MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MEETING NO. 12-20
Monday, April 13, 2020 – 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Agenda item times are estimates only. Items may be considered at times other than those indicated.

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Rockville City Hall will be closed until April 24, due to recent issued state directives for slowing down the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 and social distancing.

To support social distancing, the Mayor and Council are conducting meetings virtually. The virtual meetings can be viewed on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

If you wish to submit comments in writing for Community Forum or Public Hearings, please email mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website.

Drop-In Sessions will resume by phone on Monday, April 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

6:00 PM **1. Convene**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review

6:05 PM **4. City Manager's Report**

6:15 PM **5. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

6:45 PM **6. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance**

No. 3-20 Authorizing City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

7:15 PM **7. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3-20 to Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

8. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

7:45 PM **9. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments**

7:50 PM **10. Community Forum - submit written comments by email to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by 2:00 p.m.**

11. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

8:20 PM **12. COVID-19 Staffing Update**

9:20 PM **13. FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession**

10:50 PM **14. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

A. Action Report

15. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

A. Future Agendas

16. Old/New Business

11:20 PM **17. Adjournment**

The Mayor and Council Rules and Procedures and Operating Guidelines establish procedures and practices for Mayor and Council meetings, including public hearing procedures. They are available at: http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mcguidelines.

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Introduction and Possible Adoption
Department: City Attorney's Office
Responsible Staff: Debra Yerg Daniel

Subject

Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance No. 3-20 Authorizing City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Recommendation

Consider the ordinance to rescind Ordinance No. 3-20.

Discussion

On March 23, 2020, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 3-20, Attachment A, authorizing the City Manager to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland. Ordinance 3-20 permits the City Manager to suspend any City law if necessary to allow the City to continue operations in a manner that allows for teleworking and social distancing, since that is fundamentally the guidance currently issued by health authorities and the Maryland Governor's executive orders. The suspension of any law that is not necessary to continue operations in such a manner is not permitted by Ordinance 3-20. In addition, since Ordinance 3-20 only permits the suspension of any "City law," Ordinance 3-20 does not permit the City Manager to suspend the application of any provision in the City Charter.

Ordinance 3-20 provides that any action taken by the City Manager must be taken in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping.

Ordinance 3-20 further provides that it will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19.

At its meeting on March 30, the Mayor and Council discussed the possible amendment or rescission of Ordinance 3-20. The Mayor and Council also discussed the possibility of adopting a new replacement ordinance if Ordinance 3-20 is rescinded. The proposed rescission ordinance, Attachment B, would simply rescind Ordinance 3-20 in its entirety.

If the Mayor and Council decides to adopt the rescission ordinance, it will need to introduce the ordinance. Once the ordinance is introduced, if the Mayor and Council wants to adopt the ordinance at the same meeting, the Mayor and Council will need to vote to waive the layover

period with an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Mayor and Council. If the Mayor and Council votes to waive the layover period, the Mayor and Council may proceed to adopt the ordinance by a simple majority vote. If the Mayor and Council do not vote to waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting.

If the rescission ordinance is not adopted, Ordinance 3-20 will remain in full force and effect. The Mayor and Council may then decide in the next agenda item whether it wants to amend Ordinance 3-20. Please note that if the Mayor and Council choose not to adopt the rescission ordinance, the Mayor and Council will not need to consider the agenda item on adopting a replacement ordinance since Ordinance 3-20 will still be in effect.

If this ordinance is adopted, Ordinance 3-20 will be immediately rescinded and no longer be in effect. The Mayor and Council will not need to consider the next agenda item proposing amendments to Ordinance 3-20 since Ordinance 3-20 will no longer be in effect. The Mayor and Council would instead move on to the following agenda item regarding whether to adopt a new replacement ordinance.

Mayor and Council History

The Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 3-20 on March 23, 2020.

Next Steps

If the Mayor and Council introduces the rescission ordinance but does not waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting. In this case, Ordinance 3-20 will remain in effect until the rescission ordinance is adopted.

If the Mayor and Council adopts the rescission ordinance, Ordinance 3-20 will no longer be in effect and the Mayor and Council may consider the adoption of a replacement ordinance.

Attachments

Attachment 6.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (PDF)

Attachment 6.b: Attach B - Draft Ordinance (Rescind Ord 3-20) (PDF)

Debra Yerg Daniel

Debra Yerg Daniel, City Attorney 4/8/2020

ORDINANCE NO. 3-20 ORDINANCE: To Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease capable of extensive loss of life or serious disability currently circulating within Montgomery County, Maryland.

Under Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council of Rockville is authorized to pass ordinances for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. Because the transmission of COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and employees of the City of Rockville, the City Manager is hereby authorized to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland.

Any action taken by the City Manager under this ordinance must be in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in a writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping. This ordinance will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of March 23, 2020.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Attachment 6.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (3081 : Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 3-20)

ORDINANCE NO._____

ORDINANCE: To rescind Ordinance No. 3-20, authorizing City Manager to suspend the application of certain City laws to slow the spread of COVID-19

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

Ordinance No. 3-20, To Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19, adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville on March 23, 2020, is hereby rescinded, effective immediately.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of _____.

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

City Clerk/Director of Council Operation

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Introduction and Possible Adoption
Department: City Attorney's Office
Responsible Staff: Debra Yerg Daniel

Subject

Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3-20 to Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID=19

Recommendation

Consider the ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3-20.

Discussion

On March 23, 2020, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 3-20, Attachment A, authorizing the City Manager to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland.

On April 13, 2020, the Mayor and Council will consider whether to rescind Ordinance 3-20. If the Mayor and Council does not rescind Ordinance 3-20, the Mayor and Council will consider proposed amendments to Ordinance 3-20 as set forth in Attachment B.

As adopted, Ordinance 3-20 permits the City Manager to suspend any City law if necessary to allow the City to continue operations in a manner that allows for teleworking and social distancing, since that is fundamentally the guidance currently issued by health authorities and the Maryland Governor's executive orders. The suspension of any law that is not necessary to continue operations in such a manner is not permitted by Ordinance 3-20. In addition, since Ordinance 3-20 only permits the suspension of any "City law," Ordinance 3-20 does not permit the City Manager to suspend the application of any provision in the City Charter.

Ordinance 3-20 provides that any action taken by the City Manager under Ordinance 3-20 must be taken in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping.

Ordinance 3-20 further provides that it will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19.

At its meeting on March 30, the Mayor and Council discussed the possible amendment of Ordinance 3-20. The attached proposed ordinance is based on a draft from Councilmember Pierzchala, and would amend Ordinance 3-20 to:

1. Further limit the ability of the City Manager to suspend City laws to "such emergency situations where official approval of the Mayor and Council is not possible."

   This provision requires that, prior to suspending the application of any City law, the City Manager must get Mayor and Council official approval unless it is not possible to do so. "Official approval" would require an action of the Mayor and Council. Practically, this additional language would limit the City Manager's discretion to suspend the application of any City law to situations in which three or more members of the Mayor and Council are incapacitated or are otherwise unreachable.

2. Expressly state that the City Manager is not authorized to suspend the application of any provision of the City Charter.

   This language does not alter any provision in Ordinance 3-20.

3. Expressly provide for the Mayor and Council's ability to reverse any action taken by the City Manager under the ordinance and the effects of such a reversal.

   This language expressly provides that the Mayor and Council may reverse any suspension of City law by the City Manager. It further provides that any reversal by the Mayor and Council will not invalidate the suspension of the City law up until the time of reversal nor would it invalidate any action taken by the City Manager during the period in which the law was suspended. This would mean that any action taken by the City Manager or other person in reliance of the suspension would still be valid. Essentially, this would allow any actions that were taken during the suspension to be valid but would still allow the Mayor and Council, at the time it reverses the suspension, to address the effect, moving forward, of any actions taken during the suspension. Without this language allowing actions taken during a suspension to remain valid, a person could not rely on the suspension to move forward without the concern that there may be possible negative consequences in the future if the Mayor and Council reverse the City Manager's suspension. Practically, this language does not alter any provision in Ordinance 3-20 since the Mayor and Council already has this authority under Ordinance 3-20.

4. Provide for the ordinance to automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19 <u>or</u> at the end of six months from the adoption of the ordinance, whichever comes first.

   The original language provided for the expiration of the ordinance upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19. This additional language adds an automatic expiration date of six months from the adoption of this amended ordinance or the Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency, whichever comes first. With the addition of this language, the Mayor and Council would need to take affirmative action to extend the validity of the amended ordinance should the Governor's state of emergency last longer than six months from the adoption of the amended ordinance.

If the Mayor and Council decides to adopt the amended ordinance, it will need to introduce the ordinance. Once the ordinance is introduced, if the Mayor and Council wants to adopt the ordinance at the same meeting, the Mayor and Council will need to vote to waive the layover period with an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Mayor and Council. If the Mayor and Council votes to waive the layover period, the Mayor and Council may proceed to adopt the ordinance by a simple majority vote. If the Mayor and Council does not vote to waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting.

If the Mayor and Council introduces the amended ordinance but does not waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting. In this case, Ordinance 3-20 will remain in effect until the amended ordinance is adopted.

Mayor and Council History

The Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 3-20 on March 23, 2020.

Next Steps

If the Mayor and Council introduces the amended ordinance but does not waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting. In this case, Ordinance 3-20 will remain in effect until the amended ordinance is adopted.

Attachments

Attachment 7.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (PDF)
Attachment 7.b: Attach B- Draft Ordinance (Amend Ord 3-20) (PDF)

Debra Yerg Daniel
Debra Yerg Daniel, City Attorney 4/8/2020

ORDINANCE NO. 3-20 ORDINANCE: To Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease capable of extensive loss of life or serious disability currently circulating within Montgomery County, Maryland.

Under Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council of Rockville is authorized to pass ordinances for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. Because the transmission of COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and employees of the City of Rockville, the City Manager is hereby authorized to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland.

Any action taken by the City Manager under this ordinance must be in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in a writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping. This ordinance will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of March 23, 2020.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Attachment 7.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (3082 : Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3-20)

ORDINANCE NO._____

ORDINANCE: To amend Ordinance 3-20 to authorize City Manager to suspend the application of certain City laws to slow the spread of COVID-19

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

That Ordinance No. 3-20 be amended as follows:

On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease capable of extensive loss of life or serious disability currently circulating within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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Any action taken by the City Manager under this ordinance must be in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in a writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reverse any such suspension of City law, including convening a special meeting to do so. Any such reversal will not invalidate the suspension of the law up until the time of reversal. Any reversal of a suspension of the law will not invalidate any action taken by the City Manager

during such suspension of the law. This ordinance will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19 or at the end of 6 months from the adoption of this ordinance, whichever comes first.

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NOTE: ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates material deleted.

Underlining indicates material added.

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

City Clerk/Director of Council Operation

Attachment 7.b: Attach B- Draft Ordinance (Amend Ord 3-20) (3082 : Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 3-20)

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Introduction and Possible Adoption
Department: City Attorney's Office
Responsible Staff: Debra Yerg Daniel

Subject

Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Recommendation

Consider the ordinance to authorize the City Manager to suspend the application of certain City laws to slow the spread of COVID-19

Discussion

On March 23, 2020, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 3-20, Attachment A, authorizing the City Manager to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland.

On April 13, 2020, the Mayor and Council considered whether to rescind Ordinance 3-20. If the Mayor and Council rescinds Ordinance 3-20, the Mayor and Council will consider whether to adopt a replacement ordinance set forth in Attachment B. The attached proposed replacement ordinance is based on a draft from Councilmember Pierzchala with input from Councilmember Ashton, and is identical to Ordinance 3-20 except that it:

1. Further limits the ability of the City Manager to suspend City laws to “such emergency situations where official approval of the Mayor and Council is not possible.”

   This provision requires that, prior to suspending the application of any City law, the City Manager must get Mayor and Council official approval unless it is not possible to do so. “Official approval” would require an action of the Mayor and Council. Practically, this additional language would limit the City Manager’s discretion to suspend the application of any City law to situations in which three or more members of the Mayor and Council are incapacitated or are otherwise unreachable.

2. Expressly provides that the City Manager is not authorized to suspend any provision of the City Charter.

This language does not alter any provision in Ordinance 3-20.

3. Expressly provide for the Mayor and Council's ability to reverse any action taken by the City Manager under the ordinance and the effects of such a reversal.

   This language expressly provides that the Mayor and Council may reverse any suspension of City law by the City Manager. It further provides that any reversal by the Mayor and Council will not invalidate the suspension of the City law up until the time of reversal nor would it invalidate any action taken by the City Manager during the period in which the law was suspended. This would mean that any action taken by the City Manager or other person in reliance of the suspension would still be valid. Essentially, this would allow any actions that were taken during the suspension to be valid but would still allow the Mayor and Council, at the time it reverses the suspension, to address the effect, moving forward, of any actions taken during the suspension. Without this language allowing actions taken during a suspension to remain valid, a person could not rely on the suspension to move forward without the concern that there may be possible negative consequences in the future if the Mayor and Council reverse the City Manager's suspension. Practically, this language does not alter any provision in Ordinance 3-20 since the Mayor and Council already has this authority under Ordinance 3-20.

4. Provides for the ordinance to automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19 <u>or</u> at the end of three months from the adoption of the ordinance, whichever comes first.

   The language in Ordinance 3-20 provided for the expiration of the ordinance upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19. This additional language adds an automatic expiration date of three months from the adoption of this amended ordinance or the Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency, whichever comes first. (Councilmember Pierzchala suggested a six-month validity period. Councilmember Ashton suggested it be reduced to three months.) With the addition of this language, the Mayor and Council would need to take affirmative action to extend the validity of the amended ordinance should the Governor's state of emergency last longer than three months from the adoption of the amended ordinance.

If the Mayor and Council decides to adopt the replacement ordinance, it will need to introduce the ordinance. Once the ordinance is introduced, if the Mayor and Council wants to adopt the ordinance at the same meeting, the Mayor and Council will need to vote to waive the layover period with an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Mayor and Council. If the Mayor and Council votes to waive the layover period, the Mayor and Council may proceed to adopt the ordinance by a simple majority vote. If the Mayor and Council does not vote to waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting.

Next Steps

If the Mayor and Council introduces the new ordinance but does not waive the layover period, the ordinance will be brought back for Mayor and Council action at a later meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 8.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (PDF)
Attachment 8.b: Attach B-Draft Ordinance (Replacement Emergency Authorization Ord) (PDF)

Debra Yerg Daniel

Debra Yerg Daniel, City Attorney 4/8/2020

ORDINANCE NO. 3-20 ORDINANCE: To Authorize City Manager to Suspend the Application of Certain City Laws to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

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Under Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council of Rockville is authorized to pass ordinances for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. Because the transmission of COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and employees of the City of Rockville, the City Manager is hereby authorized to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland.

Any action taken by the City Manager under this ordinance must be in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in a writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping. This ordinance will automatically expire upon the Maryland Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of March 23, 2020.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations

Attachment 8.a: Attach A - Ordinance 3-20 (3083 : Ordinance-New Emergency Authorization for City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO._____

ORDINANCE: To authorize City Manager to suspend the application of certain City laws to slow the spread of COVID-19

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows:

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Under Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter, the Mayor and Council of Rockville is authorized to pass ordinances for the protection and promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. Because the transmission of COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, businesses, and employees of the City of Rockville, the City Manager is hereby authorized, in such emergency situations where official approval of the Mayor and Council is not possible, to suspend the application of any City law to the extent necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that City government continues to function in a manner consistent with best practices identified by health authorities and the executive orders of the Governor of the State of Maryland. The authorization set forth in this ordinance does not apply to any provision of the City Charter.

Any action taken by the City Manager under this ordinance must be in consultation with the Mayor and Council when possible; must be in a writing signed by the City Manager and immediately relayed to the Mayor and Council; must be promptly posted on the City website; and must be transmitted to the City Clerk for recordkeeping. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reverse any such suspension of City law, including convening a special meeting to do so. Any such reversal will not invalidate the suspension of the law up until the time of reversal. Any reversal of a suspension of the law will not invalidate any action taken by the City Manager during such suspension of the law. This ordinance will automatically expire upon the Maryland

Governor's announcement of the end of the state of emergency for COVID-19 or at the end of 3 months from the adoption of this ordinance, whichever comes first.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council of Rockville at its meeting of _____.

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

City Clerk/Director of Council Operation

Attachment 8.b: Attach B-Draft Ordinance (Replacement Emergency Authorization Ord) (3083 : Ordinance-New Emergency Authorization for

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Appointments & Announcement of Vacancies
Department: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office
Responsible Staff: Jacqueline Mobley

Subject

Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments

Recommendation

The Mayor and Council will appoint and reappoint the following members to the Boards and Commissions.

Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission

Stuart L. Graff – New Appointment to serve a 3-year term until 4/1/2023

Rockville Economic Development Inc.

Suzanne Osborn – New Appointment to serve a 3-year term until 4/1/2023

Bei Ma – New Appointment to serve a 3-year term until 4/1/2023

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations 4/8/2020

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Presentation and Discussion
Department: City Manager's Office
Responsible Staff: Jenny Kimball

Subject

COVID-19 Staffing Update

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive and discuss the City's staffing strategy during the COVID-19 emergency response.

Discussion

As the COVID-19 public health emergency evolves, the City of Rockville adapts and adjusts operations and staffing to continue serving customers, in accordance with Governor Hogan's emergency orders and within the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The city maintained normal operations and staffing until the close of business on Friday, March 14. This agenda items summarizes the staffing adjustments implemented since that date.

Beginning on Monday, March 17, city employees operate within the following three categories of work status: Essential Employees, Telework Employees, and Administrative Leave Employees. More information about each category is provided below.

The data in this report places each employee into one of the three categories; however, due to the type of job and the evolving service needs, some employees work within a combination of the categories. For example, an employee may perform essential services two days per week and receive administrative leave for three days or telework three days a week and receive administrative leave for two days of the week. In those cases, the employee is counted once in the category that best reflects city operations during the COVID response.

Through the COVID-19 response, city operations and staffing remain flexible and adjust to meet community demands and workforce status. The numbers of employees reported here may have adjusted since the figures were gathered, however this summary provides a useful overview of city staffing during the crisis to date.

The employee data presented will not align with personnel figures in the FY20 adopted budget, since this report counts numbers of employees currently working. In contrast, the adopted

budget captures numbers of approved FTEs, approved positions currently vacant, and personnel who cannot work at this time (e.g., on extended leave, FMLA leave).

Employee Work Status

1. Essential Employees

Essential employees are those members of our workforce who must report to a city facility to conduct their duties. Essential staffing is based on the department functions required to maintain the community's health and safety, allow for essential business in the community to continue, provide internal services that support city department operations, and continue Mayor and Council operations.

Adjustments in Essential Employees – As the public health emergency evolved, city management has adjusted the employees in the essential category in order to continue providing the most essential services in a manner that reduces our workforce's risk of exposure to COVID-19. In addition, departments have adjusted operations to increase the opportunities to operate virtually. For example, at the beginning of the crisis, Planning and Development Services conducted in-person inspections. At this time, department staff have developed tools and processes to conduct all inspections virtually.

To summarize the adjustments in staffing since the crisis response began, the data is broken down into two time periods: March 17 to March 30 and April 1 to April 6. Departments made some staffing adjustments at other points, but these two periods best capture the staffing "phases" during the crisis.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 response, 114 employees were categorized as essential. As of Governor Hogan's executive order to stay at home at the beginning of April, the number of employees categorized as essential was reduced to 113. While the total number of employees is consistent between the March and April dates, the scheduling of employees has adjusted so that fewer employees are actually working at the same time and together in order to support social distancing. More detail on the types of essential employees follows.

Full-Time Essential - The number of hours per week that essential staff work varies considerably across functions, and from one workday and work week to the next. A relatively limited number of essential functions and employees are operating on a full time, regular schedule. At this point in the emergency response to COVID-19, 113 essential city employees conduct the following critical functions on a full time, regular schedule:

- police dispatch,
- police patrol/investigation,
- police emergency management,
- recycling and refuse dispatch and collection,

- water treatment plant operations,
- stockroom operations,
- city facility cleaning (buildings that are currently operating and housing staff), and
- information technology end user support.

The table in Attachment A shows the adjustment in the numbers of full-time essential employees during two primary phases of the COVID-19 response to date. It also breaks down the employees into “non-exempt” (eligible for time and a half) and “exempt” (eligible for compensatory time) categories for each essential function. These figures represent the total staffing complement for the essential function, they do not represent the number of employees actually working at any given time.

As-Needed Essential - The remaining essential functions are conducted on an as-needed basis, with staff reporting to the workplace only when tasks need to be completed to maintain the community’s health and safety, allow for essential business in the community to continue, provide internal services that support city department operations, and continue Mayor and Council operations. At this point in the emergency, 181 essential city employees conduct the following functions as needed:

- Water, sewer, stormwater and streets operations
- Fleet repair and maintenance
- Traffic signal operations/repairs
- Construction site inspections
- Environment Division inspections
- Administrative support
- Senior Center and Community Services support of vulnerable Rockville residents
- Facility operations, maintenance and checks
- Park and tree maintenance
- Animal control and parking enforcement
- Vendor payments and check processing
- Meter reading and utility billing functions
- Payroll processing
- Rockville Reports production
- Additional information technology end user support
- Mayor and Council meeting preparation and airing on Rockville 11.

The number of hours per week that these essential staff work varies considerably based on the function and the needs. Many of them are unpredictable, since the hours worked is based on response to an unpredictable need, such as a traffic signal outage or street repair. Others are more predictable and occur on a regular schedule, such as payroll processing and Mayor and Council brief book preparation.

Attachment B shows the adjustment in the numbers of as-needed essential employees during two primary phases of the COVID-19 response to date. It also breaks down the employees into non-exempt (eligible for time and a half) and exempt (eligible for compensatory time) categories for each essential function. These figures represent the total staffing complement for the essential function, they do not represent the number of employees actually working at any given time.

Safety of Essential Employees – The City of Rockville works to minimize the risk to essential employees' health at work. Cloth face coverings were distributed to all essential employees, in accordance with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. Social distancing is maintained by limiting the number of staff on crews and in vehicles together, rotating the crews to reduce the total amount of time at the workplace, and assembling in groups outdoors and only when necessary. In addition, the employee thumbprint timeclock used when checking into a shift is no longer used.

Employees supporting the distribution of senior meals and collecting donations from the public are using social distancing and taking precautions to limit exposure to items that could have been in contact with the virus.

The city has also removed from the workplace any essential employees who voluntarily indicate that an underlying health condition, vulnerable family member or other situation makes working during the COVID-19 crisis an undue hardship. Fourteen essential employees facing those situations have come forward, and those fourteen employees were removed from their essential status.

