Approved: Meeting No. 28-12

Attest: Brenda Bean

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
March 12, 2012
7:00 pm
Meeting No. 10-12

Present:

Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr., Councilmember Tom Moore, Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton, and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Staff Present:

Acting City Manager Jenny Kimball, Acting City Clerk Brenda Bean and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting on March 12, 2012 in Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Marcuccio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

There were no changes made to the agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Jenny Kimball reported:

1. The City will conduct another Planning Academy on March 24th at City Hall. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about how planning, zoning and the development review process relate to each other, and how to get involved in the process.

2. Rockville was selected as one of three finalists for a national recycling program award sponsored by the Waste and Recycling News. The winner will be selected during a recycling conference scheduled for late March.

5. Chamber of Commerce Update

Andrea Jolly, Executive Director of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, reported:

1. The Chamber is working closely with the City on the Taste of Rockville as part of the upcoming Hometown Holidays celebration.

2. Members of the Chamber plan to attend the upcoming REDI business visits as part of Business Appreciation week in Rockville.

3. Request for funding for Rockville Rewards program under FY13 budget.

4. Plans for a Rockville Miniature Golf Invitational are currently underway.

5. Still very active in planning for the next phase of the Rockville Summit.

6. Girl Scout Cookie Presentation

Girl Scout Emily Conway reported that today is the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts and gave some history on the organization. Members of different troops were on hand and presented the Mayor and Council and members of the audience with Girl Scout cookies.

7. Citizen's Forum

Citizen	*Issue*
Lyman Jordan	Girls on the Run program and a 5k race planned for Twinbrook
Mary Caroline Colletti	Citizens with disabilities. 201 Upon Street Historic Designation and the role of the Historic District Commission
Nancy Breen	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) – invited Mayor and Council to the RBAC bike ride on May 5; thanked Mayor and Council for support of bicycling and also for approving the Complete Streets policy; commended Matt Folden for his excellent work
Spencer Iscove	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee - benefits of cycling
Chris Kelly	Bicycling Ambassador Program; outreach efforts

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

Councilmember Pierzchala - Hopes the plan for the 5K in Twinbrook will work out; is the liaison to the RBAC and that group of people does wonderful work; plans to attend the May 5th bike ride.

Councilmember Newton - has heard good things about the Girls on the Run program and hopes that the race can be held in Twinbrook; is not able to attend the bike ride on May 5th because that is the weekend she will participate in the 2-day walk for Breast Cancer.

Councilmember Moore - thanked Ms. Colletti for her comments; agrees about the great work of the RBAC; also hopes the 5K run planned for the Twinbrook neighborhood will work out.

Mayor Marcuccio - echoed the sentiments for the Girls on the Run race in Twinbrook; thanked Ms. Colletti for her comments.

9. Appointments & Announcement of Vacancies

Mayor Marcuccio announced vacancies to the following boards: Compensation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission, Sign Review Board, and the Senior Citizens Commission.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Award RFP #08-12, Design/Build Services Contract for an Aeration and Mixing System in the Hunting Hill Ground Storage Tank in the amount not to exceed $355,860.

B. Award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) #26-12 for Maintenance Services for the Interactive Fountain Rockville Town Square for a period of five years in an aggregate amount of $122,675.

Motion: to approve Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councilmember John Hall, seconded by Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton and unanimously approved.

11. City of Rockville Guidelines and Procedures for Citizen Boards and Commissions

Mayor Marcuccio gave the background on this item. She mentioned that the document should never have been called 'policies,' because they are in fact guidelines. Regarding the attendance section, Mayor Marcuccio said that this section actually did not match what was in the City Code and had to be revamped to bring into conformance with the Code.

Councilmembers Moore and Newton thanked the Mayor for all of her work. Councilmember Hall said that a lot of the matters that were addressed stemmed from the Committee on Commissions and to the extent that this is carrying out the objectives of that exercise further, he is glad to see it. Is hopeful that when the discussion on the Charter Review Commission begins that it will be a little more involved based on the fact that a review of the Charter Review occurs every ten years or so.

his would carry the efforts of the Commission on Commissions further and hopes that when a Charter Commission is convened that it will study further. Councilmember Moore said that this is a nice step forward in the transparency of our government and helps the public understand how City Boards and Commissions work.

Mayor Marcuccio said that Peter Mork has volunteered to continue the efforts to get this to the next level, namely the ad hoc groups, task forces, etc., and how to handle those.

Motion: to approve the City of Rockville Guidelines and Procedures for Citizen Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton, seconded by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala and unanimously approved.

12. Review and Comment Mayor and Council Action Report

No comments were made.

13. Review and Comment Regarding Future Agendas

Mayor Marcuccio commented on the large number of items scheduled for introduction for the March 26th meeting.

14. Mayor and Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions Report

Councilmember Pierzchala said that he has as attended most of the Montgomery County Council's meetings on legislative affairs and expressed what the County is facing budget-wise. The County does not know what they are going to have to deal with yet from the State. He said there is a lot of uncertainty and if the County gets slammed by the State, there would likely be a trickle-down effect to Rockville with respect to things like tax duplication.

Mayor Marcuccio said that she and Councilmember Newton had testified in Annapolis on a bond bill for renovation of the Swim Center Bath House. She said that testimony was presented in both the House and Senate. Having heard the testimony of others, Mayor Marcuccio said that we are not as bad off as many.

With respect to the testimony in Annapolis, Councilmember Newton said that the Swim Center serves a broad spectrum of talents, abilities and cultures and, as a result, offers something that everyone can participate in and take advantage of. She is hopeful that the legislature will think favorably about Rockville's need. She said that she and the Mayor had attended the Montgomery County legislative luncheon in Annapolis and it was well attended by Delegates, Senators and staff. Councilmember Newton noted that it is a great networking opportunity as well as a good chance to have discussions with those making decisions that affect Rockville. Councilmember Newton had also attended the Senior Center Commission meeting on Tuesday and said that there are still two vacancies on the Commission.

Councilmember Moore said that he had attended the Maryland Municipal League's Orientation for newly elected officials and said that he had learned a great deal about the League itself as well as the roles that Rockville and Montgomery County play. He indicated that he had participated in REDI's business visits and had the chance to visit with the Charles E. Smith Life Communities and Aleworks - Rockville's only manufacturing brewery. Councilmember Moore also mentioned that Rockville's own Jeff Eng, who is the executive chef at Clyde's at Tower Oaks, placed second in the Food Network Channel reality show, "Chopped."

15. Old/New Business

Acting City Manager Jenny Kimball mentioned the invitation the Mayor and Council had received to travel to Jaixing as part of the Sister City program. Councilmember Pierzchala said that he is reluctant to discuss this without the benefit of having more information from the Sister City Corporation and asked that this item be tabled for one week. Councilmember Newton mentioned the MML conference in June and suggested that this be kept in mind when considering a possible visit to Jiaxing. Along those lines, Mayor Marcuccio mentioned an invitation she had recently received from the embassy of Taiwan for dinner. She has not responded yet because she wanted to discuss if there was any correlation between the two.

16. Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to 10-508(a)(i) of the State Government Article of the Annotated code of Maryland to discuss the appointment and employment of the City Clerk, an official over whom it has jurisdiction

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Moved by Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr., seconded by Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton and unanimously approved.