 42nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, scheduled on Monday, January 20, 2014, at Richard Montgomery High School. Councilmember Feinberg also reminded residents of upcoming budget hearings for Montgomery County's FY 2015 Budget.

Councilmember Feinberg noted her scheduled attendance at the Children's Resource Center briefing on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the Rockville City Hall.

Councilmember Feinberg closed by noting for full disclosure that the meeting is being handled by Montgomery County Department of General Services, but not the department she works for.

Mayor Newton noted a recent meeting she had with Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Richard Hall. She provided him a brief tour of the Rockville Town Center and the newly renovated Police Station. Mayor Newton also noted her attendance along with Councilmember Onley at Maryland's Opening Day of the General Assembly on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in Annapolis, Maryland. Mayor Newton closed by acknowledging the recent passing of longtime Rockville resident and activist Pete Santi.

10. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Moore requested consent agenda item #10B - Approval of Minutes: Meeting No. 29-13 (October 14, 2013) and Meeting No. 34-13 (November 25, 2013) be pulled and considered for approval at a later date.

The Mayor and Council proceeded to vote on consent agenda item #10A.

A. Approve the proposed amendment (changes) to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, specifically PPP#120-00, Policy on Leave (Sick Leave) and PPP # 130-00, Procedure on Retirement – Regular Employees (Sick Leave Conversion) to eliminate a conflict with the City's Pension Plan and to clarify the City's policies and procedures relative to accumulated but unused sick leave upon an employee's retirement, with such changes to be effective January 1, 2014.

Motion: to approve consent agenda item #10A.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg, and passed unanimously.

11. Presentation of Engage Rockville, a New On-Line Civic Participation Tool

Community Planning and Development Services (CPDS) Director Susan Swift provided a brief introduction on the proposed new on-line civic participation tool. The Mayor and Council were provided a demonstration of the on-line tool guided by CPDS Planning GIS Specialist Clark Lawson.

Director Swift noted the following highlights of Engage Rockville:

- Intended to reach citizens who would like to be more involved in civic life
- Provide on-line dialogue where citizens can sign up and participate in on-line conversations
- Will compliment other means by which Rockville receives input from citizens, including public meetings
- Will not be a substitute for official public commenting opportunities, such as public hearings or providing written testimony on draft documents or specific development proposals

Mr. Lawson provided a demonstration to the Mayor and Council that showed how to:

- Access the Engage Rockville site
- Submit ideas
- Comment on others ideas

Mr. Lawson highlighted the program platform, features and safeguards. He noted that he, CPDS Chief of Long Range Planning and Redevelopment David Levy, and CPDS Planner III Ann Wallas will be the moderators of the program.

Mr. Larson noted that Engage Rockville will go live following the public presentation to the Mayor and Council with a full outreach campaign to announce "Engage Rockville". Mr. Larson advised that the first discussion topic for the site will consist of the set of questions that were used for the 2012 Rockville Summit, and that future topics will include historic preservation, transportation, the environment and other matters related to the Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Mayor and Council requested that CPDS provide frequent updates regarding the questions and topics being asked, the overall performance of the program, as well as a preliminary report noting the pro's and con's of the program to date by March 17, 2014.

12. Review and Comment Regarding Mayor and Council Action Report

There were no comments.

13. Review and Comment Regarding Future Agendas

Mayor Newton noted that she had requested additional information on the contract for financial advisory services scheduled to come before the Mayor and Council on the Monday, January 27, 2014, Agenda.

14. Old/New Business

Councilmember Moore thanked the Rockville Chamber of Commerce for hosting a reception on behalf of the Mayor and Council on Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Mayor Newton noted that the Mayor and Council will hold meetings in July 2014 and August 2014 as follows:

July 7, 2014
July 14, 2014
July 21, 2014
August 11, 2014

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Motion: to adjourn.

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg seconded by Councilmember Moore, and passed unanimously.