2. Telework Employees

City employees in the telework category have the type of duties that can be accomplished outside of the office. The supervisors of telework employees are collaborating regularly with the employees on the work assignments to be completed during the COVID-19 response. The specific number of hours worked varies depending on the position. Some positions have duties that can continue at full time hours regardless of the City's operating status. Other positions have duties that are more dependent on customer demand and customer traffic, ranging from a minimal workload to nearly full-time workload. For purposes of this overview of staffing, that full range of employees are counted in the teleworking category.

A total of 178 employees have been operating in the telework category from March 13 through April 6. Attachment C provides a breakdown of the telework employees by department.

3. Administrative Leave Employees

A proportion of the city workforce has job duties that are not essential and do not lend themselves to teleworking. Examples include staff who support visitors at a recreation facility that is currently closed and staff who complete spring flower planting that is delayed for COVID

response. Those employees will be called on by their supervisors, when appropriate, to fill in gaps or complete tasks that fall within their skill sets.

A total of 43 employees have been exclusively in the Administrative Leave category since March 14. Attachment C provides additional information about this category.

Employee Compensation

The city recognizes the significant impact of the COVID-19 emergency on the economy, including on our employees' and residents' personal finances. The approach to city employee compensation described below has been in place since March 14. As the crisis continues, staff will re-assess to ensure sustainability, fairness and consistency with similar jurisdictions. The City of Gaithersburg, for example, is using the same approach as Rockville by providing premium pay to all their non-exempt employees who report to their place of work, compensatory time for exempt employees reporting to work, and regular pay to teleworking employees. Gaithersburg's premium pay and compensatory time is at the same rate as Rockville's.

1. Essential Employees

Compensation for essential employees acknowledges the increased health risk they face by being in the community and/or in a facility with other employees. The approach to compensation is dependent on the employees' status as non-exempt or exempt, defined as:

Non-Exempt employees are entitled to earn the federal minimum wage for every hour they work. Non-exempt employees qualify for overtime pay, which is calculated as one-and-a-half times their hourly rate, for every hour they work, above and beyond a standard 40-hour workweek.

Since Friday, March 14, non-exempt essential employees receive compensation at time and a half for all of the actual hours worked at a city work site or in the community.

Exempt employees are defined as employees who, based on duties performed and manner of compensation, shall be exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) minimum wage and overtime provisions. Exempt employees are not eligible to receive overtime compensation.

Since Friday, March 14, exempt employees receive compensatory time at a rate of a half hour for each hour spent on essential functions at a city work site or in the community

Since most of the essential personnel are working on an as-needed basis that cannot be fully predicted, the compensatory time accrued and time and a half compensation paid will vary from one pay period to the next throughout the COVID-19 response. The Fiscal Impact section

of this report describes the personnel expenses for the pay periods between March 16 and April 10.

2. Administrative Leave Employees

Non-essential employees whose positions do not lend themselves to teleworking have been provided Administrative Leave since March 14. They receive their regular pay and do not need to use their personal accrued leave toward this time that they are not working. There is no direct budgetary impact of the city providing this Administrative Leave, however the leave policy does represent a non-budgetary cost in terms of work that is not accomplished during the COVID-19 response period.

3. Telework Employees

Like employees in the administrative leave category, teleworking employees receive their regular pay. There is no budgetary impact and the non-budgetary cost of employees teleworking is less significant than providing administrative leave, since teleworkers are accomplishing planned work, continuing to provide services and providing ongoing value to the community.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

The Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) went into effect April 1, 2020 and will sunset on December 31, 2020. There are several components to the Act. The two most pressing components, from a compliance standpoint, are described below and include:
1) Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and
2) Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA).

The city is working toward meeting the requirements of these two components of the Act. Staff will ensure that any adjustments to the personnel policies through the remainder of the COVID-19 response continue to meet the requirements set forth in the FFCRA.

The EPSLA component requires employers to provide up to 80 hours (10 days) of paid leave to an employee who is not able to work or telework and needs time off for reasons related to COVID-19. For certain reasons, the leave is paid at the employee's regular rate of pay (capped at $511 per day). For other reasons, the leave is paid at 2/3 of the employee's regular rate of pay (capped at $200 per day). Employees are immediately eligible to receive paid sick leave; there is no waiting period.

The EFMLEA component requires employers to provide leave to an employee who is not able to work or work remotely, and who has a minor child whose school is closed and whose primary paid caregiver is not available due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This job-protected leave is available for up to 12 weeks. The first 10 days may be unpaid; eligible employees can draw from

EPSLA or other forms of paid leave to cover those 10 days. For paid EPSLA leave during the first 10 days, the employee receives 2/3 of their normal rate of pay (capped at $200 per day; $2,000 maximum). For paid EFMLEA, the employee receives 2/3 of their normal rate of pay (capped at $200 per day; $10,000 maximum). The employee must have been employed for at least 30 days to be eligible for this leave.

An employee could be eligible for both the EPSLA and the EFMLEA. The maximum would then be $12,000.

Private employers are eligible for a payroll tax credit for the paid leave they provide to qualifying employees under the EPSLA and EFMLEA provisions. Public employers, however, are not eligible for the tax credit (but are still required to provide the paid leave).

Mayor and Council History

This is the first time that this item has been on a Mayor and Council agenda.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of staffing city services through the COVID-19 response will vary from one pay period to the next. The amount varies because the number of employees required to complete essential services, and the number of hours it takes those employees to meet the essential services, depends on the needs in the community. Those are predictable, for example, in operating the Water Treatment Plant. It is not predictable, for example, in responding to a water main break or a malfunctioning traffic signal.

The additional pay provided to non-exempt essential employees has a budgetary impact on the city. The actual impact for essential operations between March 16 and April 10 totaled $298,083 to compensate non-exempt employees at the premium pay rate of time and one half. Of that total, $234,594 is attributed to essential police and administrative personnel and $63,490 to AFSCME union personnel and temporary personnel.

Some personnel expenses will be reduced during the COVID-19 response to offset the essential employee compensation. For example, the reduced number of Police Department calls for service results in less use of Police overtime. Finance staff will continue to monitor both savings and expenses during this emergency. As Finance has reported, the fiscal impact of the event through the end of FY20 can be managed using snow and ice savings, fuel savings, unspent personnel funds and contingency. The city also has over $3 million in unassigned fund balance and is currently well positioned to cover additional COVID-19 related expenditures for FY20 and beyond. Thus, no budget amendment will be necessary. The Mayor and Council's conservative financial policies and budgeting practices have ensured that the City of Rockville is prepared to manage the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 emergency.

Next Steps

At this time, city employees are scheduled to return to normal work schedules on Monday, April 27. With no confirmed end to the Governor's existing emergency orders, the April 27 date to return to normal staffing cannot be confirmed. Staff suggests that the Mayor and Council direct staff to begin considering the city's approach to operations and staffing beyond April and return to the Mayor and Council with options for a staffing and compensation strategy for a longer term COVID response.

Attachments

Attachment 12.a:	Attachment A - Essential Employee Summary	(DOCX)
Attachment 12.b:	Attachment B - As Needed Essential Employee Summary	(DOCX)
Attachment 12.c:	Attachment C - Telework/Admin Employee Summary	(DOCX)

Jenny Kimball

Jenny Kimball, Deputy City Manager 4/8/2020

Attachment A

Full-Time Essential Staffing Summary

Function	**March 13- 31**		**April 1 – April 6**	
	Non-Exempt	**Exempt**	**Non-Exempt**	**Exempt**
Police Communications	6	0	6	0
Field Services Sworn Police Officers	51	0	51	0
Police Leadership	3	6	3	6
Recycling and Refuse	26	1	26	1
Water Treatment Plant	9	1	9	1
Stockroom	3	0	3	0
Facility Cleaning	5	0	5	0
IT End User Support	0	3	0	2
March/April Subtotals	**103**	**11**	**103**	**10**
March/April Totals		**114**		**113**

These totals do not represent the number of employees actually working at any given time. These are the total number of employees serving in an essential function while working their regular work schedule, or a revised work schedule, to ensure services are provided and that the health and safety of the workforce is maintained.

While the total number of employees is consistent between the March and April dates, the scheduling of employees has adjusted so that fewer employees are actually working at the same time and together in order to support social distancing.

Attachment B

As-Needed Essential Staffing Summary

Function	March 13- 31		April 1 – April 6	
	Non-Exempt	Exempt	Non-Exempt	Exempt
Public Works:				
Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Streets*	50	4	50	4
Traffic Signals	2	0	2	0
Fleet Maintenance	9	2	9	2
Construction Inspections**	5	2	5	2
Environment Inspections	1	0	1	0
Administrative Support	0	1	0	1
Recreation & Parks:				
Senior Center and Community Services	9	6	9	6
Facility Maintenance	8	6	12	6
Park and Tree Admin/Maintenance	16	10	23	14
Other Recreation	1	3	1	3
Finance:				
Paying Vendors	1	4	1	4
Processing/Depositing Checks	1	0	1	0
Meter Reading and Utility Billing	3	1	3	1
Payroll	2	1	2	1
Police:				
Admin Support/ Neighborhood Services/Parking & Photo Enforcement/ Communications	10	2	10	2
Other:				
PDS Inspections*	6	1	0	0
Rockville Reports Design	1	0	1	0
IT End User Support	0	1	0	2
Rockville 11 Meeting Support	1	0	1	0
Mayor & Council Briefbook Support	2	0	2	0
March/April Subtotals	**128**	**44**	**133**	**48**
March/April Totals		**172**		**181**

This category of employees is performing essential functions in response to specific needs, rather than in a full time regular work schedule. They report to the workplace to perform those essential functions. Staffing is flexible depending on the work performed; for example, multi-disciplinary teams may work alternating days or an on-site staff person may have a back-up available by phone for additional support as needed.

* Inspectors in the PDS Inspection Services Division began teleworking with all virtual inspections on March 24, 2020.

Attachment C

Telework and Administrative Leave Employee Summary

Department	Telework Employees	Administrative Leave Employees
Recreation and Park	34	30
Public Works	34	10
Planning and Development Services	44	0
Police	4	2
City Manager/Procurement	20	1
Information Technology	16	0
Finance	6	0
Human Resources	12	0
City Attorney	7	0
City Clerk/Director of Council Operations	1	0
Total	**178**	**43**

Due to the nature of the work and workload, some employees spend a portion of their time teleworking and another portion in an administrative leave status. Those employees are listed in the Telework category.

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Work Session
Department: Finance
Responsible Staff: Stacey Webster

Subject

FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the City Manager's recommended adjustments to the proposed budget and summary of public testimony and provide guidance to staff as needed.

Discussion

At the Mayor and Council budget worksession held on March 23, 2020, staff reported that the FY 2021 proposed revenue projections and spending recommendations would need to be altered due to the impact of the current health and economic crisis. The City Manager asked the Mayor and Council for an opportunity to return with updated recommendations for the FY 2021 budget. This agenda item contains staff's updated recommendations and public testimony received through Monday, March 30, 2020. The public comment period closes on April 17, 2020.

This is an unprecedented time and staff recommends being conservative due to our projections of revenue loss and the high degree of uncertainty related to this event. Our primary objective is to preserve City services to residents, as well as to preserve the employee base necessary to deliver these services. It is staff's goal to avoid painful City employee layoffs and/or furloughs in the next couple of years. Our spending must be sustainable with fewer resources. Staff encourages the Mayor and Council to remain fiscally prudent and be willing to adjust the budget if or when needed via budget amendments.

Staff developed the recommendations in this report based on the continuation of City services at the FY 2020 adopted level, the likelihood that future budget adjustments will be needed, and the flexibility to provide resources to City employees and the Rockville community during and after this unprecedented time. Given the size and scope of this pandemic and the unknown impact that it will have on the Rockville community, the state of Maryland, and our nation, staff request that the Mayor and Council avoid adding funds for any new programs or services unrelated to relief for City residents or businesses. Compatible with that, staff is recommending for FY 2021 no increase in the property tax rates and no increase in any of the City's utility rates

charged to customers. Public Safety items remain fully funded, including the addition of two new police officer positions, and Pedestrian Safety items remain fully funded, as we recognize that these are two major priorities of the Mayor and Council, as well as the community.

Updated Recommendations for the General Fund

Staff recommends decreasing several General Fund revenue sources that are tied to the state of the economy. More specifically, TABLE 1 shows a total of $900,000 in anticipated reductions for admissions and amusement tax, hotel tax, and interest earnings for FY 2021. Staff recommends decreases to these revenue sources with the assumption that travel and leisure activities will likely take several months to resume after the height of the health crisis. The decrease in interest income is consistent with the current and projected interest rate environment.

In addition to the changes in TABLE 1, staff is no longer assuming an increase of $591,000 in tax duplication revenue from the County, with the understanding that the County will also be reducing their budget (note: the $591,000 was not included in the proposed budget).

Other General Fund revenue sources, such as charges for services and highway user, may be impacted if facility closures and social distancing remain in effect after July 1, 2020. If that situation occurs, staff will return to the Mayor and Council with a budget amendment in early FY 2021 to recognize the reductions in revenues and equal reductions in expenditures. Other revenue sources, such as income tax and property tax, may be impacted in future budgets (post FY 2021), depending on the length and severity of the health and economic crisis.

TABLE 1 – General Fund Revenues (pages 64-65 of proposed budget)

Proposed Revenues	**$86,860,000**
Decrease Admissions and Amusement Tax	(350,000)
Decrease Hotel Tax	(250,000)
Decrease Interest Earnings	(300,000)
Updated Revenue TOTAL	**$85,960,000**

On the expenditure side, staff evaluated several areas of spending, including proposed staffing, the timing of the implementation of the compensation and classification study results, the elimination or reduction of enhancements that were included in the City Manager's proposed budget, and the reduction or deferral of CIP projects.

TABLE 2 contains staff's recommendations for changes to General Fund expenditures. The City Manager recommends that three proposed full time equivalent positions (FTEs) be eliminated and one new position be added. The three new positions recommended for elimination include the Arts and Culture Coordinator, Events Specialist, and Housing Specialist. All three positions could be reconsidered in the future as current positions become vacant or in subsequent budget proposals.

In lieu of adding these three positions, and in response to the demand for additional public safety positions, the City Manager recommends adding to the original proposal a second full-time Police Officer. This additional position will bring the total number of sworn officers to 67 in FY 2021. The fully loaded cost for this second new officer equals approximately $120,000, of which $93,000 is an ongoing cost.

In addition to the change in FTEs, and in order to maintain the City's workforce without furloughs or layoffs during and/or after the current crisis, staff recommends unfunding the performance based merits and steps for all employee groups for FY 2021 for a General Fund savings of $700,000; delaying the implementation of the compensation and classification study results for one fiscal year for a savings of $400,000 (note: the Mayor and Council have not yet approved the Compensation and Classification Study and/or an implementation plan); and unfunding the three day employee leave buyback benefit for a savings of $170,000.

Unfunding the annual performance based merits and steps for employees with the goal of maintaining the current workforce without the need to institute furloughs or layoffs was a successful measure that the City implemented post-recession approximately 10 years ago. This recommendation helps to balance the FY 2021 budget as well as future years' budgets by reducing the base cost of salaries and related benefits. Importantly, keeping employment levels intact through this recommendation assures the continuation of current services to the Rockville community.

The City Manager will continue to freeze all nonessential vacant positions. The City Manager will revisit employee leave buyback during FY 2021 and could consult with the Mayor and Council for your consideration to reinstate this employee benefit, via budget amendment, if funding is available. Staff recommends that the annual 1 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all regular employees remain in the FY 2021 budget (estimated General Fund cost of $355,000).

Two additional operating reductions include $10,000 that was proposed in the Human Resources budget for an actuarial study to assess the fiscal impact of offering a new Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) benefit and $100,000 in the City Manager's budget for a branding consultant. Due to the volatility in the equity markets, staff is concerned about the future funding requirements of the City's Pension Plan and does not recommend enhancing benefits at this time of fiscal uncertainty. With regard to the branding consultant, the study could be reconsidered if or when resources become available in the future.

In the 'other' category of expenditures, staff recommends increasing the General Fund transfer to the Parking Fund and decreasing the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. The increase in the General Fund transfer to the Parking Fund is a result of delaying the consideration and adoption of an ordinance that would increase parking citation and parking permit revenues. The ordinance was originally scheduled to be presented during the FY 2021 budget deliberations and was intended to align the City's parking citation and fee structure with the

surrounding communities. At the request of the Mayor and Council, staff will delay the consideration of any changes to the parking citation and permit fees until after the coronavirus pandemic is over.

For the City's capital budget, staff recommends a different approach to potentially funding the Spray Park CIP project and reducing the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund by $500,000. Due to the change in the City's priorities as it responds to the pandemic, staff recommends this project be unfunded in the FY 2021 budget and instead possibly funded using future unassigned fund balance above the reserve requirement, if available, depending on the stability of the fund balance and the evolving financial impact of the crisis on the Rockville economy.

For outside and caregiver agency grants, staff recommends maintaining the caregiver agency grants as presented on page 364 of the proposed budget and outside agency grants as presented on page 365. There are no reductions to the original funding proposal. The services provided by caregivers and outside agencies will be more valuable than ever next year.

The final recommendation is an addition to the General Fund's unassigned fund balance of $1 million. The addition to fund balance is important in uncertain times because it helps to alleviate significant unanticipated budget shortfalls and allows for the orderly provision of services to residents. This addition to fund balance provides a financial cushion in case first quarter expenditures are higher than budgeted due to coronavirus-related items and/or first quarter revenues are below projected levels.

TABLE 2 – General Fund Expenditures (pages 70-71 of the proposed budget)

Proposed Expenditures	**$86,860,000**
Eliminate Proposed Arts and Culture Coordinator FTE	(115,000)
Eliminate Proposed Events Specialist FTE	(86,000)
Eliminate Proposed Housing Specialist FTE	(94,000)
Add Second Police Officer FTE	120,000
Unfund Merit/Step Increases for FY 2021	(700,000)
Delay Implementation of Comp. and Class. Results	(400,000)
Unfund 3-Day Employee Leave Buyback	(170,000)
Unfund Actuarial Study of DROP	(10,000)
Unfund Branding Consultant	(100,000)
Increase Transfer to the Parking Fund	150,000
Decrease Transfer to CIP for Spray Park (CIP pg. 291)	(500,000)
Increase to Unassigned Reserves	1,005,000
Updated Expenditure TOTAL	**$85,960,000**

In addition to providing direction on staff's recommendations as presented in TABLE 2, staff recommends that the Mayor and Council modify the commitments of fund balance that were included in the proposed budget ordinance. Section VII of the proposed budget ordinance states, "There is hereby committed $450,000 in General Fund unassigned fund balance to support a 1 percent cost of living adjustment for retirees effective January 1, 2021, and $300,000 for master planning of the RedGate property." Staff recommends modifying this language to the following, "There is hereby committed $100,000 in General Fund unassigned fund balance to support planning of the RedGate property."

Reducing the amount that is committed for RedGate (by $200,000) and eliminating the retiree COLA ($450,000), gives the City the maximum flexibility to respond to the current crisis and subsequent financial impact on the City. The $100,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance for RedGate would not be intended for a master plan RFP, but rather as a contingency for any technical consultants that may be needed to assist City staff with evaluating access and utilities, addressing environmental issues, and designing park and recreational uses of RedGate.

Updated Recommendations for the Utility Funds

In order to offer financial relief to the Rockville community during this unprecedented time, the City Manager recommends no increases to the City's water, sewer, refuse and recycling, and stormwater management rates for FY 2021.

The proposed water and sewer rates were adopted by the Mayor and Council in May 2018 and FY 2021 was the final year of a six-year rate plan. By not continuing with this adopted plan and keeping the rates flat per Attachment A, the Water and Sewer funds will be technically out of compliance with the following adopted Financial Management Policies in FY 2021, "Cash Reserves" policy, "Cash Improvement Plans" policy, and "Reserve Deficiencies" policy. These policies are located on page 43 of the proposed budget document.

When the City resumes normal operations, staff will work with the City's utility consultant to determine the long-term impact of not increasing the rates for FY 2021. As a result of not following the previously-adopted plan for FY 2021, water and sewer customers will likely experience increases in FY 2022 and possibly in FY 2023 higher than the rates that would have been in place then, or to avoid those higher rates, the City may have to extend the date for when the funds come into compliance with the City's Financial Management Policies. A combination of the two approaches might be possible. For context, the FY 2021 water usage fee was proposed to increase by 5 percent, the water ready-to-serve charge by 6.8 percent, the sewer usage fee by 6.5 percent, and the sewer ready-to-serve charge by 9.8 percent. The 6/30/19 cash balances were negative by $5.9 million.

Without the planned rate increases, the negative cash balances will grow, and the implicit General Fund subsidy will become a concern when evaluating the City's overall financial condition. In order to minimize significant negative balances in the funds, and the subsequent impact on the City's financial health, the City Manager will direct staff to find ways where we can identify non-essential operational spending or defer capital expenses when possible in the

Water and Sewer funds during FY 2021. In addition, staff will develop a new three-year rate plan with the consultant to bring the funds into compliance with all Financial Management Policies. This new rate plan would need to be considered and approved by the Mayor and Council in the next twelve months.

For the Refuse Fund, a $16 rate increase was included in the proposed budget, bringing the annual rate from $445 to $461. The new recommendation is to keep the rate flat at $445 per residential property per year. Keeping the rate flat for FY 2021 will lead to larger increases in the future. Residents will likely see increases in the range of 5 to 6 percent starting in FY 2022 in order to keep a positive balance in the Refuse Fund and to maintain compliance with the City's Financial Management Policies.

The Stormwater Management Fund did not assume a rate increase for FY 2021; therefore, the rate will remain as proposed at $132 per equivalent residential unit.

Public Testimony
Attachment B is a summary of all written and oral public testimony and all online budget forms submitted through March 30, 2020.

Mayor and Council History

Date	Action Item
December 9, 2019	Mayor and Council Budget Worksession
December 16, 2019	Budget Public Hearing
January 13, 2020	Budget Public Hearing
February 3, 2020	Discussion of Budget Survey Results and Priorities
February 24, 2020	Presentation of the FY 2021 Budget; Introduction of FY 2021 Budget Ordinance; Introduction of FY 2021 Refuse Resolution
March 2, 2020	Budget Public Hearing; Budget Worksession
March 23, 2020	Budget Public Hearing; Budget Worksession

Public Notification and Engagement

There were four public hearings related to the FY 2021 budget. In addition to public hearings, the public can submit comments about the budget via an online survey located on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/budget.

The FY 2021 budget public record and online survey close on April 17, 2020.

Next Steps

Future Mayor and Council actions related to the FY 2021 budget include:

Date	Action Item
April 17, 2020	Close of Budget Public Record
April 20, 2020	Budget Worksession

April 27, 2020	Budget Worksession (if needed)
May 4, 2020	Adoption of FY 2021 Budget Ordinance; Adoption of FY 2021 Refuse Resolution; Introduction and Adoption of Water and Sewer Ordinance

Attachments

Attachment 13.a: AttachmentA_WaterSewerRates (PDF)
Attachment 13.b: AttachmentB_PublicTestimonty_March30 (PDF)

Rob DiSpirito, City Manager 4/8/2020

Water and Sewer Rates

Quarterly Ready to Serve Charges

Water Rate by Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
5/8"	$12.30	$13.13	$13.13
3/4"	$18.45	$19.70	$19.70
1"	$30.75	$32.83	$32.83
1 1/2"	$61.50	$65.67	$65.67
2"	$98.40	$105.07	$105.07
3"	$196.80	$210.13	$210.13
4"	$307.50	$328.33	$328.33
6"	$615.00	$656.67	$656.67
8"	$984.00	$1,050.67	$1,050.67
10"	$1,414.50	$1,510.33	$1,510.33

Sewer Rate by Meter Size	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
5/8"	$13.89	$15.25	$15.25
3/4"	$20.84	$22.87	$22.87
1"	$34.73	$38.12	$38.12
1 1/2"	$69.47	$76.23	$76.23
2"	$111.15	$121.97	$121.97
3"	$222.29	$243.95	$243.95
4"	$347.33	$381.17	$381.17
6"	$694.67	$762.33	$762.33
8"	$1,111.47	$1,219.73	$1,219.73
10"	$1,597.73	$1,753.37	$1,753.37

Quarterly Usage Charges

Water Meter Size	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
5/8"	0 - 15,000	15,001 - 30,000	30,001 - 45,000	45,000 +
3/4"	0 - 22,500	22,501 - 45,000	45,001 - 67,500	67,500 +
1"	0 - 37,500	37,501 - 75,000	75,001 - 112,500	112,500 +
1 1/2"	0 - 75,000	75,001 - 150,000	150,001 - 225,000	225,000 +
2"	0 - 120,000	120,001 - 240,000	240,001 - 360,000	360,000 +
3"	0 - 240,000	240,001 - 480,000	480,001 - 720,000	720,000 +
4"	0 - 375,000	375,001 - 750,000	750,001 - 1,125,000	1,125,000 +
6"	0 - 750,000	750,001 -1,500,000	1,500,001 - 2,250,000	2,250,000 +
8"	0 - 1,200,000	1,200,001 - 2,400,000	2,400,001 - 3,600,000	3,600,000 +
10"	0 - 1,725,000	1,725,001 - 3,450,000	3,450,001 - 5,175,000	5,175,000 +

Water Rate Per 1,000 Gal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Tier 1	$5.34	$5.61	$5.61
Tier 2	$8.22	$8.63	$8.63
Tier 3	$12.75	$13.39	$13.39
Tier 4	$17.21	$18.07	$18.07

Sewer Rate Per 1,000 Gal	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
All Meters	$9.86	$10.50	$10.50

Attachment 13.a: AttachmentA_WaterSewerRates (3080 : FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession)

Summary of Oral Testimony for the FY 2021 Budget Process

As of 3/30/2020

Public Hearing #1: 12/16/2019		
Speaker	**Individual/Organization**	**Comment/Request**
Brian Van Fossen	City of Rockville Fraternal Order of Police	Increase the number of police officers, assess and increase other police officer benefits (Exhibit #2)
Judy Rudolph	Individual	• Recognize Town Center as a residential neighborhood, giving access to neighborhood and community policing resources • Advocacy for resources to implement pedestrian safety

Public Hearing #2: 01/13/2020		
Speaker	**Individual/Organization**	**Comment/Request**
Corinne Abramson	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee	Advocacy for pedestrian safety (Exhibit #6)
Alexandra Dace Denito	Lincoln Park Civic Association	• Advocacy to make sure that funding is allocated to advertise public hearings regarding redevelopment of neighborhood plans • Advocacy for more investment in pedestrian safety • Advocacy for investment in community composting • Advocacy for the City of Rockville to provide incentives to install residential solar rooftop panels • Advocacy for more resources for afterschool and summer camps to support STEM programs
Drew Powell	Rockville Sister Cities Corporation	Request for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival (Exhibit #5)
Brian Shipley	West End Citizen's Association	• Improve pedestrian safety at Great Falls road and monuments • Improve pedestrian safety on Maryland Avenue from South Washington Street to New Mark Esplanade • Improve the storm drain at Forest Avenue and West Montgomery Avenue • Complete replacement of the City's historical signs • Complete the sound wall at I-270 north of exit 6 • Complete a noise evaluation on the east side of I-270 south of exit 6 • Complete Maryland Avenue from Beall Ave. to Dawson Avenue and Dawson Avenue from North Washington Street to Hungerford Road
Nancy Breen	Rockville Bike Advisory Committee	• Advocacy to implement the Vision Zero Action Plan, including creating a 1.0 FTE coordinator to implement the Plan • Invest in wayfinding signage • Invest in a study of South Washington Street • Include a protected bike lane on Maryland Avenue • Include a bike lane on Martin's Lane • Create a full time coordinator position to bring back the Safe Routes to School program
Philip Scheer	Individual	Keep the budget balanced, with the minimum amount spent possible

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Public Hearing #3: 03/02/2020		
Speaker	**Individual/Organization**	**Comment/Request**
Leon Suskin	Human Services Advisory Commission	5% increase in Caregiver grants, comprehensive needs assessment
Drew Powell	Rockville Sister Cities Corporation	Request for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival (Exhibit #10)
Helen Aberger	Victorian Lyric Opera Company (Resident Companies)	Request for one-time grant of $25,000 for each of the Resident Companies (Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre)
Eric Fulton	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee	Request for the budget document to show the resources dedicated to implementing pedestrian safety initiatives
Brian Van Fossen	City of Rockville Fraternal Order of Police	Increase the number of police officers, assess and increase other police officer benefits, particularly disability benefits. Also asks for a formal written agreement between the FOP and the city (Exhibit #11)
Steven Howlett	Rockville Little Theatre (Resident Companies)	Request for one-time grant of $25,000 for each of the Resident Companies (Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre)
Marissa Valeri	Twinbrook Community Association	• Request for a study pedestrian and bicycle connector for the Twinbrook community • Request a 3% increase in the FY 2021 budget for patrol teams to increase community policing for the Twinbrook community • Request to install lighting for the Twinbrook bike path from Rockcrest Park to the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center • Support any pedestrian and bicycle safety requests
Peter Lowet	Mobile Medical Care, Inc.	Request to keep the $30,000 allocated in the proposed budget for Mobile Medical Care
Nancy Breen	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Requests for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, including support for a full-time Vision Zero coordinator (Exhibit #12)

Public Hearing #4: 03/23/2020		
Speaker	**Individual/Organization**	**Comment/Request**
A public hearing was originally scheduled for this date. However, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, testimony was submitted as written in lieu of oral testimony		
Maureen Roult	Rockville Resident Companies	Advocate for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #18)
Gary Sullivan	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #19)
David K. Jeffrey	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #20)
David Hoehl	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #21)
Rusty Snyder	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #22)
Erica Russo	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #23)
David Robinson	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #24)
Helen Aberger Dean Fiala Dana Robinson	Rockville Resident Companies	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #25)
Amanda Jones	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #26)
Amy Nicole Broadbent	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #27)
Carlton and Jane Maryott	Individuals	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #28)
Christopher Costabile	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #29)
Kent S. Woods	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #30)
Emily Costabile	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #31)
Ross Capon	Indvidual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #32)
Judy Rudolph	Individual	Advocate for Vision Zero improvements, including for a dedicated staff member and a marketing campaign (Exhibit #33)
Ben Dransfield	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies (Exhibit #34)
Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Requests for the City to fully fund the Peerless Rockvile grant request (Exhibit #35)

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Summary of Written Testimony for the FY 2021 Budget Process

As of 3/30/2020

Exhibit	Name	Individual/Organization	Issue(s)
1	John Becker	Rockville Environment Commission	Conduct energy efficiency assessments and improvements at City Facilities Replace street lamp bulbs with LED bulbs
2	Brian Van Fossen	City of Rockville Fraternal Order of Police	Increase the number of police officers, assess and increase other police officer benefits
3	George Sushinsky	Recreation and Parks Advisory Board	• Redevelop the RedGate as a park and open space facility • Renovate 6 Taft Court to facilitate staff moves into the building • Eliminate the use of Roundup on athletic fields • Improve park lighting at entrances and along paths
4	Melissa McKenna	Individual	Invest $500,000 into the Maryvale and Carl Sandburg Learning Center for daycare and before/after school care
5	Drew Powell	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival
6	Corinne Abramson	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee	Request full funding and an expedited schedule for implementing for the Vision Zero Action Plan as well as the Pedestrian Master Plan, including better crosswalk lighting, police staffing, and education
7	Deborah Moore	Human Services Advisory	Advocate for Rockville Human Services and Caregiver Grants
8	Lauren Paiva	Rainbow Place Shelter	Advocate for funding for Rainbow Place Shelter
9	Amanda Roberts	Individual	Advocate for a splash pad in East Rockvillle
10	Drew Powell	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival
11	Brian Van Fossen	City of Rockville Fraternal Order of Police	Increase the number of police officers, assess and increase other police officer benefits, particularly disability benefits. Also asks for a formal written agreement between the FOP and the city
12	Nancy Breen	Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Requests for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, including support for a full-time Vision Zero coordinator
13	Margaret Magner	Individual	Requests that the new proposed smart parking meters not be implemented for the Rockville Town Center area
14	Seth Marcus	Individual	Requests that the city freeze rates for refuse, water, and sewer services
15	Tebles Haile	Individual	Requests to not increase the water rate
16	Dave Rhodes	Individual	Asks why utility rates are not tagged to inflation, and what we get in return for the increased rates
17	Dave Rhodes	Individual	Asks why utility rates are not tagged to inflation, and what we get in return for the increased rates
18	Maureen Roult	Rockville Resident Companies	Advocate for the Rockville Resident Companies
19	Gary Sullivan	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
20	David K. Jeffrey	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
21	David Hoehl	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
22	Rusty Snyder	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
23	Erica Russo	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
24	David Robinson	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
25	Helen Aberger Dean Fiala Dana Robinson	Rockville Resident Companies	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
26	Amanda Jones	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
27	Amy Nicole Broadbent	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
28	Carlton and Jane Mary	Individuals	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
29	Christopher Costabile	Victorian Lyric Opera Company	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
30	Kent S. Woods	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
31	Emily Costabile	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
32	Ross Capon	Indvidual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
33	Judy Rudolph	Individual	Advocate for Vision Zero improvements, including for a dedicated staff member and a marketing campaign
34	Ben Dransfield	Individual	Advocate for one-time grants for the Rockville Resident Companies
35	Nancy Pickard	Peerless Rockville	Requests for the City to fully fund the Peerless Rockvile grant request

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Exhibit	Name	Individual/Organization	Issue(s)
36	David Tang	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival
37	Ron Tipton	New Mark Commons Association	Asks for assistance to dredge the New Mark Commons Lake
38	Jospeh Jordan	New Mark Commons Association	Asks for assistance to dredge the New Mark Commons Lake
39	Mike Stein	Individual	Requests that all pedestrian crossings have automatic signals
40	Stephen Fisher	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival
41	Marika Brown	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival
42	Annie Stewart	Individual	Asks for assistance to dredge the New Mark Commons Lake
43	Eric Fulton	Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Comm	Requests that all pedestrian crossings have automatic signals
44	John P. McKenzie	Rockville Sister City Corporation	Advocate for a total of $6,000 to assist with the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival

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City of Rockville
Get Into It

November 21, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council of Rockville
Robert DiSpirito, City Manager

FR: Rockville Environment Commission, (REC), John Becker JB

RE: Support of Departments of Public Works and Recreation & Parks budget requests for Fiscal Year 2021

Earlier this year both Director Craig Simoneau and Tim Chestnut, appeared before REC and explained two budget requests for Fiscal Year 2021.
REC supports investments in:

Energy Assessments and Improvements of City Facilities – contract a phased series of energy audits through the Operating Budget for one to several major City facilities or operations per year or every tw years, dependent on available budget and focused on the highest energy-consuming facilities. The aud will provide a list of cost-effective improvements for each place or operation. The most feasible ones would go into a new CIP project for City Facility Energy Improvements that coordinates with planned equipment replacements and building renovations, etc. Funding could come from grants, General Func money for previously planned replacements/renovations, and any additional funding the Mayor and Council decide to allocate.

Replace existing street lamp bulbs with LED bulbs - LED (light emitting diodes) bulbs offer a longer life in City street lights and are extremely more efficient. Such a program to replace existing street ligl bulbs reduces personnel costs as replacement tasks are reduced and the overall energy efficiency increase reduces electrical consumption.

Activities at the local, regional, national and global levels are compromising the Climate. REC after review strongly supports these two budget requests. Rockville can show it is working to reduce Climat Change by making City Operations more efficient, reducing energy use, and reducing greenhouse emissions.
By approving these budget requests, Rockville becomes a leader showing residents, guests, businesses, other municipalities, and governments it is addressing this concern and others can too.

Cc: Amanda Campbell, Tim Chestnut, Scott Fazekas, Susan Koester, Clark Reed, Monica Saavoss, Erica Shingara, Craig L. Simoneau, Lise Soukup, Steve Sprague, Pavitra Srinivasan, Ted Stauderman, and Fedon Vayanis

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Exhibit No. 2
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Niles Anderegg

From: Brian Vanfossen <bvanfossen@rockvillemd.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 12:40 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Dec 16 Public Hearing FOP Talking Points

Hello Everyone,

I have attached my talking points to this email. I did add some additional information while speaking tonight would be happy to send more information related to everything.

-We Need more police officers. It is my understanding our command staff will be asking for 3 Sworn Police Officers. I would ask you for more than that. I would ask you for at least 5 more Sworn positions this year an for several years. Nationwide Police department's have 15.6 sworn police officers per every 10k residents. With our population of nearly 70k residents we should have over 105 Sworn officers. We have 65. In comparison the City of Frederick has approximately 72k residents and 148 Sworn Police Officers, or 20.5 officers for every 10k residents. Frederick City Police has a current budget of 33.4M dollars, 148 Sworn, 56 Civilian Support.

Our lack of staffing has a continuous adverse effect on services and support our department can provide ou residents.

-In addition to adding additional officers we need to retain our current officers. We need a COLA of at least 2%, Merit based step increases.

-A comprehensive and complete On-duty disability plan. As of June 2018 the City hired a private company fo off duty disability insurance, in doing so the City no longer has an on duty Disability retirement plan. Former if someone was completely and permanently disabled while on duty the City would guarantee that officer would receive 66 and 2/3 of their pre disability income and free health care until their normal retirement da Now, we are strictly at the mercy of the workers comp commission on what an officer may or may not receive. This is deeply troubling de-motivating.

Currently If an officer is injured off duty, they guaranteed more disability benefit protection then if they are injured on duty. This is not an environment conducive to recruiting and retaining police officers. Police work inherently dangerous. It is the industry standard to provide on-duty disability benefits protections.

(The FOP and Police Admin are gathering information from other MD police agencies. The FOP would like to be a part of implementing a new disability policy)

-Funds for an actuarial study to implement a DROP program, and is feasible a commitment to implement in the same year. Change our pension to be based on the highest 3 years of service to match all other city employees, not the last 5.

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-Furthermore we, request the City enter a collective barging agreement with FOP. We currently have a "mee and confer" status and have entered several memorandums of understanding with City over the course of several years. This process has been a continuous struggle. Recently, the City has changed a policy that was previously negotiated without approval or agreement from the FOP. The City's Legal Department has recent decided that City Code that says: Where such rules and procedures conflict with provisions of a written agreement between the City and any employee or employee organization, the provisions of the written agreement shall apply and take precedence over City rules and procedures...(Chapter 15 Sec 15-1)" and "The grievance procedure shall provide for an appeal to the City Manager whose decision on the grievance shall b final." (Chapter 15 Sec 15-52) Does not apply to sworn police officers.

I asked what other City Code and City policies do not apply to Sworn Police officers and for the person or persons that made that decision 3 business days ago. We have yet to get an answer to those questions.

I do have all the related email threads in reference to the General Order2-7 change.

But for some additional background the grievance procedure for sworn police officers was negotiated in FY1994 Meet and confer. There is a signed MOU between the City an FOP stating grievances will be handled accordance to G.O. 2-7 **as published July 1, 1989.** Over the years the FOP has not contested very minor changes and language updates to G.O. 2-7. But the current Police Administration substantially changed G.O. 2-7 in October without consulting the FOP. A clear violation of our FY1994 meet and confer agreement. The FOP requested the police admin not publish the revisions, the police admin refused our request. The FOI reached out to Human Resources immediately. Human Resources deferred to the Legal Department. It took nearly two months and continuous inquiry by the FOP for Legal to provide a response. On 12/11 Karen Marshall provided this from legal:

"The response was that LEOBR prevails regarding the Chief of Police authority to issue discipline and that there was no problem to the changes to General Order 2-7. The Legal opinion is that discipline, under LEOBR issued by the Chief of Police is not grievable to the City Manager."

The FOP sent two very lengthy responses the evening of 12/11 to Karen Marshall citing our disagreement wi Legal's decision and asked more questions.

1. Does the Chief of Police have the authority to dismiss (terminate) a Police Officer without the permission of the City Manager and or HR?
2. Does the Chief have the authority to impose suspension without pay of a Police Officer without permission of the City Manager and or HR.
3. Will the Legal Dept provide a list of all the City Code and City policies that do not apply to sworn polic officers.

I have not received a response.

We as Police officers and the FOP are required to abide by all City policies, procedures and City Code. But apparently other City Officials are not.

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The Legal Department with their decision has decided prior meet and confer agreements are meaningless ai hold no weight. We need a Collective Bargaining Agreement in hopes the City will treat Officers properly.

It is my personal opinion is that there is a greater threat to my well being, and my employment as a Police Officer in the City of Rockville from inside the Police Department, HR and the legal dept, then I face on the streets of Rockville. Moral is a historic low.

We the police officers of Rockville need your help.

Thank you,

Brian

My personal email is bvanfossen1986@gmail.com. My phone number is 443-974-2958. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. I work midnight shift, 9pm-7am so there maybe a delay on my replies.

Officer B. Van Fossen

Rockville City Police
2 W. Montgomery Ave
Rockville, MD 20850
240-314-8900

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Exhibit No. 3
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Niles Anderegg

From: George Sushinsky <gsushinsky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2019 10:45 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Tim Chesnutt; Robert DiSpirito
Subject: Fw: Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Memo
Attachments: Recreation and Park Advisory Board Memo on Redgate-2.docx

Mayor and Council,

At the last meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (Board) the Board members reaffirmed their desire that the Redgate Park property be dedicated to active and passive recreatior use. This desire was presented to the last mayor and council in a memorandum that is attached to the forwarded email. As the new mayor and council, you will have the opportunity and responsibilit to direct the course of action to be taken with regard to the future of Redgate Park. It is the Board's hope that this property will remain a source of recreation and environmental stability for all Rockville residents.

With the Board's position in mind, Redgate Park ranks high on the Board's priority list for FY2021 budget consideration. In addition the Board feels strongly that budget priority be placed on the complete renovation of 6 Taft Court to facilitate staff moves into the building.

Other issues discussed at the Board's previous meetings that will have impact on the budget if implemented are:

* the elimination of Roundup use on athletic fields for weed control in favor of methods that pose less of a potential health issue for city staff and field users;
* improved park lighting at entrances and along paved paths in the parks.

The Board looks forward to providing input to the Budget for FY2021 and beyond as well as the Master Plan for Redgate Park.

Thank You,

George Sushinsky
Chair of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
240-361-7883

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: George Sushinsky <gsushinsky@yahoo.com>
To: Mayorcouncil <mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov>
Cc: Tim Chesnutt <tchesnutt@rockvillemd.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019, 7:58:56 AM EDT
Subject: Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Memo

Mayor and Council,

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The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (Board) in its advisory role submits the attached memorandum for your consideration on the future direction of the Redgate property. I trust that the Board will have an active role in the discussions about Redgate.

Thank you,

George Sushinsky
Chair, Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.
240-361-7883

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Memorandum

To: Timothy Chesnutt, Director of Recreation and Parks

From: City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Date: June 11, 2019

Re: Redgate Golf Course

The Recreation and Park Advisory Board has long supported the Redgate Golf Course as an important component of the City of Rockville's recreation facilities and programs. The Board also supported the lease of Redgate to Billy Casper Golf early this decade. This arrangement enabled the City to continue to provide a golf course for the community while relieving the City of the financial burden that the course had become in recent years.

The Recreation and Park Advisory Board offers new recommendations to the Mayor and Council in light of:

- Billy Casper Golf withdrawing from its lease with the City and ending its management of the Redgate as of 12/31/2018; and
- The Business Analysis of Redgate prepared for the City by NGF Consulting in January 2019.

NGF Consulting's Business analysis presents a bleak picture of Redgate including:

- A 33% reduction in rounds played from 2015 to 2018;
- Deteriorating course infrastructure;

  In retrospect, the Board (and others) may have ignored or been unaware of this deterioration which occurred over many years both before and after the lease with Billy Casper Golf.

- Poor and declining operating results; and

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- Challenging demographic and economic factors (overall decline in the # of golfers and rounds played, competition from other courses, etc.).

NGF Consulting's conclusion is that "significant improvement in the property is needed" at a significant cost ($3 to $4 million) to attain "an economic position at or near 'break-even'" ignoring the up-front renovation and equipment costs.

Recommendations

Golf Course Decision

The Recreation and Park Advisory Board recommends that Redgate no longer be maintained as a golf course. While we are disappointed with this outcome, we believe that maintaining Redgate as a golf course is not a viable option given the prohibitive costs of doing so.

Recreation and Park Facilities in Rockville

The following statements serve as a guide for the Recreation and Park Advisory Board:

Recreation and Parks Mission Statement
To promote participation by all Rockville residents in diverse, interesting and high-quality recreation and leisure opportunities in safe, modern and well-maintained parks and facilities.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board Description (see City web site)
The board is charged with encouraging the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the city and recommending those programs for young people and adults that suitably reflect the needs of the citizens.

With these charges in mind the Recreation and Park Advisory Board recommends that all or substantially all of the Redgate site be developed and maintained by the City as an active

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and passive park and open space facility. The following factors contributed to our recommendation:

Population Growth

Rockville is an attractive place to live and thus an appealing site for developers. This has and will continue to lead to a growing population in our City. For example, the City's 2016 Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan (an area with no parks now) stated:

> *Regional projections show that there will be approximately 11,800 residents and 13,900 jobs in the Plan Area by 2040, compared with about 3,530 residents and 9,050 jobs in 2015.*

The City cannot fulfill its mission (cited above) *to promote participation by all Rockville residents... in safe, modern and well-maintained parks and facilities* unless it grows these facilities along with its population growth.

New Parks and Facilities

The opportunities for the City to acquire new park land are extremely limited. The City's success at adding significant active park land in recent decades only occurred when substantial open space was developed within the City and portions of that development devoted to park land (i.e. King Farm and Thomas Farm). Where in the City does a similar new open space opportunity exist today? Without such opportunities where will the City's growing population go to enjoy the *desirable recreation and park facilities* that our Board is charged with encouraging the Mayor and Council to develop. The Redgate site is such an opportunity that the City cannot afford to squander.

Potential Loss of Leased Sports Fields at Mark Twain

Mark Twain situated across Avery Road from the entrance to Redgate serves as venue for Youth and Adult sports. It is heavily used to the point that field conditions were unacceptable during the end of the Fall 2018 sports season. The county lease runs out in two years and there is no guarantee that Rockville will be able to extend the lease again. The Redgate site is an opportunity to provide a long term solution to Rockville's growing need for more sports fields.

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East Rockville

While the population and facility challenges discussed above affect the entire City, the problem is especially acute in East Rockville. An overhead view of the City displays a scarcity of active parkland in East Rockville. Excluding Redgate, the only park of substantial size in East Rockville is Civic Center Park which, while a gem in many ways, provides limited recreational/active park options. The Redgate site offers a solution to this scarcity

Conclusion

In summary, the Recreation and Park Advisory Board recommends the following:

1. **The Redgate site no longer be maintained as a golf course; and**
2. **All or substantially all of the Redgate site be developed and maintained by the City as an active and passive park and open space facility.**

Signed by:

Vincent "Chip" Boylan
Robert Harriman
Thomas Lynch
Eder Martinez
Stephanie Pankiewicz
George Sushinsky, Chair
Robert Taylor
Dirk Whatley
Kent Wong

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Rockville Mayor and Council
FY2021 Budget Request Submitted for the Public Record
Testimony of Melissa McKenna

I've been a regular in City chambers for 6+ years, and testified, Monday, January 6th, in what may be my last opportunity to see a project completed.

In past years I had a role to play: local PTA President, Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA) Cluster Coordinator, then MCCPTA Capital Improvements Program Committee Chair, and even MCCPTA Vice President. My mission now as "just a parent" is the same as then: the best education and school facilities for all our MCPS students—not just at one school but in all our schools. Along the way, I advocated with you to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Board of Education (BOE) to build out Bayard Rustin ES to its full 740-student capacity, and to you as the City negotiated and funded an expanded gym there.

The City of Rockville has been extremely generous in funding school facility enhancements when MCPS has renovated or built new schools in the City. There was even a specific budget line item:

City of Rockville Community Gym Contribution		
Lakewood ES	FY2003	$200K
College Gardens ES	FY2006	$200K
Meadow Hall ES	FY2010	$300K
Bayard Rustin ES	FY2017	$400K

In keeping with City tradition, I respectfully request that the City make a $500K Capital Budget investment in FY2021 towards the new, co-located Maryvale ES and Carl Sandburg Learning Center. As a reminder, Sandburg is a county-wide, special education school of ~100 students whose needs exceed the services that can be provided in their home school. Unfortunately, time has long since passed when an enhanced gym could have been designed and built on the site. However, there are always other opportunities.

Many thanks again to Mayor Newton and Councilmember Feinberg for testifying with me to the BOE in August to remind MCPS that the City is a willing and generous partner with them for our City schools.

In September, Mayor Newton and I met with MCPS Chief Operating Officer Dr. Andy Zuckerman and Director of Facilities Management, Seth Adams, regarding other possible partnership opportunities for the schools. I had hoped for further progress by now on a specific, mutually agreeable project—but I'm sure MCPS will appreciate another reminder from me. I've only been bringing this up for a little over two years.

What floated to the top as most desirable and feasible was daycare and before/after school care space at the Maryvale/Sandburg site. Although located on the school site, it would be physically separate from the schools' building. Maryvale ES used to have dedicated daycare space, in addition to before and after school care. The loss of that daycare even while at the holding school on Bauer Drive, has had significant impact. Sandburg families have a significant challenge in finding suitable before and after care for their differently abled children, as well as nearby daycare for younger siblings, and they would greatly appreciate if those could be provided on site.

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The Mayor and Council have clearly indicated a desire for the City to expand Early Childhood Care and Education options, especially in the Lincoln Park Community. Maryvale/Sandburg's First Street location would easily serve Lincoln Park and all East Rockville. If you should need more convincing, Maryvale has Head Start, Pre-K, and autistic pre-K programs and is also a Linkages to Learning site for additional family support.

New facilities for these two schools have been in the making for 10 years. It may not seem like much but co-locating a special education school with a general elementary school is like finding a unicorn. I mention these schools to every elected body I'm in front of because I'm so excited about the incredible opportunities presented by this one-of-a kind occurrence. Students and staff of both schools will benefit tremendously both socially and academically. Maryvale and Sandburg will become THE model for special education, not just in the County but the state. It is too important for them not to be afforded every opportunity to be the best schools they can be.

Bottom line: This is a matter of equity. Our Sandburg and Maryvale students should be receiving a similar investment by the City of Rockville as the City has done for our sister schools. Whether and how MCPS responds to this opportunity would reveal the commitment by **MCPS to practicing the equity it touts.** The City should be taking the lead by providing **equal funding and equitable facilities for ALL students, especially those from more challenged socioeconomic backgrounds and those with special needs, as we have at Maryvale and Sandburg**.

Thank you.

Melissa McKenna

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Melissa McKenna <melmckenna@utexas.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:30 AM
To: mayorcouncil; Robert DiSpirito; Linda Moran; cityclerk
Subject: FY2021 Budget request to be included in the public record
Attachments: RMC McKenna FY21budget request 010820.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council, City Manager, and City Clerk.

Attached please find a written copy of my public comments made at the January 6, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting. This is my formal request for the FY2021 City budget, and I ask that they be included in the Budget Public Record.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 12:12 AM
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Subject: Clarification regarding co-located Maryvale/Sandburg
Attachments: Equity-vs-Equality.whlchr.jpg; RMC McKenna 010720.docx

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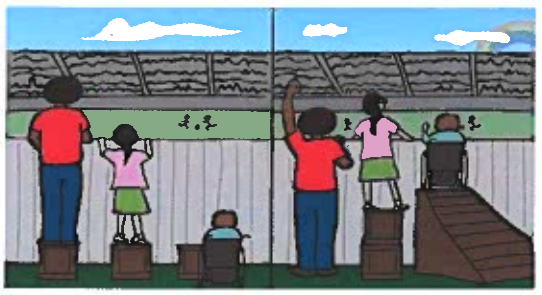

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January 13, 2020

Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Attn: Mayor and City Council

Re: Budget Hearing Testimony - Grant Funding for 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival

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Most of the requested funds will be returned to the City of Rockville in the form of venue rental, street closure fe and Rockville City Police services. The grant funds will also outset the cost of tents and generators. Thank you advance for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

Drew Powell

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Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee FY21 Budget Request Public Testimony

Good evening. My name is Corinne Abramson, and as Vice Chair of the Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee, I am here tonight to share with you the group's priorities and recommendations for the 2021 budget.

Before I jump in, I ask for your quick indulgence. I would like to share with you how the committee defines the word pedestrian. We use a contemporary and inclusive definition, one that refers to "any form of human powered travel"...so when we refer to a pedestrian, we are referring to those that use wheelchairs, walkers, canes and motorized scooters as well as those that use their feet. It also includes people who are pushing a stroller. In fact, if you think about it, almost everyone is a pedestrian. Even drivers are pedestrians ....at the beginning and at the end of their journey... they walk to their car, home or place of business. The issues I stand in front of you to talk about are broad-based, ones that impact everyone.

The items the committee brings forward are not meant to be comprehensive but, instead, to commence a discussion and frame the "ask". These are items we see as essential to the implementation of the City's commitment to protect the lives of those that live, work, shop or visit ... inclusive of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. We believe our request is in line with the planning that the city is doing to this same end. In fact, we were encouraged to hear City Manager, Rob DiSpirito, state, during the December 16th Mayor and Council meeting, "*I do intend to present funds in the FY21 budget, money for measures to address things like physical improvements to intersections, overtime and additional funds for campaign of enforcement, likewise for media and outreach and communication.*"

Building off those thoughts....

We recommend and request Full & Appropriate Funding for the Vision Zero Action Plan and the resulting Pedestrian Master Plan.

When presented in the spring, the plan that city staff will outline to the Mayor and Council will be a comprehensive approach to eliminating vehicle-related fatalities...but, the current plan calls for two years of research, planning and data collection, followed by multiple years of implementation. We strongly believe that we need to expedite this timeline and work to get ready for implementation as soon as feasible. We believe that requires additional funding and resources.

We feel the same about the resulting Pedestrian Master Plan. We need to resource appropriately, to expedite the planning process so that in the time between today and implementation we aren't faced with more crashes and fatalities.

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The City's work to this end is organized by the three "E"s - Engineering, Enforcement, and Education.
Starting with Engineering: We believe that this work will have the greatest impact on our future. Safety begins with good design and good implementation. We ask that the city dedicate appropriate funds, staff, and resources to secure and improve our existing infrastructure - In particular, we are looking for funds to address 3 areas:

1. Sidewalk Construction and Repair
    - The percentage of sidewalks installed hovered around 70% of plan for FY17 and 18. We are asking for the necessary resources to achieving the goal of 100%
2. Street lighting –
    - The city made great strides in street lighting upgrades from FY 17 to FY 18 but still fell slightly short of 100%. The need for adequate lighting is a requirement for drivers and pedestrians alike and - particularly this time of year.
3. Investment in pedestrian safety technologies –
    - The city has installed several new flashing pedestrian beacons in the past year (for which we are grateful). We believe this type of technology, as well as High-Intensity Activated Walk (or HAWK) beacons should be included in the budget as new locations for protecting pedestrians are identified.

The second "E" is Enforcement. Here we echo the requests of other groups to increase police staffing and allow for-enhanced patrolling hours. Under Chief Britto's leadership, enforcement includes education and awareness as well as enhanced data analysis. The Rockville City Police Department is a great partner. We see them creatively "making more" with what they have, but the bottom line is that they have a finite amount of resources. We recommend increasing funding and staffing for enhanced enforcement.

The final "E" is Education. Probably the most immediate route to behavior change and impact is through education and outreach. With the increased volume of people walking in a city designed for drivers, it is imperative that that we remind and reinforce the rules of the road, crosswalks and sidewalks. We envision this happening through outreach campaigns and initiatives as well as enhanced signage. Again, here we also have a great team at the City and truly appreciated the opportunity to partner with them. We feel, however, that there is a need for increased funding to enhance existing programs and create new ones that will capture attention with their imaginative and unexpected approach. We would also like funding sufficient enough to create and distribute educational materials, such as the "Eyes Up Rockville" cards that resulted from a joint venture between local businesses and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

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In closing, we ask that the city continue its commitment to pedestrian safety by adequately funding, staffing, and resourcing Vision Zero.
Additionally, we would very much like to see these efforts move forward as collaborative venture, one involving multiple city departments - working together.

Thank you for your time this evening.

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Exhibit No. 7
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: D M <moore.deborah55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 10:51 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Rockville Budget FY21

January 27, 2020

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville:

First of all, I wish to acknowledge my appreciation for this opportunity to give my input on budgeting requests. I am pleased to be a Consumer Representative on the Human Services Advisory Commission. However, here, I wish to the address you as a citizen of Rockville.

I am pleased to be able to represent a living example of the importance of funding for human services in the city of Rockville. They were there for me at critical times in my life when they were greatly needed. They continue to be so; and, I believe a generously strong continuation of funding for these services is a vital necessity for Rockville.

From the positive impact of Manna to the blessing of residing at Rockland House, I have been the beneficiary of the services H.S.A.C. advocates for year after year. It was due to that advocacy that these services were and still remain available for me and so many others who need them—and, it is my turn to give back by contributing my small but hopefully meaningful part here by asking for a continued robust level of funding for these services.

Again, I wish to thank the Mayor and City Council for their time and attention, and I look forward to a continued positive display of attention to those in the Rockville community that receive these services. Thank you.

Deborah Moore

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City of Rockville Mayor and Council Meeting January 27, 2020
Statement of Lauren K Paiva, Executive Director, Rainbow Place Shelt

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Good Evening Mayor Newton and Members of the City Council.

My name is Lauren Paiva, Executive Director of Rainbow Place Shelter, located in Rockville, about half a mile from City Hall. Rainbow's goal as part of the Montgomery County Continuum of Care is to make experiences of homelessness rare, brief, and one time.

In just the few minutes it took all of us to walk from our cars into this meeting, we got a tiny taste of the biting cold our shelter guests feel every minute of every day that they are not at work or finding refuge in a place like Rainbow. There is no way to tell how many lives Rainbow Place has saved since its inception 38 years ago, but on nights like tonight providing shelter to the most vulnerable among us is as critical now as it was then.

There has been a great deal of focus at many levels on early intervention, working with families and youth to address many of the systemic causes of homelessness. At Rainbow Place, we have welcomed and are actively supporting this effort by increasing our emphasis on diversion and doing everything we can to help women not enter Rainbow or any other shelter.

Unfortunately, however, the sad reality is that millions of single women are experiencing homelessness in America, including many here in Rockville. Programs for youth and women with children don't help those who seek shelter at Rainbow. They struggle, living everyday alone, without the support structures that all of us take for granted. Of the 441 individuals experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County identified in last January's annual Point in Time Count Rainbow served 107 of them.

Today, we do so much more than provide food, shelter, and clothing. Our mission has grown to include counseling, case management and providing the support needed to transition our guests to a more stable quality of life.

The investment the City of Rockville makes in Rainbow Place is more than just humanitarian in nature. So far this year, Rainbow Place has seen a nearly 50% increase in the number of Rockville Residents coming through our doors. While difficult to directly measure, the decrease in city services consumed by our guests saves the City of Rockville substantial amounts of money. Plus, the funds you provide are multiplied many times over by in-kind and monetary donations from county and private sources.

Rainbow Place Shelter is truly one of the best investments this council makes each year, and we hope you continue to make the funds available to all of our nonprofit human services partners so that we may all continue these efforts together.

Thank you.

For additional information, please contact:
Lauren Paiva, lauren@rainbowplace.org, 301-762-1496

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Amanda Roberts <amanda.s.roberts8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 3:46 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Support for East Rockville splash pad

Good afternoon,

As a resident of East Rockville and the mother of two young boys, I want to voice my support for a splash pad in East Rockville. It is my understanding that ERCA has asked to start funding for this in the upcoming fiscal year.

Specifically, I am in favor of any and all amenities that attract and retain families to East Rockville. We have tons of families with little children who tend to move out of their small houses as their kids grow. We are an exception - we decided to stay and add on to our house. The more we can do to increase community amenities and retain families, tl better. A splash pad would be a fantastic and unique addition.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amanda Roberts
329 Seth Place

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March 2, 2020

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According to the proposed FY21 Budget, this important and largest gathering of Rockville's Asian American and other communities is recommended to be funded for half of what was requested. I and everyone involved with the Rockville Sister City Program ask that you restore the funding to the requested $6,000. This is a fraction of what others have received over the years in order to serve the needs of Rockville and its diverse communities, especially its Asian – American community. Please keep in mind that most of the requested funds will be returned to the City of Rockville in the form of venue rental, street closure fees and Rockville City Police services. Thank you for your consideration.

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Good evening madam mayor, city council members. My name is Brian Van Fossen, Rockville FOP Lodge 117 President. We, the FOP represent sworn Rockville City Police Officers. Later tonight you will have a FY21 budget work session. I am here tonight asking for your consideration on several issues as they relate your Police Department.

The City Manager's proposed FY21 budget only includes adding one additional sworn police officer. To be blunt, this is not enough. Our Police Department is significantly understaffed. Adding one police officer does nothing to correct that problem. It also does not address the expected population growth and vertical construction underway; we will continue to fall further behind. Also, our daytime population in Rockville is significantly higher than our roughly seventy thousand residents. Simply put, we need a lot more police officers to provide the level of service our citizens deserve. We need your help and hope it is a high priority for this year and many years to come.

Another issue that is deeply concerning to your police officers is the City's on the job disability benefits and protections, or lack thereof. Being a police officer is an inherently dangerous job, we all know that. But unfortunately, the City has reduced job injury benefits and protections for not just the police department but all city employees. The FOP has raised their concern about this issue and so has Chief Brito. I would like to give credit to Chief Brito and his administration for understanding that our department's current lack of job injury protection is a significant problem. His administration is advocating and actively attempting to make a positive change. Unfortunately, Chief Brito does not have the authority to grant officers the job injury protections needed. Again, we are asking for your help. A little background on this issue: In June of 2018 a policy change was proposed to and approved by the mayor and council. With that change, the City discontinued the "Income Protection Plan or IPP" and now uses a private insurer to provide off the job disability benefits for employees. Unfortunately, included in that change was a significant reduction on the job protections and benefits. The IPP not only provided off duty protections and benefits but also guaranteed the on duty protections and benefits as well. This change effetely stripped police officers of minimum benefits that are standard in our line of work. I would ask you to reinstate the IPP until such time a suitable on duty disability plan can be adopted. It is important you take action on this item now as the pending changes to the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual state the IPP is no longer in place.

The last item I will bring to you tonight is a request for a formal written agreement between the FOP and the City. The FOP currently holds a "meet and confer" relationship with the City and has done so for the last 35 years. Through those years both side were able to discuss salary, benefits, certain work rules and procedures. Historically, that process was effective. Both parties met every year, negotiated, agreed to, and signed many MOU's. Both parties honored those agreements and if a change was needed it was updated via the next agreement. More recently, the meet and confer process has proven to be ineffective. For starters haven't signed an agreement since FY15. Discussions for FY20 agreement that actually started in FY19 have been completed since Dec 2019. To my knowledge, nothing has been provided to the Mayor and Council for their review and then FOP for finalization.

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Recently the FOP had an opportunity to sit down with administrators from the Police Department, HR Department, Legal Department, and City Manager's Office. The official opinions of those City officials include:

1. The MOU agreements written, signed by the City and the FOP, then presented to and were ultimately approved by the Mayor and Council **are NOT written agreements.** City code Sec 15-1 states ***"Where such rules and procedures conflict with provisions of a written agreement between the City and any employee or employee organization, the provisions of the written agreement shall apply and take precedence over City rules and procedures, but only to the extent of any conflict."*** But again your legal department said: signed and approved meet and confer agreements are not "written agreements."
2. Meet and Confer agreements can be unilaterally changed by the City without discussion or approval from the FOP.

In summary, the history of meet and confer and years of "agreements" are pointless and mean nothing to your current administrators. They believe a good personal relationship and acting in good faith will be more beneficial than any written agreement could ever be. I do agree a strong, communicative relationship between the FOP and the Police administration would be very effective. I want that relationship, and I am certain that relationship can also exist with a formal written agreement. In fact, it would make a formal agreement and any negotiation process more effective and productive.

Under City Code 15-2, Council's responsibilities: The Council shall: (3) ***"Approve, when necessary, procedures and rules governing relationships between the City and any employee organization which may be created for the purpose of representing a group of City employees on matters relating to conditions of employment including: recognition of such employee organization, bargaining and negotiation with an employee organization, and adoption of a written agreement with an employee organization. Any agreement entered into with a recognized employee organization may include provisions concerning the administration of personnel matters which alter procedures set forth in this chapter but which do not alter the intent or application thereof. Any written agreement with an employee organization shall be approved by the Council before it becomes effective."***

I am asking you with good intentions and good faith that you grant the FOP the ability to enter a formal written agreement with the City. Preferably, a collective bargaining agreement. Or, at minimum, simpler Memorandum of Understanding between City and the FOP related to conditions of employment, benefits, certain work rules, administration of those rules, and a duration clause.

My push for a more formal written agreement is to bring more clarity and assurance to the membership. We see this as an opportunity to improve the police department and to make progress. There is a lot of uncertainty (to say the least) among the membership. We have seen erosion in procedural and monetary benefits. While the City has made significant improvements to make Police Officer pay more competitive, those improvements are negated by our department having the highest cost of healthcare

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out of all surrounding departments that provides less benefits and a retirement plan that is also one of the least competitive, the list goes on.

I will and have repeatedly acknowledged we do have it good here in Rockville, but there is a lot that could be better and I want the best for our membership and the community we serve.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to further discussions.

-Brian

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RBAC Budget Request 2020 for FY2021

1. **Support for Full-Time Vision Zero Coordinator in Rockville**: RBAC agrees with RPAC that Rockville needs a dedicated and enthusiastic Full-Time Vision Zero Coordinator to address urgent safety issues
2. **Implement new signage in Rockville:** Councilor Pierzchala and former Councilor Onley conducted a study that indicated 400-500 new signs are needed to update and supplement existing signage in Rockville.
3. Bike Lane on Martin's Lane: This is in the Bikeway Master Plan and due to requests from Montgomery College Students we want to accelerate implementation
4. **Hire a Full-Time Coordinator to Implement County Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program in Rockville schools**: Rockville developed the initial program used by Montgomery County. Now, the City needs to work with the County to fully implement the SRTS program in Rockville. This involves hiring a Full-Time Coordinator to Implement the County Safe Routes to Schools program in Rockville.
5. **Systematic Analysis to forecast and address crashes proactively**: The County has already developed this and Rockville should utilize the county's systematic analysis techniques to forecast and address crashes proactively.
6. **Do not allow right turns on red lights**: Vehicle drivers do not carefully look for cyclists and pedestrians when they are allowed to turn right on red lights. Many urban areas already do not allow right turns on red lights to increase pedestrian safety. Rockville should not allow right turns on red lights –at least during busy driving times—and this needs to be enforced by police.
7. **Increase police patrols to enforce vehicular parking in bike lanes**: This is a frequent occurrence especially on Maryland Avenue and Beall Avenue and needs to be stopped.
8. **Study Washington Street**: A study is needed to learn how to make Washington Street (an alternative to Rockville Pike) safe for cyclists and pedestrians. Ideally the street needs bike lanes on both sides and wider sidewalks in many sections. RBAC realizes this needs to be part of a larger project to resuscitate Town Center and that the Urban Institute of Washington already made some recommendations; however, the UIW did not consider pedestrian and cyclist safety in their study and this still needs to be done.
9. **Study Maryland Avenue**: A study is needed to consider bike lanes on Maryland Avenue. In addition to RBAC, WECA would support a bike lane on Maryland Avenue.
10. **Study the alley behind homes on Montgomery Avenue as an alternative to Montgomery Avenue for cyclists and pedestrians**: The alley behind homes on Montgomery Avenue extends from Laird Street almost through to Nelson Street. If it were continuous it would provide a safe route for cyclist and pedestrians. This option needs to be explored by the city. In addition to RBAC, WECA would support this safe route for cyclist and pedestrians.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of RBAC by Nancy Breen, Chair

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: M. Magner <margaretmagner@nyc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:20 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Parking Meters in FY 2021 budget

Hello,
I sent this first to Monique, but it really is a message to Mayor and Council as a whole regarding the budget. Thank you all.
Margaret Magner
115 Forest Ave.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Margaret Magner <Margaretmagner@nyc.rr.com>
> **Date:** March 5, 2020 at 5:49:24 PM EST
> **To:** Monique Ashton <mashton@rockvillemd.gov>
>
> Hi Monique,
>
> Hope all's well!
> Regarding City budget, i read in the March Rockville Reports paper that the proposed budget includes funding for smart parking meters. I sincerely hope these meters are not planned for Town Centre area. The latest closings demonstrate more than ever that parking meters should be pulled OUT of our downtown commercial area, rather than upgrading them and further committing to the Pay Parking spiral that is one of the biggest reasons people go to Crown or Rio, not Rockville Town Centre.
> Almost a year ago more than 500 residents went to the Town Hall about Town Centre. The community showed huge concern publicly, but nothing seems to be happening. (Or if it is, maybe more publicizing is needed?) This gave the Mayor + Council political leeway to push back on Federal Realty and to do something about parking.
> Please don't budget $ to upgrade parking meters there, please take them out!
> Thank you,
> Margaret Magner
> 115 Forest Ave

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: smarcus25 <smarcus25@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 4:22 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Proposed water rates for FY21 budget

Dear Mayor Newton and City Council members,

I am writing to request that the City reconsider the proposed increases for refuse, water, and sewer services. I request that the City instead freeze rates at their current levels.

The City has increased rates between 6% to 8% per year for the past 14 years I have lived in the city. These increases are significantly higher than the rate of inflation and therefore are unfair to city residents. Most families I know are not seeing their income grow anywhere near 6% per year. We can't keep up. Families with children and elderly residents on fixed income already face extremely high cost of living in Rockville. Now, we are again asked to pay hundreds of dollars more next year for water. People are really suffering and feel powerless when faced with huge utility rate increases. Families can give up cable TV, stop going to the movies, reduce eating out at restaurants, or cut other nice-to-haves from their budget. However, everyone needs water and sewer.

Every extra dollar I spend on water and sewer is a dollar less I spend in a Rockville business. Maybe the high cost of living is one factor why so many businesses in Rockville Town Center have closed - the cost of living is just too high and families can no longer afford to go out anymore. Yes the city has amazing amenities and I love living here. However, the city has lost its focus and is on an unsustainable path. We can't have massive increases in taxes and fees year after year and year without

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consequences. More attention must be placed on making the city a more affordable place to live, and that includes freezing utility rates next year.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,
Seth Marcus

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-Seth

"It always seems impossible until it is done." - Nelson Mandela

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Tebles Haile <haileteb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 5:14 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Rockville water rate

We recently moved to the area. We're happy we made the decision, but increasing the water rate is not what we expected. Although we are enjoying the area; everything is expensive, let alone raising kids under 5 years of age. I'm hoping the water increase will not occur. We are both working parents and having to pay bills including childcare for 2 kids (5k per month) is unfair and ridiculous in my opinion. Water rates and all other expenses have gone up previously and continue to do so. Please do not increase the water rate.

I am currently on maternity leave for six months without pay. Instead of increasing water rate; MD should pay closer attention to maternity leave act and childcare.

Thank you

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

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From: Dave Rhodes <dmrf15@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:39 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Please explain to us citizens

Why have the refuse, water, and sewer rates risen every year for at least the past five years above the rate of inflation? How have our services improved with the extra funding, assuming the extra we pay goes to providing these services?

Dave Rhodes
Sent from my iPhone

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Dave Rhodes <dmrf15@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:51 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Please explain to us citizens

Why have the refuse, water, and sewer rates risen every year for the past five years (at least) above the rate of inflation? Does the extra funding for these increases go exclusively to provide these same services, or is some of the extra used for different purposes? Finally, how have our services improved with the extra funding? As I recall, refuse collection decreased from twice to once a week years back to hold down costs.

Dave Rhodes
Sent from my iPhone

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Maureen Roult <roultm@netscape.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:54 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: support for the Fitzgerald Theater's resident companies

As you know, this is a very difficult time for arts organizations, which have had to cancel or postpone some or all of their performances. A grant for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater's resident companies could mean the difference between life and death for them. Spending on all the things that go into a production (rental of rehearsal space, renting performing rights, making or renting costumes, supplies to build sets and props, advertising, programs...) can run into tens of thousands of dollars. Ticket prices don't fully cover the costs, but no ticket sales at all can easily ruin a company.

Community theater companies don't have a financial cushion to help them weather the current storm a grant would provide that cushion. Please find a place in the budget to keep the arts alive in Rockville. The Fitzgerald Theater is a welcoming place for patrons of all ages to enjoy dance, music, and theater - please don't let them die.

Maureen Roult
designer & performer with
VLOC, RLT, RMT

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Exhibit No. 19
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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Gary Sullivan <gwsulli@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:19 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Supporting F. Scott Fitzgerald Resident Companies

Hello,

I am writing in support of the resident companies at Rockville's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, specifically the Victorian Ly Opera Company (VLOC).

I have performed with VLOC since 2005. As you know, we present the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, as well as other lig operas of the Victorian era. No other community theater in the region presents these works, and our audiences benefi from a core of talented performers on stage, a live orchestra in the pit, and the tireless work of many, many volunteer behind the scenes.

I was in our production of "The Pirates of Penzance" in February 2020, and we sold out the beautiful theater for 3 of o 6 performances, making it our best attended production in years. The demand is there for the work that we do.

VLOC has been a big part of my life, and I have made many lasting friendships that I cherish. It's a special organization.

Now, more than ever, we need the help of the City of Rockville. Please include grants to the resident companies (VLOC RLT, and RMT) in your upcoming budget. Especially in these difficult times, it will make a huge difference to these groups.

Gary Sullivan
Germantown MD

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: David K J Jeffrey <dkjj@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:42 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Victorian Lyric Opera Company - Rockville Council - Grant Request

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to request the Council's support for the inclusion in the City of Rockville's budget of a grant of $25,000 to the Victorian Lyric Opera Company ("VLOC"), proud to be a Resident Company of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater.

As a member of VLOC, I have been privileged to perform in some of its productions which have been met by very enthusiastic and appreciative audiences. In speaking with some attendees after our shows, I have learned just how mu our patrons, many of whom are local residents, appreciate the artistic offerings of VLOC and other resident companies

These theatergoers shared with me how much it means to them to have VLOC and others providing high quality productions in the midst of their community. And in a convenient, safe, well lit and comfortable local facility with great parking, such as the F Scott Fitzgerald Theater.

Not only do these shows entertain and enrich. They also provide an excellent opportunity for local residents and other to meet and catch up at the theater, often accompanied by a meal together at a local restaurant.

The performing arts are a vital thread in the fabric of a local community. Quality performances by companies, such as VLOC, also help to introduce patrons to theatrical offerings that are not routinely provided by larger, fully professional organizations. In particular, the presence of many children and young adults in both our productions and audiences reveals how important they are as part of their musical and theatrical education. This can only enhance the growth of a well-rounded community, whatever occupations they may later pursue.

VLOC greatly appreciates the support of its patrons, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, the Council and residents of the Cit of Rockville. At a time of increasing production costs, the Council's support of the above requested grant is vital to sma companies, such as VLOC, made up largely of eager volunteers. It will help ensure that VLOC can continue to thrive and to enrich the lives of its patrons.

During these challenging times when we are all mindful of social distancing, many theatrical ventures are already being temporarily suspended. This too shall pass and the community will once again be able to turn to local companies, such as VLOC, for exciting entertainment in their midst and the joy of joining family friends to form an appreciative audience

Many thanks for the support of the Council to date and its consideration of this request.

Best wishes to all members and staff of the Council and we at VLOC look forward to welcoming you to future productions.

Kind regards,

David Jeffrey
7701 Woodmont Ave

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: David Hoehl <450tpi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:05 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: [Possible Scam Fraud]Support for grant to Victorian Lyric Opera Company

WARNING: Your email security system has determined the message below may be a potential threat.

The sender may trick victims into passing bad checks on their behalf.

The City of Rockville will never ask you to confirm your credentials on websites. If you do not know the sender or cannot verify the integrity of the message, please do not respond or click on links in the message. Depending on the security settings, clickable URLs may have been modified to provide additional security.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Looking ahead to the 23 March budget session considering this matter, I am writing to support a City of Rockville grant to the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. VLOC offers a unique enrichment to our area as a true community opera organization presenting not only familiar and beloved operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan but also more esoteric fare fror generations past, often worthy works that have not been heard here or even in the entire country in decades. Moreover, the company provides a friendly training ground for a rising generation of singers and actors who can be expected to continue its mission of enriching the community's artistic environment for years to come; as an example, my own 15-year-old daughter has now been a chorister in a good half-dozen productions, familiar and rare alike, gainir invaluable experience performing on stage with an orchestra in productions polished to a high level. We in the area of Rockville and its surroundings are fortunate; very few arts organizations exist in this country offering like opportunities to a girl her age.

VLOC is a valuable asset to Rockville and environs in particular and the DC metro area in general; I urge you to consider granting it support that will enable it to continue its good work. Thank you.

--David Hoehl
1011 Crest Park Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20903
450tpi@gmail.com

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Rusty Suter <nrsuter1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:37 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: $25,000 one-time grant - City Budget

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you on the support for a one-time grant of $25,000.00 to VLOC and each of the Resident Companies of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Due to current health and safety concerns, Arts organizations all over the world are having to cancel productions, from which many may not be able to come back financially as a result. Therefore, it is imperative to have the support from the government and private entities to make it possible to keep arts organizations and self-employed artists viable during these very uncertain times.

Please consider including VLOC and all the Resident Companies of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in the city budget for one-time grant to each in the amount of $25,000.00, so that the good work performed by these companies can continu for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Nancy Rust Suter
VLOC member
(301) 774-4720

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Erica Russo <altoerica@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:32 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: soundslikehelen@gmail.com
Subject: VLOC

To whom it may concern,
Working with VLOC has been a true highlight of my career! I am a military musician (just under 19 years in service so fa but the opportunity to work backstage in two recent VLOC shows has been an incredible experience, without a real parallel in my daily life. These volunteers, from the singers to orchestra to stage designers, are so inspired, so dedicate such an integral part of the community. I really can't wait to be a part of their team again, and hope that you, as a tear see the value of what they give back to the community. They do it because they love it, because they want to do it, not because they've been tasked...such a beautiful contribution in today's world.

Thank you for your consideration,
Erica Russo

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SGM Erica Russo
Director of Operations
The US Army Field Band
www.armyfieldband.com
443-928-9877

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: David Robinson <davidrobinsondc@gmail.cor
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:51 PM
To: cityclerk; soundslikehelen@gmail.com
Subject: Fitzgerald Theater

I understand that the City of Rockville Council is considering contributions of $25,000 to each of the three resident theater companies at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater: Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Musical Theatre, and th Rockville Little Theater. I have been in the casts of several productions of these theater companies and enthusiasticall support your financial contributions.

The Fitzgerald Theater is one of the finest venues for community theater in the whole Washington, DC metropolitan area. Also, these resident theater groups are exceptional. They have frequently received Ruby Griffith and WATCH awards as recognitions of their exceptional productions.

Community theater groups are always in tenuous financial situations. They are not businesses and do not function to make profits; the groups stimulate enormous efforts from their casts and crews, simply because of everyone's love of the theater arts. Substantial financial support from governments like the City of Rockville is critically important to thei survival. Within the past few years the Potomac Theater Company has been disbanded and the Montgomery Playhous is on the verge of disappearing. Support, such as yours, is critical for maintaining quality and affordable live arts in our area.

You have my whole hearted support for your efforts here.

Sincerely,

David L. Robinson

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Helen Aberger <soundslikehelen@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:36 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Dean Fiala; Dana Robinson
Subject: Testimony for 3/23 Mayor & Council Budget Hearing
Attachments: Letter to Rockville City Council.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please submit the attached letter for consideration to the Mayor and Council in their next budget hearing on Monday, March 23. This letter comes from the Resident Companies of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre collectively - Victorian Lyri Opera Company, Rockville Little Theatre, and Rockville Musical Theatre - and pertains to the inclusion of a one-time grant of $25,000 to each of the companies, to be included in the FY21 budget or as a FY20 budget amendment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Helen Aberger
343 Dean Drive
Rockville MD 20851

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March 19, 2020

Dear Mayor Newton, Councilmembers Ashton, Feinberg, Myles, and Pierzchala, and Mr. DiSpirito,

We are writing to urge the inclusion of a one-time grant for each of the Resident Companies of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in the amount of $25,000 each ($75,000 total) as an amendment to the FY20 Budget or for inclusion in the FY21 Budget.

The Resident Companies (ResCos) are all community-based organizations, operating on an all or nearly-all volunteer basis. In 2010/2011, as a result of the recession, the City increased its cost recovery goals for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, which significantly increased our rental and usage rates. As a result, we had to make hard decisions about how to keep producing shows while faced with increased overhead costs. That began a pernicious cycle of financial resources being constantly balanced between our artistic product and the need to pay rent to our home theater. This has had a ripple effect of significantly limiting our ability to take artistic or audience development chances that would both grow our companies and better engage the Rockville community.

The uncertain economic outlook due to the pandemic reinforces the need for this one time financial grant. World-wide, theatrical productions are justifiably being suspended or outright cancelled. Here in the DMV, companies are cancelling productions well into summer, and the ResCos are grappling with similar decisions. While some expenses can be avoided when shows are cancelled, we each face fixed operating costs such as the rental of our support facilities at the Civic Center and what we have already invested in our planned Spring productions. We now face the possibility of losing our best funding source, ticket revenue, for a period of weeks if not months.

While the threat of COVID19 will pass, it is imperative that once it does, Rockville will be able to turn to local theater companies for entertainment. Rockville demonstrated the priority it places on the arts and culture by creating an Arts and Culture Coordinator in the FY2021 budget; but there must be viable organizations for this coordinator to elevate. The grant proposed by Councilmember Pierzchala would go a long way towards stabilizing our short-term finances and righting a history of budget losses. Long-term, it will provide a chance for the ResCos to improve and expand our offerings to the community and give us time to solidify our budget strategy in partnership with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in the upcoming MOU process.

In conclusion, and on behalf of the board, staff, and members of each of the Resident Companies, we strongly advocate the inclusion of a one-time grant of $25,000 to each of the ResCos in the next iteration of the FY21 budget or as a budget amendment to the FY20 budget. Many thanks for the support of the Mayor and Council to date and its consideration of this request.

Kind regards,

Helen Aberger
President
Victorian Lyric Opera Company

Dean Fiala
President
Rockville Little Theatre

Dana Robinson
President
Rockville Musical Theatre

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Amanda Jones <amincks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:31 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Support for Victorian Lyric Opera Company Funding

Good morning,

I am writing to encourage the council's support of funding for the resident companies at the F Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. have been involved with The Victorian Lyric Opera Company (VLOC) for more than 10 years as a volunteer. These productions are a great service to our community. As we know, we are currently facing a health crisis that has the potential to impact all aspects of our society, including the local arts community. Arts organizations all over the world are cancelling their productions due to health and safety concerns. There is a real concern that our local companies ma be unable to recover financially. Support from the government and private entities will be imperative to keep arts organizations and self-employed artists viable during and after the pandemic. The City of Rockville is in a position to help, and we desperately need your help.

I beseech the council to support funding in the budget of $25,000 for each resident theatre company of the F Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (VLOC, RMT, and RLT). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Amanda

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Amy Broadbent <amy.n.broadbent@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:43 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Arts Grant support for Victorian Lyric Opera

Good afternoon,

I am writing to state my support for a grant for the Victorian Lyric Opera Company (VLOC) and the other resident companies of the F Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. I am a professional musician with the premiere military bands in Washington DC, but got my start growing up in Rockville performing in productions at the Fitzgerald. More recently, I made my opera conducting debut through VLOC, giving me the experience and credentials to gain acceptance into a nationally recognized masters program in conducting at the University of Maryland.

In this time of global distress and pandemic, supporting the arts community is more important than ever, and VLOC wil continue to give back to the community in immeasurable ways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wishing you all the best and health,
Amy Nicole Broadbent
240.778.3144
www.amy-broadbent.com

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Carlton Maryott <carlton.maryott@verizon.net:
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:53 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: cityclerk
Subject: Proposed Grant to RESCOs

To the Mayor and City Council of Rockville,

As 40-year residents of Rockville, we are writing to you today in support of a one-time grant for the Rockville Little Theater, the Rockville Musical Theater, and the Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

The arts play an important role in our lives. As Rockville residents, we have often attended performances at the Fitzgerald Theatre, enjoying the ability to have premium, and low-cost, entertainment close to home. When our sons we little, we brought them to performances at the Fitzgerald as a way to introduce them to the arts in a cost-effective and accessible forum. As a result, one of our sons now works in the local arts community.

All three resident companies normally perform a financial balancing act, putting on quality shows and maintaining reasonable ticket prices. However, the imminent risk of performances being cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic will wreak havoc with their bottom lines. If Rockville's own cultural organizations are to survive, it is imperative that they receive support from the city. We urge the Council to include the one-time grant in the city budget.

Carlton and Jane Maryott
1501 Columbia Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: antmarmic@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:39 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Arts funding

Dear City Clerk:

I write as a long time resident of Montgomery County and a member of the Victorian Lyric Opera Company to urge you support for VLOC and its fellow arts organizations. I am member of the cast of the February 2020 production of Pirates of Penzance which was the first theatrical production of any type in which I have participated.

VLOC is a wonderful organization that draws from across the community and performs high quality productions for an incredibly broad cross-section of the surrounding area. My personal experience is that for Pirates, folks whose children babysat in the 70s (who are now in their 80s) 26 relatives, co-workers from Virginia and Maryland, and citizens ranging i age from teenagers to octogenarians saw and loved this past production (or at least that is what they tell me).

This organization is a priceless opportunity for those like myself who have always wanted to perform, and those like m parents, neighbors, coworkers, friends and numerous relatives and relatives of relatives, who are supportive of the notio that non-professional committed people can come together to create worthwhile performances.

In funding this organization you also fund an entity that in carrying out its mission creates a sense of community that cannot be easily replicated. I have been a resident of Montgomery County for most of my 60 years and did not know a single person in the company when I auditioned. They are among the most diverse, welcoming and talented people with whom I have had the pleasure of working. I can confidently say that the sense of connectedness I feel with the members of the cast, crew, directors and production managers is something not easy to find anywhere else. I urge you to fund this and similar arts organizations for the coming year. VLOC is among the reasons that this is a great place in which to live.

Christopher (Chris) Costabile
13733 North Gate Drive
Silver Spring, Md. 20906

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Kent W <kentwoods77@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:12 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Please Support the Resident Companies at the Fitzgerald Theatre

Dear Rockville Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to say that I strongly support the proposal that you are considering to provide a one-time grant of $25,000 for each of the resident companies at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. These companies have all provided consistently high quality entertainment to Rockville and County residents for many years at very affordable prices. I have attended recent productions of the Rockville Ballet, the Rockville Musical Theater, and the Victorian Lyric Opera Company, and a of them were excellent. In the current pandemic, several of these companies will have to cancel upcoming production that may put them in financial jeopardy. Please vote to help these arts organizations with a one time grant, and ensure that Rockville will remain a vibrant center for the performing arts.

Sincerely yours,

Kent S. Woods
(301) 585-9860

support for a one-time grant of $25,000 (for each Resident Company of the F Scott Fitzgerald Theatre) to be included in the city budget. Arts organizations all over the world are cancelling their productions due to health and safety concerns and while VLOC is not yet in this territory - many of those organizations will not come back financially from this as a result. Support from the government and private entities will be imperative to keep arts organizations and self-employed artists viable during and after the pandemic. The City of Rockville is in a position to help, and we need to tell them we need their help.

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Emily Costabile <emcostabile@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 2:25 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Funding for VLOC

To the Rockville City Clerk,
I am writing to urge the city council to support the Victorian Lyric Opera Company for the upcoming year. I am current a resident of St. Louis, MO and attended VLOC's performance of the Pirates of Penzance. I thoroughly enjoyed the production and was impressed with the quality of the production in its entirety, from the music, to the talent, and ever the theater. I wanted to let you know that VLOC engages not only a wide cross-section of the community, but a wide cross-section of the country- to include St. Louis, MO! (I did know someone in the show.) Thanks for your consideratio

Sincerely,
Emily Costabile

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Ross Capon <rcapon3@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 8:29 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: support for Rockville arts grants to VLOC, RMT, RLT

To Mayor Bridget Newton and the Rockville City Council--

This is to indicate my strong support for the $25,000 one-time grants under consideration for the Fitzgerald Theatre's three resident companies (thus a total of $75,000) -- Victorian Lyric Opera Company, Rockville Little Theatre and Rockville Musical Theatre.

I have participated in many VLOC shows and one RMT production. All of my friends and relatives who have been in the audience have loved these shows. Community arts organizations are important both for community spirit and for developing future audiences for the arts at all levels.

With these companies facing uncertainty about when they can resume productions, support from the city would be especially beneficial and important.

Thanks for your consideration, and thank you for your longstanding support of Fitzgerald Theatre.

--Ross Capon
9220 Shelton St.
Bethesda, MD 20817-2410
301-385-6438

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Exhibit No. 33
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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Judith Rudolph <judy.rudolph@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:16 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Comments to the March 23, 2020 Rockville Mayor and Council Budget Hearing

To the Mayor and Council:

This is an update and supplement to my testimonies at both the Mayor and Council Community Forum and the Budget Hearing on December 16, 2019.

My comments at that time, and additional crash incidents and fatalities since then, might have contributed to a flurry of attention that did lead to several pedestrian safety improvements. These include additional LPIs and *Yield to Peds* signs at a portion of (but not all) Town Center signals, promises of more studies of lighting and crosswalks in Twinbrook, and discussions with the SHA about 355; increased part-time enforcement; and various outreach messages and videos . However, these have been eclipsed by decisions, actions, and attitudes on the part of some of those charged with supporting and implementing the City's commitment to pedestrian safety and Vision Zero as intended by the Mayor and Council resolution endorsing Vision Zero, adopted on October 15, 2018.

This is painfully apparent in the current budget draft and most recent staff draft of the long-delayed Rockville *Vision Zero Action Plan.*

The *budget* fails to provide for additional funds specifically earmarked to achieve the intent and implementation of the Mayor and Council resolution. There are no new nor dedicated funds for a committed staff member charged with implementing Vision Zero; the design and implementation of an effective, integrated, creative communications and marketing campaign; positions to support dedicated Vision Zero enforcement and engagement; nor CIP to design and implement new approaches to crosswalks (and bike lanes), signage, lighting, and signals.

The current *draft Plan* omits completion dates: without deadlines that show dependencies and sequences, it is not a viable, valid plan and it is impossible to understand or evaluate it completely. In addition, it lacks valid metrics for many items and does not mirror the content nor scope of the Montgomery County program documents, that are readily available for City staff to model.

There is no doubt that post-pandemic life will not reflect the same needs, values, mindsets, and priorities as those that were in place when this draft budget was developed. But people will still need to walk and roll on Rockville sidewalks, and to cross roads and streets safely.

All of you, as candidates and now incumbents, have expressed support for pedestrian safety. With all due respect, I urge you to please put the City's money "where your mouths are."

Please stay safe as you help Rockville navigate [literally and figuratively] these difficult times—
Judy Rudolph
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Mobile: 301-928-9865

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Ben Dransfield <bendransfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:43 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: F. Scott FItzergerald Theater Resident Company Budget Recommendation

Dear City Clerk,

I am a Rockville resident at 343 Dean Drive, and I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for councilmember Mark Pierzchala's suggestion of a one time grant to the 3 resident companies of the Fitzgerald theater.

I live just down the street and these organizations are a vitally important representation of Rockville's commitment to arts and culture. In these uncertain times, if there are funds available to help keep these organizations alive, we must do everything in our power to support Rockville's only performing arts organizations.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Ben Dransfield

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Jacqueline Mobley

From: Nancy Pickard <director@peerlessrockville.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:50 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Peerless Rockville Testimony for March 23 Budget Hearing
Attachments: PRHP City Grant tetimony letter Mar 23, 2020 (1).pdf

To all,

Peerless Rockville thanks you for all your support over the years - and for all you are doing for the community and all the citizens of Rockville during this trying time.

Please see the attached document and add it to the materials for the Public budget hearing for the FY2021 budget this evening.

All our best wishes,

Nancy

Nancy Pickard
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Preserving Rockville's Heritage

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Preserving Rockville's Heritage

March 20, 2020

Rockville Mayor and Council
111 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Madam Mayor and members of the Council,

Ongoing City of Rockville support for Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation's mission, events, and activities has been vital to its growth, fueled its expanded scope of offerings, and enabled the organization to reach out in new and more diverse ways. We thank you for your continued support! This year, Peerless Rockville submitted two grant requests. One for funding to meet our ongoing scope of services and an additional $25,000 request to directly support expanded services and exhibits for visitors both in-person and digitally. In this letter, we share some of the accomplishments Peerless Rockville has achieved with the city's partnership and investment.

Funds provide much needed support for public programming, dissemination of information to the public, the collection and preservation of historic and contemporary documents and artifacts, and the identification, designation, and protection of Rockville's historic fabric. Funding additionally supports the sharing of resources and information to assist citizens, communities, and City Departments while working to enhance Rockville's unique community identity. Peerless Rockville practices conservative fiscal management and works diligently to leverage City of Rockville funds with other grants, direct contributions, and the volunteer efforts of citizens and professionals to stretch each dollar.

In addition to our events, programs, and exhibits, Peerless Rockville holds in trust thousands of documents, artifacts, and objects related to the development of Rockville as a community and seat of Montgomery County. In that role, we are the chief custodian of Rockville's collective memory. To remember who we are and understand how we came to be the community we are today, is to understand what makes us a strong, distinctive city, and an attractive place to live and work.

We commend the City of Rockville and you as community leaders, for recognizing the historical, cultural and artistic characteristics (old and new) that contribute to the city's identity. We are strongly encouraged by your renewed commitment to supporting arts and cultural arts programming, including community heritage and humanities, as an important and integral part of city planning. You elevate the needs of these groups to a higher plane. For Rockville to grow as a destination for culture and arts, it needs to have active partners in creating and maintaining this identity. Peerless Rockville is proud to be a city partner and leading organization in this effort and wants to point out the services and activities we uniquely provide to residents.

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Peerless Rockville's small staff, made up of professionals in the preservation field, stays especially engaged in the community. At any given time, staff, directors, and volunteers are involved in a variety of activities related to local history and preservation and are providing history and preservation services to Rockville citizens, businesses, organizations, and government staff. The Peerless Rockville is open five days a week, to welcome researchers, property owners, students, and visitors to our archives and museum collection in the Red Brick Courthouse. Lectures, tours, community meetings and other events extend our service to many evenings and weekends every month Each day we are actively providing services that enhance those provided by the City.

The past 18 months have brought us both planned and unforeseen challenges! We have dealt with an unexpected move, an expansion of services, and budget uncertainty related to interrupted property income. Despite these challenges, we met our goals and exceeded our expected numbers for volunteer hours and attendance.

I am happy to share some of the accomplishments of the past year:

- We are proud of the installation of our first fixed exhibit: Forging Freedom: Endurance, Escape, and Rockville's Underground Railroad, which tells the story of Rockville in the era of the Underground Railroad, when slavery cast its shadow over the community, and separatist tensions steadily propelled the nation towards war. Viewers of this exhibit and the accompanying slate of programs learn about the brave fugitives who fled slavery in Rockville, the abolitionist network that helped them, and the endurance of the enslaved community.

- Our robust lecture series in association with this exhibit has proven extremely popular and will continue into the next fiscal year and be augmented by planned walking tours.

- Last year, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Peerless Rockville Awards. For the past four decades, promoting and honoring stewardship of historic properties, restoration projects, and compatible renovations or new construction has encouraged the public to treasure Rockville's built environment, preserve its heritage, and respect the past as Rockville grows and evolves into a modern community. The Peerless Rockville Awards have evolved as well, now including new categories such as sustainability that reflect modern values and considerations.

- Our partnership with the Department of Recreation and Parks and Glenview Mansion has presented a successful, well-attended bimonthly series on a range of historic, environmental, and cultural topics. These events, advertised to the entire population of the City of Rockville, are extremely well attended by racially and culturally diverse audiences. This partnership is just a small part of the public programs on a broad range of subjects that Peerless brings to the City.

City residents, businesses, organizations, families, and government rely on the responsive, quality services Peerless Rockville delivers to the community and we ask for your financial

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assistance in this mission. City of Rockville funding is a key element in Peerless Rockville's budget. It provides a stable base that enables our organization to attract, train and retain employees, provide services to City residents and guests, put forth quality programming, and attract additional attention and funding for projects, programs, and places that contribute to Rockville's cultural vibrancy and economic vitality.

The secondary grant requests supports planning, designing and fabricating additional display and exhibits for installation in 2021. Peerless Rockville also seeks to embark on a path to upgrade existing website content management systems and our website's public interface to establish a more sophisticated online presence and increased accessibility of our educational materials, photographs, and overall collections.

Peerless Rockville provides an important bridge between Rockville's past and its future and as the city moves to elevate and celebrate what makes it a unique, diverse, and preferred community, we will do our part to share the stories and events of our shared heritage. Peerless Rockville asks for your commitment, particularly in light of current funding challenges, for your full support and for you to show that support by fully funding both FY2021 community grant requests, so that we may reach this goal.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pickard

Nancy Pickard

Executive Director

Cc: Peerless Rockville Board of Directors

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March 30, 2020

Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Attn: Rockville Mayor and City Council

Re: Grant Funding for 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival

NOTE TO CITY CLERK: Please file under Budget Hearing testimony and next applicable Community Forum

Please restore grant funding for the 2021 Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea and Food Festival to the requested $6,000 level.

The Rockville Sister Corporation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit service organization that was formed in 1986 to maintain and facilitate Rockville's Sister City relationships and Rockville's Sister City Program. The Rockville Sister Corporation not only manages Rockville's Sister City relationships with Pinneberg, Germany and Yilan City, Taiwan, as well as Rockville's friendly relations city, Jiaxing, China, but also provides multiple programs annually that engage Rockville's culturally diverse communities. One such program is the Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival, which hosts thousands of Rockville citizens.

In 2018 and 2019, we held Taiwan Bubble Tea Festivals in Metro DC area at the Rockville Town Square Plaza. The Festivals, not only opened to the public free of charge, but were extremely successful with more than 1,000 – 3,000 attendees including participation from Rockville businesses. In addition to provide a variety of name-sake bubble tea, the Festival provides education and outreach opportunities that strengthen social connections in our community. The festival displays rich Asian culture through live performances, crafts, arts, and delicious traditional cuisines. We hope to bring more colors to the local community, and highlight the diversity and multicultural scene everyone enjoys in Rockville.

Culture event like Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival is a great way to spur short-term tourism and showcase the hosting city as a cool, dynamic area where companies and citizens in modern, creative industries can thrive. City of Rockville has a high percentage of Asian population at around 25%, and yet, not as many signature culture events represent the population. With Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival, we anticipate at least four thousand attendees in 2021 (FY grant year), based on the proposed expansion of the event to include Gibbs Street in 2020 and Maryland Avenue in 2021 with extended hours from 10AM to 5PM.

The Festival will hopefully become a recognized Rockville specific annual event attended by all. But according to the proposed FY21 Budget, this important and largest gathering of Rockville's Asian American and other communities is recommended to be funded for half of what was requested. As an RSCC Director and the coordinator for the festival, I and everyone involved with the Rockville Sister City Program ask that you restore the funding to the requested $6,000. This is a fraction of what others have received over the years in order to serve the needs of Rockville and its diverse communities, especially its Asian – American community. Please keep in mind that most of the requested funds will be returned to the City of Rockville in the form of venue rental, street closure fees and Rockville City Police services. Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

David Tang
Director
Rockville Sister City Corporation

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Ron Tipton <rtipton1948@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:06 AM
To: mayorcouncil; NMC Board
Subject: For Community Forum-- Lake New Mark

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Due to the coronavirus, I am writing to you as a Board member of the New Mark Commons Association rather than presenting in person. This letter is my request that the City of Rockville help meet the New Mark Commons current lake dredging needs. We have 384 homes in our association and we believe the city should partner with us as we move forward with this project.

Our NMC lake receives stormwater runoff from a very large area of Rockville outside of NMC, as well as areas within our community. This runoff deposits large amounts of sediment in the lake which requires an extensive and costly dredging operation periodically to remove sediment. A recent bathymetric study indicates areas of the lake are very shallow (in some areas less than a foot) as I can tell looking at the lake shoreline from my window. Bayland has given us a preliminary estimate of $400,000-500,000 for the planning and actual dredging.

This will be the 4th dredging since our community was formed; the last occurred in 2005. NMC residents paid the full cost for each of these dredgings; this time we believe the city should be a partner in this project. There are two reasons we are approaching you for help. First, the City now imposes stormwater management fees which we have to pay along with the costs of managing our lake for the benefit of all of the residents of Rockville. Second, the City has invested significantly in a recent project to maintain the stormwater management ponds at Hungerford Stoneridge and modifying creeks leading to it in Dogwood Pond. NMC is providing a valuable service to the City; therefore it is appropriate that we partner to fund the cost of dredging the lake.

A recent study of the Cabin John watershed points out the value of removing sediment and managing the outflow from New Mark Lake into the watershed. Cabin John Creek is a very valuable resource to Rockville and Montgomery County as it is the principal natural feature of Cabin John Regional Park and the Cabin John Trail.

NMC very much looks forward to working closely with the City on this important project. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Tipton

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

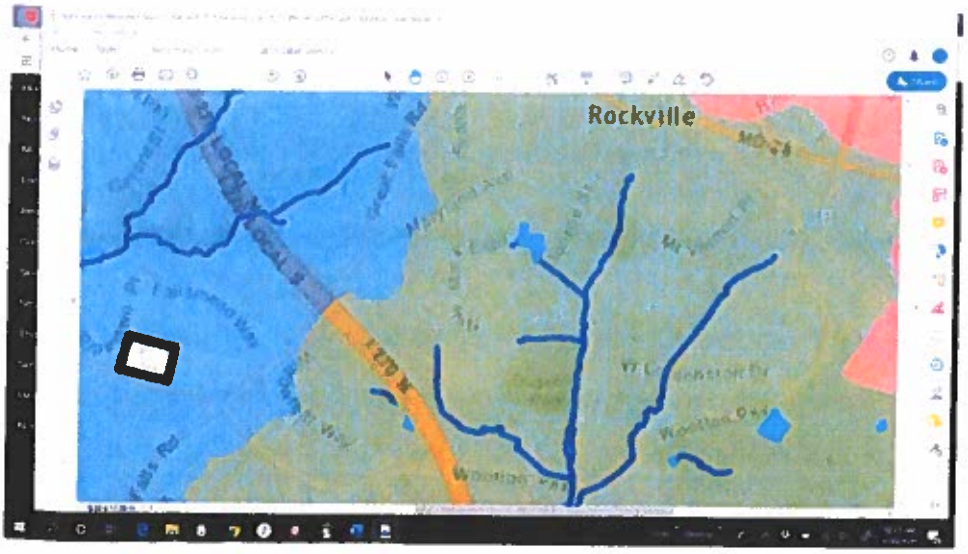
From: Joseph Jordan <josjordan@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:34 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: Lise Soukup
Subject: Community Forum Testimony - Lake New Mark (New Mark Commons)

Dear Mayor Newton and Councilmembers,

I live at 328 New Mark Esplanade, in New Mark Commons (NMC), and have lived here for 33 years. I am currently Vice President of our Homes Association, and previously served on our Board from 2001 through 2009.

I am submitting this Community Forum testimony asking for your help and support in addressing what the community feels is an issue that has not gotten the full attention it merits. The issue has to do with the New Mark Commons lake, our need to do a 4th dredging since the community was developed - due to sediment and pollutant buildup - and what the City can do to mitigate our concerns and expenses. Most of the information in this testimony comes directly from the most recent reports on the Cabin John Creek and Watts Branch Watersheds.

As stated in one report, Rockville is situated at the headwaters of Cabin John Creek. The stream starts near the City's center and flows south to enter Montgomery County at Route I-270 and Montrose Road. It encompasses part of downtown Rockville, including City Hall, County buildings and the District Courthouse; most of the commercial area along Rockville Pike, the I-270 corridor near Tower Oaks, and residential communities, including Potomac Woods, North Farm, Hungerford, and **New Mark Commons**, and Woodmont Country Club. The below diagram shows where NMC sits within the watershed, and I bring to your attention the fact our lake feeds directly into it. What is missing from the diagram is a depiction of the stormwater that flows into the lake.



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Our lake was "permitted" by the City before serious concerns with SWM came into existence. It is one of a small number within the City. Most other areas of Rockville have no ponds/lakes that can catch and contain stormwater inflow, retain sediment and pollutants, and mitigate erosion by slowing down the outflow that feeds the Creek downstream, as our lake does.

In one report, a Storm Water Management (SWM) Facility is defined as: "A structure, such as a pond, that controls the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff." It is our community's contention that New Mark Commons' lake squarely fits that definition.

Further, Storm Water Ponds are characterized as: "A depression or dammed area with an outlet device that controls stormwater outflow. Stormwater ponds retain water from upstream areas, thereby reducing peak flows downstream. ..." Again, our lake functions as such a pond.

The Watts Branch report has a section titled City's Stormwater Management. It says, "The SWM infrastructure is designed to collect and slow down stormwater runoff in order to allow time to separate out pollutants that are taken up as rain passes over impervious surfaces. SWM facilities, such as wet ponds and sand filters, act as a repository for these pollutants as they separate from the stormwater, collecting contaminants before they enter the City's streams. The storm drain network and SWM facilities also act to reduce the velocity of runoff as it enters the streams. This reduction in stormwater's speed helps to protect receiving streams from erosion."

"The ESD [Erosion and Sediment Control] techniques focus on very small-scale treatment systems scattered throughout the developed landscape that maximize infiltration to the groundwater table in an effort to reduce the volume of stormwater as well as the pollutant concentration that reaches the stream. These laws and regulations also incorporate the latest state requirements for erosion and sediment control during construction. Finally, they include details regarding the City's SWM utility fee, an ongoing funding mechanism applicable to all property owners."

The City's SWM budget is funded to support regional stormwater facilities that treat runoff from multiple properties and public roads. These are considered public SWM facilities. **The City usually takes over ownership and maintenance of SWM facilities built by developers to serve residential communities where multiple properties and City right-of-way is treated, since these facilities control runoff from public streets in the neighborhood. However, the City does not construct or maintain SWM facilities on private property that only manage that site's runoff, such as a shopping center.**

I strongly believe our lake provides an environmental benefit, not only to the City, but the entire Cabin John Creek watershed, as water finds its way to the Potomac. What I am asking of you is to consider the information presented above, and the compelling argument the community is making in asking for City assistance. Initial steps could include having a small committee of NMC residents meet with appropriate City staff, followed by a presentation and discussion between City staff and the Council.

Thank you for all the work you are doing for our City, especially during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jordan

328 New Mark Esplanade

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Mike Stein <mkstn5@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:03 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: Pedestrian Signals

Dear Mayor Newton and Councilmember,

I am writing in support of the suggestion of making all of the pedestrian crossing signals at Rockville controlled intersections automatic rather than activated via a "beg" or "push" button. This seems a sensible step during a time when everyone is looking at ways to be safe and healthy during the COVID-19 crisis. It will reduce the need to touch surfaces being touched by others throughout the day. I also encourage the Mayor and Council to reach out to their counterparts at the County to explore similar for county operated intersections ,which make up the majority of Rockville's major intersections. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Stein
13004 Atlantic Ave

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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Stephen Fisher <stevef8170@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:56 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: clerk; Archive
Subject: Grant request for FY21

March 30, 2020

Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Attn: Rockville Mayor and City Council

Re: Grant Funding for 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival

NOTE TO CITY CLERK: Please file under Budget Hearing testimony and next applicable Community Forum

Please restore grant funding for the 2021 Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea and Food Festival to the requested $6,000 level.

The Rockville Sister City Corporation is seeking grant funding in the amount of $6,000 commensurate with the 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival, which promotes Asian – American culture to Rockville's diverse multi-ethnic communities, while it invites and includes Rockville's Asian – American communities into the tapestry of everyday life in Rockville. Having been a member of the RSCC since 1987 and a member of the Board for nearly 25 years, the development of the Rockville-Yilan City, Taiwan Sister City relationship has been the pinnacle achievement of our organization in helping to bond our City to one of its largest ethnic communities. For many years, the City of Rockville has endeavored to include Rockville's Asian – American communities into Rockville city events and governmental processes and has budgeted funding and human resources to this end. To a very large extent, the Rockville Sister City Corporation has accomplished this mission – with tangible results, as shown by public attendance at the 2018 and 2019 Bubble Tea Festivals in Rockville's Town Center.

The prospective third Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival, now the Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea and Food Festival, will be held May 8, 2021 in Rockville Town Square. This event is open to the public free of charge and provides a rich cultural experience focusing on Rockville's Asian-American Community. Cultural performances include music, dance and other ethnic and folk activities. Ethnic cuisine is also available. Due to the response on the part of Rockville citizens during the 2018 and 2019 Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival's, in which more than one thousand and then three thousand attended, respectively, we anticipate at least four thousand attendees in 2021 (FY grant year), based on the proposed expansion of the event to include Gibbs Street and Maryland Avenue in 2021. The 2021 Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival will also increase its hours spanning 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We were honored that the entire Rockville Mayor and Council actively participated in the 2019 Rockville – Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival and look forward to your participation in next year's event.

According to the proposed FY21 Budget, this important and largest gathering of Rockville's Asian American and other communities is recommended to be funded for half of what was requested. As an RSCC Director, I and everyone involved with the Rockville Sister City Program ask that you restore the funding to the requested $6,000. This is a fraction of what others have received over the years in order to serve the needs of Rockville and its diverse communities, especially its Asian – American community. Please keep in mind that most of the requested funds will be returned to the City of Rockville in the form of venue rental, street closure fees and Rockville City Police services. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Stephen H. Fisher
Secretary
Rockville Sister City Corporation

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March 30, 2020

Rockville City Hall
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850
Attn: Rockville Mayor and City Council

Re: Grant Funding for 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival

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Exhibit No. 42
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: annie stewart <anniestewart54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:21 PM
To: mayorcouncil
Subject: New Mark Commons Lake

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As you begin to make plans outside of addressing COVID-19, please consider how the City of Rockville can contribute to dredging the lake situated in the New Mark Commons (NMC) neighborhood.

The neighborhood has carried the cost of dredging this lake for numerous years in spite of the fact the NMC lake receives storm water runoff from a large area of Rockville outside of the NMC neighborhood. This runoff brings sediment which is deposited in the lake, and the lake must be dredged periodically to remove the accumulated sediment.

Given the City of Rockville decided to divert even more storm water to the lake on the way to Dogwood Park, causing more sediment to deposit in the NMC lake, it's only fair that the City if Rockville contribute towards the dredging of the lake.

Please work with the NMC Board and other appropriate persons to determine how to best partner to ensure the NMC lake is appropriately dredged periodically so it can remain a resource for the city.

Thanks,

Ansalan
(NMC Resident)

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Exhibit No. 43
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: Eric Fulton <chair.rpac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:35 PM
To: mayorcouncil; Craig Simoneau; Emad Elshafei; Alyssa Roff
Cc: Eric Fulton
Subject: Community Forum Comments - 3-30-2020

Dear Mayor and Council

I would like to begin my Community Forum remarks by acknowledging and thanking the efforts of city staff over the past few weeks. In particular, I want to thank those personnel that continue to physically report to work. In these abnormal times, there is comfort in the normal, essential services of our city infrastructure - so to the men and women who ensure that recycling and refuse is collected, the lights remain on, and keep our streets safe, I want to offer my deepest thanks and appreciation.

My request tonight is that the city take this opportunity to automate all pedestiran call buttons (derisively known as 'beg' buttons) at all signalized intersections controlled by the city. While some of these buttons are a placebo - the walk signal appears automatically with a green light - many others are not and must be manually pressed to activate the walk signal. Other cities across the nation and globe have already taken this measure. See examples below:

https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/03/26/metro/amid-coronavirus-concerns-brookline-adjusts-pedestrian-buttons-so-they-no-longer-need-be-touched/

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8141575/Pedestrian-crossings-changed-forever-Sydney-amid-coronavirus-crisis.html

One small silver lining to our current situation is that people are walking more. Automating our pedestrian call buttons is a pro-active and likely simple strategy to further reduce the potential for the spread of germs. And, with far fewer cars on the road these days, any worreis of traffic flow distruption appear moot.

I also call upon our city to work with colleagues in the County and State to ensure that all pedestiran call buttons in the city limits are automated, regardless of jurisdiction.

Thank you

Eric Fulton
Chair
Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee
240-498-8808

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Exhibit No. 44
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Sara Taylor-Ferrell

From: GeODDgraphy <geoddgraphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:56 AM
To: mayorcouncil
Cc: clerk; Rockville Sister City Corp.
Subject: Grant Funding for 2021 Rockville - Taiwan Bubble Tea & Food Festival
Attachments: RSCC_GrantFunding_BubbleTea_2021_JM.pdf

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The Rockville Sister City Corporation wishes to secure grant funding in the amount of $6,000 commensurate with the scale and scope of the upcoming festival. With these funds, the Rockville Sister City Corporation will be able to showcase Rockville's Asian – American culture and embrace the community while demonstrating to attendees that the city has a commitment to celebrating this rich culture. This event is planned for May 8, 2021 in Rockville Town Square and will be free and open to the public.

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On a personal note, I have lived in Rockville since 2005 and have watched the community change and become more diverse, and I am proud to call Rockville my home. One of the best things about living within walking distance of the Rockville Town Square is the proximity to so many dining, shopping, and entertainment options. I will also admit to have a bit of an addiction to bubble tea, so I am very excited to witness and be a part of the growth of this festival and its impact on the community.

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John P. McKenzie

Treasurer

Rockville Sister City Corporation

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Rockville, MD 20850

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FY 2021 City of Rockville Community Budget Survey: Results through March 30

The following is a summary and compilation of the 219 responses to the FY 2021 Community Budget Survey for the City of Rockville as of March 30, 2020. The survey was opened to the public December 13, 2019, and closes April 17, 2020.

The survey consists of the following three questions:

1. **Please select your top budget priorities for FY 2021 (please select no more than five).**
   This was a multiple-choice question with 43 options. All 219 respondents answered this question with 90 of them providing additional comments.

2. **In order to accommodate new priorities for FY 2021, the City has a range of options to maintain a balanced budget. Please select which options you would prefer to see implemented.**
   This was a multiple-choice question with 6 options. 205 respondents answered this question with 66 of them providing additional comments.

3. **Please describe any ideas you have for decreasing costs, increasing revenues, or improving operational efficiency.**
   This was an open-ended question. 85 of the respondents answered this question.

Community responses to the open-ended questions are wide ranging in the issues and ideas submitted, as well as the amount of detail given. Staff encourages the Mayor and Council to review all the individual responses found within this attachment.

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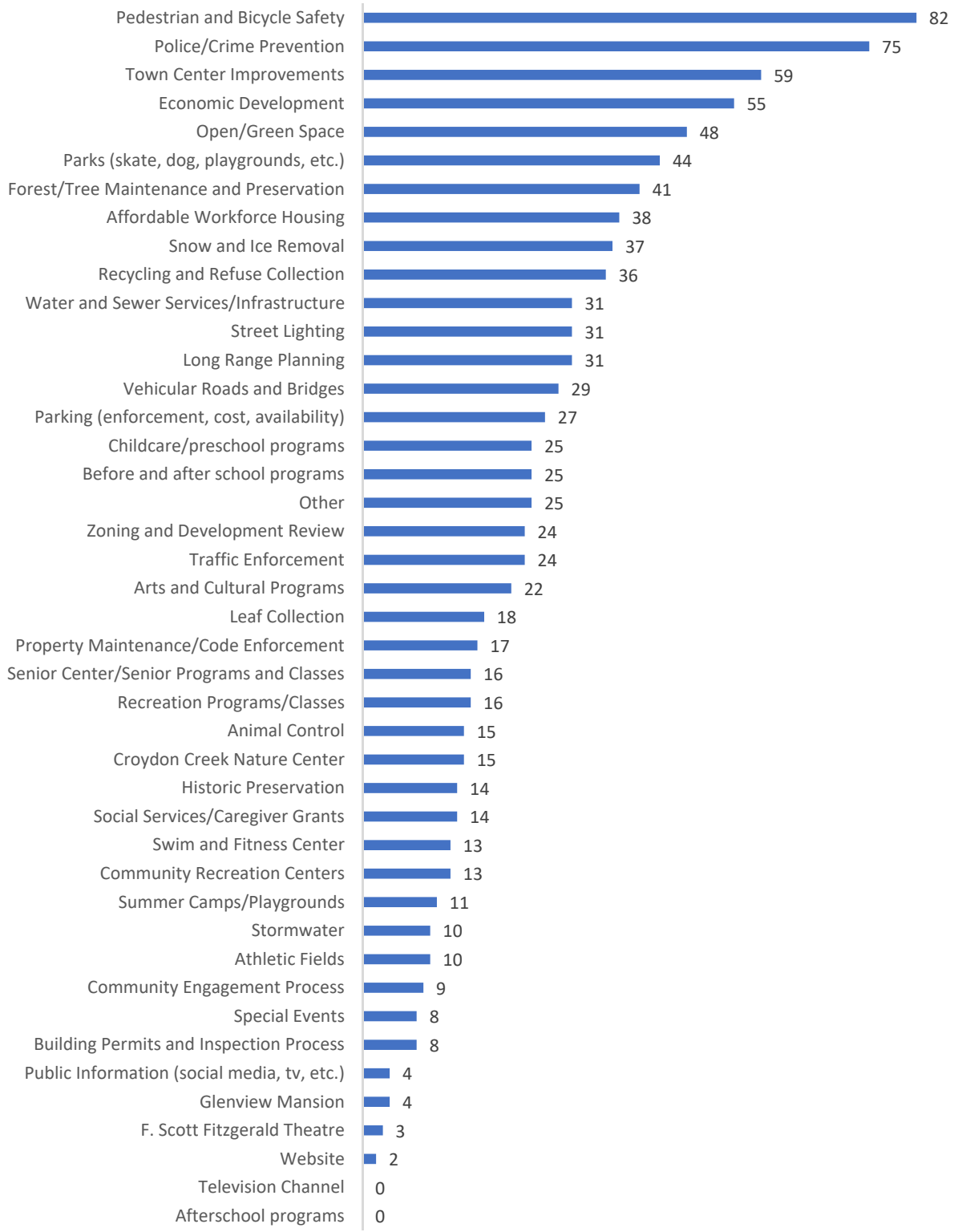
(219 responses, 90 with additional comments)



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1	The loss of tree canopy is a huge issue - Twinbrook has lost a large portion over the past few years. Smaller trees and shrubs in narrow places are valuable as well. Reforest Rockville!
2	I would love to see different types of dance classes.
3	The City of Rockville must do a better job of providing green space east of 355. As an example, there have been numerous opportunities to acquire land east of 355 but those opportunities have been ignored (lot by twinbrook metro, multiple houses for sale, vacant plots of land). On the other side of 355, the City has spent millions of dollars on properties that can't even be used by residents for typical recreation. The land grab by the County for Redgate is equally troubling. How is it that the County, with thousands of acres available, can't find another location and somehow believes Rockville should donate this land? There is a great deal of value in helping our veterans, but this simply seems like the County offering up Rockville and Rockville laying back and having its belly scratched. The proposed location is not accessible for veterans, including a lack of public transportation, access to shopping, etc. There are many locations around the County that would provide the VA and the County with a better location, existing infrastructure, and with access to more resources and community amenities, without having to disrupt what could be a jewel for the City. The situation with the woodley gardens pool is another example of inequitable resources. How is it that a private pool is somehow receiving support from Rockville for both a bond and possible financial assistance, while the twinbrook swimming pool, whose stakeholders have asked for assistance for more than twenty years, is somehow ignored? The Woodley Gardens community literally has City facility located less than three miles away with much better amenities. In terms of social media, the City should utilize the existing avenues to better involve residents in the process. Transparency shouldn't just be a catch phrase and should be the norm. Using social media, which has more traction for younger age brackets, should be the norm in terms of communicating Mayor and Council decisions. Rockville Reports is not a realistic option for this process. The Budget, including big ticket decisions, should be included on social media so that more residents can be involved. Finally, we need a focus on low income families and seniors. The Senior Center is a good resource for many of our seniors, but should have the resources to provide outreach to all seniors. The services currently offered for kids need to be improved. At a recent PTA meeting I attended, we received information from the school that was very troubling. More and more middle school kids are seeking help from teachers and counselors, and there are few resources to help them. If the issues that were communicated at middle school are this poor, in one of the richest counties and cities in the country, then they must be equally or worse at other school levels. The teen suicide rate or rate of attempt is also out of control. Is there a way for Rockville to fund/work with other providers to help? I hope that a continued emphasis on childcare is also considered. The facts are that childcare in Montgomery County is the equivalent of a fill time job. Help would be a good investment for the future. There needs to be a consideration for how to handle off-leash dogs. I was walking my dog on a weekday near the mansion a few weeks ago and two off-leash dogs come running out from behind the nature building. This is not the first time this has happened, with me having to get between my dog and another nasty acting dog in the past. My dog is not fully dog friendly due to previous trauma and takes time to warm up to other dogs. I would love to be able to walk her in other parks, but the risk of having a dog fight occur because someone thinks their off-leash dog is friendly leads me to limit what places I can visit.
4	Pedestrian Safety on Maryland Ave, especially at the Washington Street crossing is of deep concern. A flashing yellow light does not stop vehicles. This road into the city should be reduced to single lane traffic and flashing yellow (caution) be replaced with flashing red (stop for pedestrian).
5	Enforce noise control regulations. My neighbors routinely play their loud custom outdoor stereo system until 1am or occasionally later. The lower level of my house shakes from the base. Their parties often START at 10 pm and include weekdays and weekends, particularly in the summer. They also set off illegal fireworks. Another neighbor also has loud parties with music and with kids and adults talking and shouting loudly late into the night. Both of these neighbor's partying can be heard all over the neighborhood. I have contacted the police and nothing happens to stop this noise regulation of both level of noise and exceeding the cutoff time to essentially end all noisy activities which. If I remember correctly, this cutoff is 9pm. I don't mind a little latter on the weekends but 1am or later is not ok.
6	People speed on neighborhood side streets

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7	Teardowns and Mansionization are out of control in the West End. Budget should allot money for Replacement Dwelling Design Guidelines for West End and to study a West End Conservation District.
8	Deer problem. 12 deer grouping together in the West End is more than a small problem. They eat native plants and defecate everywhere.
9	Deer population control measures, please.
10	Free parking in town center after 7 pm and weekends. Beall Ave between Rockville Pike and North Washington is too wide for people to be crossing in the middle of the street without traffic lights (even with those cross walks). Suggest you put parking on either side and just two lanes of traffic. Same problem on North Washington St. So many people run across and are going to get struck, very dangerous. Recreation classes - fitness and dance Senior Center - great place
11	Current plans to cull the deer herd are not enough. Deer are devastating birds and other animals' habitats.
12	Comprehensive long-range environmental planning (developing strategies and putting plans in place to reduce the City's environmental footprint (reduce energy use in City Buildings, move to solar/wind sources for electricity, "green" the City vehicle fleet, etc.), preserve green space and tree canopies, improve residential and commercial recycling rates and recycling in public spaces, add composting capabilities, etc.
13	1. Open up Gude Drive for west Rockville residents to access senior center 2. Equity in major City Events to be dispersed City-wide and to include west Rockville. Lunar new year, MLK, etc to held throughout City at different locations. Does data indicates lack of equity in various parts of the City? 3. Zoning, Budget, Planning Decisions to have measurable metrics including merits of the small business fund and land use decisions beyond the use of basic surveys. 4. City to enhance, provide guidance, and where warranted, provide ADA enforcement/ADA compliance concerns 5. Future Plans to Purchase of Rockshire Village Shopping Center 6. Pedestrian safety, especially near schools. 7. Move Citizen's Forum to have ability for speakers to use technology such as power point (etc) to communicate their concerns similar to how developers and applicants can use technology before Planning Commission and M/C. 8. Provide funding and support to move Mayor and Council from 5 to 7 members and voting districts. (9) Conduct a study of the amount of tax dollars collected west of I-270 and the return in the past budget cycles. (10) Increase the use of data tools/metrics for decisions. This includes the determination and measurable criteria for subsidies such as the small business fund and parking impact.
14	Neighborhood speed control: speed bumps and/or speed control mechanisms on main neighborhood roads. Better monitoring and enforcement. Better response and solutions. Fallsmead Way in Potomac. Fallsmead Neighborhood.
15	Pedestrian safety is increasingly important. While the City has done a lot, more support is required.
16	The main priority for the city should be to nullify and revoke its status as a Sanctuary City and not welcome gang members, drug dealers and lawbreakers into the city along with other people who feel they get to choose which laws to obey. More importantly, our leaders should lead by abiding by Federal law and not choosing which laws they feel are right to obey.
17	Repavement of Woootton parkway,McCormick rd, and Seven Locks rd.
18	We think affordable housing is a high priority for any community with a metro station - and providing affordable before and after school care goes hand in hand with that. It's what preserves Rockville's diversity (socio-economic, racial, age, educational, cultural, etc...). We're frustrated that the buildings around Rockville town center weren't taller to accommodate higher density (and bring in more revenues to the city and to local businesses). We'd also like to see more parking available around the Rockville metro to accommodate the higher density. We'd also like to see the composting program implemented.
19	1) Leaf collection schedules should begin & end later than in previous years due to climate change. The leaves are falling later in the season. 2) Town Center has not been competitive with Pike & Rose or Kentlands. We needs to attract a wider variety of restaurants and shops, and we need to make parking easier (such as free on weekends).
20	More playgrounds and athletic field. Composting within Rockville
21	Cabin john ice rink

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22	By "Pedestrian and bicycle safety" I mean more bike lanes. There are too few bike lanes for commuters to use, and they are disconnected. By "Town Center Improvements" I mean encouraging more high-traffic shops and restaurants to move in, and make parking cost less. Add bike infrastructure. By "vehicular roads and bridges" I mean add more bike infrastructure and pedestrian safety. Do not encourage more cars by widening roads and highways such as 270.
23	I would like the parks in our area to be more natural and contain more manipulatives for kids imaginations. The overgrown weeds and aggressive invasives detract from the beauty and habit of native birds, insects and plants. That is a missed opportunity to demonstrate and example how native species in our area can thrive and benefit our environment at a less labored effort. Less chemicals, water and maintenance overall.
24	I believe by concentrating public money on core Government functions the City will thrive. Once the core functions are fully funded and operating effectively other ancillary functions will improve along the way. If we try to do too much in too many areas, we will fail to succeed anywhere as our resources become too stretched. A city that is safe, has good roads, healthy water, with a vibrant anchor of the community in the Town Center and an eye towards future economic development will sustain a livable city for all.
25	This list does not include environmental protection or sustainability, a topic quite separate from open/green space. It should
26	No more money spent in town center!
27	Animal control: Shoot the deer!! Long range planning: Stop building on every square inch of land, unless you ALSO add new roads and schools - the only long-range planning seems to be ... Build! Parking: there is less and less available and AFFORDABLE parking! Street lighting and Pedestrian safety -- if you have better lighting where you have allowed developers to build, thus inviting thousands more pedestrians and cars - maybe people wouldn't collide with cars so often!!! Same with bicyclists - you can't SEE THEM IN THE DARK.
28	All of these are important. I only checked recreation because I'm an Octogenarian and wish there was more places to play available.
29	I would like the quality of life in Rockville maintained, avoid over-development and congestion, pollution. This region of Maryland is becoming unlivable due to high-density residential and commercial development, making it difficult and unpleasant to live in.
30	There was not a priority listed for job creation or assistance to middle aged workers (especially women) who are job hunting, so I listed economic development
31	Ensure that economic growth does not outstrip our infrastructure. Overcrowding impacts schools, traffic, and resources, and reduces quality of life and property values. The trailers at our schools are shameful, and a sign of poor planning on government's part.
32	Increase sworn police staffing
33	The city should prioritize and fund a pedestrian master plan. The city should implement its recently adopted bicycle master plan. Some neighborhoods such as Twinbrook have a backlog of sewer main repairs that need to be addressed as the pipes are old and failing.
34	I want Rockville to maintain a strong financial position and use smart budgeting processes that benefit the most numbers of residents without increasing taxes.
35	Increase the city's environmental sustainability, such as switching to renewable energy and decreasing the need for automobiles for transportation. Encourage higher-density development along Rockville Pike and near METRO stations and ensure there is a high percentage of new developments set aside for lower income residents so those individuals have easy access to public transit options.
36	Non-vehicular infrastructure improvements (e.g. pedestrian improvements, protected bicycle infrastructure, development integrated with transit, etc.) are the most important priorities long-term.

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37	More information on the four areas I selected: 1) Leaf Collection - I have a property next to the Civic Center Park. Leaf collections ends too too early and there need to be more of them or at least a way to request another pickup after the regular schedule. I end up with tons of leaves after the last curb pickup and have to incur exorbitant costs and labor to remove them. 2) There are at least 4 car break-ins a week reported on Nextdoor Twinbrook. There is no visible evidence that the Rockville police are making it a priority. These are low-level criminals, not masterminds. This should be under control by now, but it's only getting worse. 3) My driveway gets flooded by rains and melting snow constantly despite the fact that tons of work is being done all around me on sewers and drainage. I'd like a way to report it and have something done about it. It impacts multiple homes on my bock. 4) Rockville has some of the most unkempt public spaces in Montgomery county. There are sidewalks that residents never mow but aren't fined for, there is usually overgrowth on the public medians and generally, you know when you're leaving Bethesda because everything looks less manicured and as if there are no public services. They do a great job near town center, but the rest of it is neglected. Thank you for allowing the feedback.
38	i would love a footbridge over Montrose road so that we can get from North Farm to Old Farm safely.
39	Would have been nice to be able to pick 8 - 10 instead of just 5. The City of Rockville runs so many important programs that benefit all.
40	I do not wish to have a massive highway running through King Farm. I also do not wish to have a development of the orginal King Farm farm building that would add to traffic and parking congestion in the King Farm development.
41	Street lighting desperately needed at crosswalks around town center, including at the crosswalks on North Washington.
42	I would like to see Rockville City reduce costs as much as possible without compromising quality.
43	Parking should be more like Crown - plentiful and free
44	Paving the back alley of 700 block of W. Montgomery Ave. As it was fone for other blocks For so many years, I was told it is planned but due to shortage of funds they could not do it. Each year we are facing dangerous situation, especially in wintery icy conditions, due to extremely heavy teaffic i cannot get out without taking my life in my hand. I pay property taxes for 2 properties - lot 6 and lot 7. Do i need to hire an attorney to get my rights to safe egress and ingress? My life, safet and convince is as important as other people who had their back alleys paved. Thanks.
45	Police/Crime Prevention: Increase fines for drunken drivers and harsh penalties for offenders who commit violent crimes (rape, battery and assault, etc.). Provide rehabilitation/counseling for juveniles who commit violent crimes.
46	Workforce housing is generally understood to mean affordable housing for households with earned income that is insufficient to secure quality housing in reasonable proximity to the workplace. As you might be aware, salaries for union employees are below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for single employees. The city must provide better salaries or have the means to provide its own employees with affordable housing.
47	I propose having the city of Rockville be responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalks, in addition to the streets.
48	I would like more emphasis on economic development, particularly east of the Metro tracks. I would like to see more pocket parks. Too much money os being spent on the few recreation centers and not enough money on parkland.
49	Make town center parking accessible and affordable and attract new businesses to town center. Improve pedestrian safety at crosswalks along Rockville pike and around town center and better enforce violations. I have seen way too many cars blow through the crosswalks on Beall - even with the new lights at the crossings
50	We need to better plan for our long-term. The benefits of Rockville (i.e., accessible parks and athletic fields, summer camps, open/green space, and services) will be completely overrun in short order by the significant growth and over development currently going on. I am very concerned about overcrowding, traffic, lack of access to services, and safety as we continue to destroy old buildings or green space in favor of large residential developments.
51	Keep our taxes from rising. Look for duplications that the County provides and eliminate the City paying for those services.
52	Provide warming stations for the homeless in winter and cooling stations in summer.

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53	Affordable Housing, not just for the work force. House prices in the county are very exoensive even for families who have white collar jobs. Improve public transportation network with bus hubs inside and outside of metro stations. Iniquitous bicicle and scooter rental stations across the county no more than 5min walk from 80-90% of residents.
54	Do not develop housing or veterans facility at Redgate.
55	work with other agencies (DHHS, MCPS, other nonprofits) to find space for more day care and preK. Work with county and state DOTs to ensure street lights that do exist are actually on. This is especially a problem along I270.
56	Pedestrian and bike safety are separate issues. Pedestrian safety is our no. 1 concern. Bikes contribute to safety problems. The bike lanes on the right side of the roads are not safe and not infrequently bicyclists can be aggressive.
57	When I go in to file a police report, allow me to file a police report (instead of dismissing me).
58	Fire/Rescue - support to Rockville Volunteer Fire Department
59	Financial support to HOAs that have ponds that collect storm water runoff from public streets and non HOA property.
60	We need a moratorium on cutting down trees and destroying green spaces for building more apartments and housing developments!
61	1. Keep Red Gate a green space 2. Appropriate pay for part time staff. Keep up with minimum wage increases and address wage compression.
62	The ballet program is such an important and unique part of Rockville. Those classes should continue and expand.
63	I would also like to see Redgate turned into a park without any land set aside for development or use by the county for bus maintenance. It would be a terrible shame for the citizens of Rockville to lose green space and add to the traffice congestion on Norbeck or Gude. There are many other spaces closer to metro that could be redeveloped for veterans housing and affordable workforce housing.
64	Linkages to Learning program at twinbrook ES
65	We have lived in Rockville for more than 33 years and have loved the community feel, the stellar services, and the small-town atmosphere. The Senior Center is a highlight, with a top-notch fitness center and classes to suit many needs. Personally, I have loved taking the Soul line dance class by Kelly Hailey; she's been a fabulous addition to my exercise routine and she's truly a great teacher, fun-loving example, and real asset to Rockville's repertoire. Rockville is a great place to raise kids; we've raised two here and have taken advantage of the parks, playgrounds, ball fields, camps, and preschool programs. Keep up the good work. The City should play a role in bringing back the Woodley Gardens pool in whatever capacity it can. It adds such a wonderful feature to the neighborhood. One concern is the current discussion about the expansion of 270 and the unknown effect it will have on our precious neighborhood: Woodley Gardens. The resultant chaos, disruption, and destruction will be devastating.
66	The water treatment plant.

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67	Pedestrian and bike safety should be a number one priority. The crosswalk on Twinbrook Parkway between Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill should have flashing lights when activated by a button. There should be more crosswalks! (I saw a man dressed in all black run across Twinbrook at night!) On Veirs Mill and First St. you have to press the button to activate the walk signal one way (crossing Veirs) but not the other (crossing First) which causes confusion and frustration among pedestrians stuck waiting who finally try to cross against traffic because they are confused or among the cars when people try to cross Veirs knowing that it's their turn, they just pressed the button too late. WHY is this a thing? PLEASE make it standard. EITHER you have to press the button or you don't. This sometimes you do, sometimes you don't thing (and if you press it a fraction of a second too late, it won't change) makes walking around Rockville such a nightmare! Crosswalks at bus stations should be BEHIND where the bus stops, not in front. Cars behind the bus cannot see in front of the bus and cannot see pedestrians who want to cross. Traffic enforcement is the second biggest thing. I live on Grandin Ave and despite many signs saying "local traffic only" during rush hours, people use Grandin to avoid the intersection at Veirs and First. They come down the street incredibly fast, especially considering that people park on both sides of the street, leaving only enough room for one car. 25 mph is too fast for this street. We do not have a garage and must park on the street and have had our cars hit 4 times by drivers in the last 5 years. There is a daycare on our street and many kids walking to the school bus stop on Grandin and Woodburn. I have son myself. It is incredibly dangerous for these kids to have rushing (often annoyed) commuters speed down this street. If there are not enough police to enforce the "Local traffic only", there are other options that would discourage non local traffic from using it! Grandin could be made a one way street. It could have a reduced speed limit with speed bumps. But something needs to be done before something worse than car damage happens.
68	Sports programs
69	DEER CONTROL!! Please do culling already! Having a yard has become significantly not fun and a health hazard.
70	We really need to take Vision Zero seriously and commit to a much more walkable, bikeable city with convenient connections between major destinations (the Metro stations, the city center, and Montgomery College). We are really, really car centered right now--making the city truly walkable and bikeable will encourage people to use our wonderful town center more.
71	School safety: police officer(s) in each school Swimming classes for autistic children
72	As a Rockville resident for more than 35 years, I would like to see police cruisers in the neighborhood with more frequency as we had when we moved here in 1981. Better and more street lighting on all four corners of intersections. Keep e-scooters out of Rockville or require companies to pay the City a fee for the inconvenience these things cause to pedestrians. Pedestrians should be the priority on sidewalks not bikes, scooters, and skateboards.
73	More retail in town center like Pike and Rose. There are too many eating establishments..some would rather shop and support the town center.
74	I think we need to focus more on infrastructure given limited budgeting from federal and state. Events are nice but we need to maintain our infrastructure. Please help our neighborhood effectively rebuild Woodley Gardens swim club and the preschool.
75	Economic development and job opportunities in the city have been lagging the rest of the region and need to be addressed. Also the subsidy to Dawson's should be ended and that money used for something else.
76	Our national issues are so horrible, I rarely follow Rockville ones! City does well it seems!
77	Parking cost and availability in and around Town Center
78	Replacement of the invasive Bradford Pear and Mutilated trees on Rockville street scapes.
79	Cut taxes
80	Maintaining Redgate Golfcourse as a useable open space and active/passive park is my main priority. Selling part of that land or giving some to the county do not make sense in the long term.
81	I think zoning regulations should be relaxed to allow more varied types of housing in our single family neighborhoods to promote affordability over the long term. I also think we should encourage high density development near Rockville's two metro stations.

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82	Please continue to fund the senior center and its classes and programs. Please also consider having a separate sign up time for Rockville residents. The online sign up situation doesn't work and seniors have to get to the center early and wait in line to register in person. Terri Hilton wrote to me in response to my having to wait in line with my walker, that 30% of those who signed up in person on July 30, 2019, did not live within the city limits. I talked to quite a few Rockville citizens who didn't get into their classes. We don't think this is fair. My family pays a substantial City of Rockville tax bill each year. I believe those of us who do, or pay higher Rockville city limits rents, deserve first dibs at registration times. I hope you can fix this broken system.
83	Stonestreet Corridor improvements
84	Please advocate for MCPS school buildings in Rockville to be at least up to industry standards. Wootton HS has major interior needs and according to MCPS KFI study does not meet basic industry standards. Thank you!
85	Please start a composting program! Either compost dropoff at central locations or home pickup!
86	Long term efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of Rockville, including efforts to reduce the use of carbon emitting power sources and moving to renewable sources of energy.
87	I don't see climate change as a priority, but support green initiatives for the City Please keep up on the youth programming year round and more teen programs for summer
88	I am recommending the City emphasize Coronavirus related social services under "Social Services/Caregiver Grants", climate change planning under "Long Range Planning", and under "Other" incentives for audits, energy efficiency and renewable energy for businesses and homeowners, and public-education campaigns.
89	*Redgate golf course development plans should/must include a "VELODROME" like the one in Trexlertown, PA. The DMV lacks one venue to host the World Olympics... a Velodrome. Constructing a Velodrome would put Rockville on the map and provide years of enjoyment and economic stimulation!!! DO IT!!!
90	---Traffic Safety to cross Rockville Pike is very dangerous with several blind spots and poorly lite areas at night. With new MultiFamily infill residential and more to come this need to be addressed right away. Several choke points are dangerous to cross such as: 1) Richard Montgomery Drive, 2) Edmonston Drive, 3) Halpine Road, 4) Rollins-Twinbrook, and 5) Bou Avenue. You should study a full upgrade to Edmonston for better vehicle, business, and pedestrian/bicycle access. ---Energy conservation: inclusive of reducing our carbon footprint, encouraging energy saving investments, sponsoring renewables, making these investments easier

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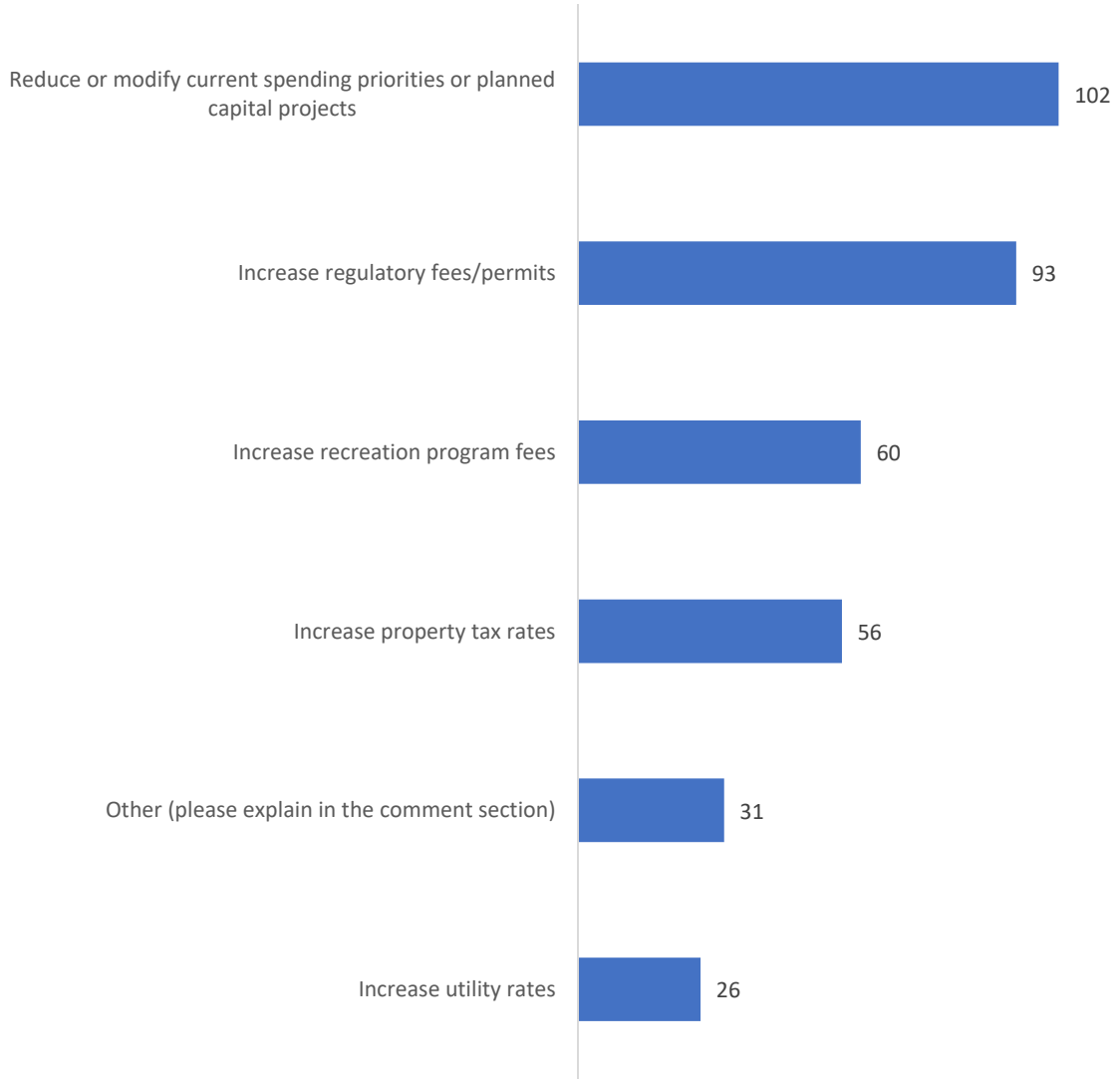
(205 Respondents, 66 with additional comments)



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1	If economic development and zoning modifications improve then additional renenue could be generated with minimal increases to current residents and property taxes
2	Most of these options have a disproportionately negative impact on lower income communities.
3	I think a small increase in taxes is OK if the funds are utilized effectively. I was here when the taxes last went down and I thought it was a mistake at the time. Rockville should look to limit frivolous spending. We don't need an art director, that just doesn't seem like a fruitful use of resources. I would much prefer to see someone enforcing laws and rules around parks than have an art-director. Also, considering that skate-parks are generally not doing well, why is that a focus? We would be better served spending that money on amenities that would garner more use. The soccer fields in aspen hill are constantly used, why not invest in that type of amenity? Perhaps more around nature based play?
4	Levy a tax based on income.
5	Decrease or delay the nice but not essential projects or reduce their scope. Increase permit fees on an income based scale. Increase or no increase program fees based on income when possible so lower income individuals and families are not impacted by fee increases. Re-exam current products such as various aspect of recycling. For example, if too few use in a particular neighborhood, stop offering it. Eliminate administrative wasted hours. Free them up to do other work to move projects which can decrease overall project cost. Look at your administration procedures. Are they duplicated in different departments? Does the paperwork/forms/workflow in 2020 make sense or are they from 1990 and have never been reviewed? Ask them to think outside of the box as to how they would do things if they could change they way things are currently done. Just a few thoughts from someone who has been through similar programmatic reviews and cost reduction measures.
6	Live within your revenue, without extracting more money from the citizens.
7	Use Speed camera money
8	Seek more resources from Montgomery County.
9	Look at heavily subsidized programs and make sure the majority of participants are residents.
10	Increasing utility rates (with appropriate safeguards for those on fixed incomes or otherwise economically disadvantages) encourages better environmental stewardship as well as raising revenues for the City. "Other": Cost-benefit analysis of City staff positions, particularly legal staff.
11	Increase taxes for communities that receive the benefits. The discussion that is critical or defends rhetoric that there are differences in the City is counter-productive for our City. Move forward to get the answer using measurable metrics. If it is found that there are differences, find a pathway to correct this. Cities are either unified or divided. This perception should be answered before the larger issues such as economic sustainability are realized and criteria such as where major city events are held, the geographical representation on M/C-Boards and Commissions, etc. could be impacting our City
12	More money on neighborhood safety: traffic and speeding.
13	Our roads are in poor shape.We have to protect out infrastructure.
14	These taxes should be increased on a sliding scale with more affluent residents paying a higher percent of property taxes, and larger users of utilities paying a higher rate than more frugal users. Again, we are trying to make Rockville attractive and affordable for middle and lower income families by increasing population density around the metro stations.
15	Do not raise taxes to generate a balance budget. Instead keep spending at a level to match the amount of income expected from existing tax revenues.
16	I would hate to see recreation fees increase and price out people for whom Rockville City Recreation programs are the only affordable option.
17	Taxes, fees, etc. are high enough in Rockville. It’s time to learn to live within a reasonable budget.
18	We should stay within our operational budgets and not increase taxes
19	Reduce spending to the extent of concentrating the budget on the core principles outlined above. If we need more resources to do those core issues then and only then should we consider raising taxes.

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20	My real estate taxes are already unaffordable - so if you increase them, I and MANY OTHERS WILL LEAVE this overpriced expensive town!!!!!!!!! My utility rates are already expensive! Such as the NEVER ENDING INCREASE IN WATER/SEWER BILLS. STOP INCREASING THE RATES!!!!!!!!!!!!! Put the increases on the DEVELOPERS since your decisions to LET them keep building are overcrowding everything here and YOU AND THEY should pay through the nose for the budget increases you always need! STOP increasing my property taxes so that BUILDERS CAN KEEP BUILDING!!! Stop increasing MY water rates and start charging every developer instead for all the extra burden THEY are putting on us all!!!
21	I don't think these are simple questions. Good government has to be paid for someway, make it as fair as possible.
22	I am currently job hunting and cannot afford a tax increase
23	1) Push for MCPS school construction, which will then open up APFO-limited opportunities to grow the tax base. 2) Explore land annexation, and evaluate cost/benefit of added revenue vs demand for services. 3) Explore where sales and hotel tax revenues go, and whether Rockville gets a fair share.
24	I can't answer this without knowing what your budget looks like.
25	I selected increase recreation program fees, but I would hope that we can still offer these programs at reduced rates to those in lower income brackets.
26	No more property tax hikes or increased fees for those who work and live here please!
27	Reduce administrative staffing at city hall
28	Re-examine priorities and choices at all steps of the planning and budgeting process to make sure that choices are made intelligently.
29	If you must increase property taxes, do it on high value properties (eg 1 million plus). Don’t punish low and middle income families.
30	Charge increased fees for refuse collection based upon the amount or weight of refuse generated to also encourage citizens to generate less refuse.
31	Keep property and income tax as they are (no increase).
32	Don't cut services. People live here because of the good quality of life (transit, safety, schools, etc.) and are willing to pay for that through taxes.
33	Eliminate expenditures like fireworks. Let residents donate money for fireworks and other types of celebrations that are literally blowing money up. I live in the city of Rockville and already pay some of the highest taxes in the state. Don't even think about raising taxes!
34	our taxes are already pretty high
35	Utility and property taxes already seem high. It is not possible to intelligently answer this question without information about expenditures incomparable cities.
36	How about reducing expenditures?
37	Stop spending on things like the park at Chestnut Lodge that benefit those in the community but few others. Get out of the housing business -- e.g., sell and stop involvement with the Fireside Apartments, Make it easier to build infill houses that will have higher assessments. Currently it takes way too long to tear down eyesores (the Historic District Review Commission is part of the problem, as it permitting). Ramp up code enforcement. Increase costs for non-residents at the swim center. Increased traffic enforcement in West End for speeding, running stop signs, etc.
38	Tax or increase property taxes on other than primary residential homes, e.g, commercial properties, personal high end automobiles, boats, and other recreational vehicles
39	I don't understand why costs to homeowners keep escalating when there is so much increased business development. Why are the residents paying so much more for utilities, taxes, and services?
40	Property taxes should be progressive.
41	Charge people more for the programs they actually use rather than take the money out of general revenue.
42	Prefer progressive taxes
43	Increases Property Taxes should be no more than 50% of any additional funding needed.
44	Don't say "yes" to every request that is submitted. Make sure all of Rockville is considered when approving budget items. Fiscal responsibility is a top priority. It is already expensive to live in Rockville and Rockville Corporate residents pay extra for the services which the County would need to provide if we didn't have the city property tax.

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45	There's not enough detail in these options to pick one. I need to see what the clear tradeoff would be. I think the opportunities are within reviewing current spending priorities and planned projects. We should not be increasing rates, fees or taxes until we have no other option.
46	Eliminate funding for Dawsons Market. Reduce and or eliminate handouts to outside organization's and special interest groups (Frit). Analyze existing partnerships City currently has and determine if they are beneficial to City and taxpayers.
47	Traffic cameras, red light and speeding. Increases funding and assists with traffic enforcement.
48	Do not increase property taxes!
49	Increase city resident water bills to cover water and sewer infrastructure projects and repair.
50	Fees for parking and for driving violations could go into making the city more walkable and bikeable.
51	Introduce annual tax on expensive cars (eg worth over $40k) and on cars that are gas gazzlers.
52	It is apparent too much money is being wasted somewhere. We pay close to $7000.00 in property taxes.
53	Invest into biking infrastructure
54	Increasing property tax rates seems to be the most reasonable given they haven't increased in a decade
55	Not well informed. Maybe increase each a bit...
56	Require developers to offset impact on city infrastructure.
57	Attract large federal contractors and federal agencies to Rockville's metros that have high paying jobs by giving the employers tax breaks and easing their development burden (like Northern Virginia), that in turn will attract more residents who can afford to buy homes closer to their employer i.e. in Rockville, and will be able to pay higher property taxes.
58	Seek community help with various initiatives, and see if community members are willing to offer free support or services. Identify revenue generating opportunities that will allow the community to come together and generate revenue for the City. Ex: Have more community events or do fundraising events at the town square/center, where you offer something that attendees have to pay for and market it in a way to say that X amount of proceeds will go towards purchasing X for the Town Center. The community wants to see Town Center thrive and be successful, so they would be willing to contribute money or donations towards initiatives for it. There should be at least one activity or event scheduled at the Town Center for EVERY weekend, Saturday and Sunday. Aim to event have 1-2 events on weekday evenings. This will bring families and others there every weekend and even during the week, and they will patronize the restaurants and stores there and that will help businesses. My family goes there every Friday night when the Friday Night Live series are in season. Bring back movie nights at the Town Center! Families will come. Offer popcorn and candies (like the movie theaters do) and collect revenue.
59	I think corporate subsidies are not in the taxpayers interest. While I do think Rockville should honor existing subsidy agreements, I think we should look towards other ways to boost economic growth.

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60	Reduce redundancy in city employees, systems and procedures. Do we really need a mayor and ALL of those people on city counsel and supporting staff and some director guy too? That many employees are really needed at City Hall for full time employment? I also suggest scraping the Townsquare, it didn't work. Nobody wants to pay to park, walk a long way only to go there for a big offish library and a bunch of restaurants, that may or may not be there next month! There is no appeal to go there, even if I had a family, why would I go? Sell the property to a developer or find a reason for people to go to the square.... wasted space and money. We pay enough in taxes, utilities, fees, permits, etc... we DON'T need more taxes, especially on stuff only the City wants funded.
61	I think the City could spend less on social programs--social workers, for example. I believe our taxes should go to projects that serve the biggest groups of citizens--roads, recreation programs, fire and police, snow removal, leaf collection, refuse collection and maintaining neighborhoods. I don't think we should subsidize any preschools, for example.
62	Increase speed cameras/red light cameras, and greater parking enforcement (both within the Town Square area and on residential streets like near Montgomery College)
63	Secure grants, MC, and State funding
64	"Other": -Levy a small supplemental surcharge on hotel/motel licenses that can be passed on to tourists who stay overnight in Rockville. - Levy a charge on large retail corporations (defined as Fortune 500 retailers) when they renew their business license.
65	Build a velodrome!!!
66	1) Review your carbon profile, invest in energy efficiencies that pay a dividend and ROI over time. 2) Review your overall investments and utilization of assets and programs; continue the ones with good usage and rethink the ones that do not. Are you measuring usage objectively (not just #people but value?) 3) Review underperforming or non-performing assets. Are you actively marketing the Glenview Mansion for private events like wedding and such? If you sell all/some of the golf course can you use the dividend to pay down/off bonds and/or invest in other areas like renewables?

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1	By focusing on redevelopment and encouraging business growth in areas outside of the 2-3 Rockville "hubs" (Town Center, KingFarm, and Pike& Rose) additional revenue could be generated to continue to fund programs to maintain parks, promote sustainable green space, and create welcoming communities. Rockville can continue being a diverse community that has a place for everyone; families, singles, pet parents, seniors, veterans, as well as government and private industry employees.
2	Less emphasis on repair rather then replacement of sidewalks. Encourage volunteer organizations to participate in restoring the tree cover in Rockville (mostly encouraging and giving permission to plant).
3	Revise spending plans while maintaining critical services and programs. Recreation programs are important, obviously, but ensuring the community is set up to be able to manage the cost of living here is far more important. If people cant afford to pay their bills or put food on the table, we have a real problem.
4	I would love to see more family events and races ran by the city. We would happily pay fees for fun events to do with our friends and families.
5	Rockville needs to stop spending money on special projects that have no/limited future in mind. Instead focus on improvements that are going to impact the future of Rockville. Child care, investing in youth, senior based programs as the population increases, assistance for families, business development, more services at community centers, helping in improving schools, more parks, better roads, the water treatment plant, development of bad shopping centers, commuter access, and transparency through social media.
6	Give tickets to drivers who run stop signs and speed on Beall Ave and Forest Ave. WAZE sends drivers through these residential streets to avoid traffic on West Montgomery Ave. Spend the speed camera money on a Gude Drive entry/exit for 270 to reduce speeders and traffic noise and risk in the West End. Thank you for this survey!
7	Increase tax revenue by helping local businesses succeed. Great to see new small businesses moving into town center but some don't understand how to attract and keep customers. Eg gumbo ya ya service and payment processing problems will inevitably lead to failure no matter how good the food is or how friendly the owners are.
8	Across the board 1% cut for non essential programs.
9	Provide for Rockville residents to purchase city parking passes. (Flat registration fee for each car, which allows Rockville residents to park free at any time in metered lots and Town Center parking garages.)
10	Conduct an analysis of the City Staff size and compensation levels relative to municipalities with similar parameters. Consider which services could be covered by Montgomery County instead of City of Rockville (trash/recycling?) or automated. Have developers foot more of the bill for new infrastructure, services, schools, etc. necessitated by their projects.
11	Be more mindful of the order in which sidewalk and paving projects are initiated and implemented. For example, our street was (slowly and painfully) repaved in 2019, but the street has already been marked up with utility locators, etc., suggesting the brand-new work is going to be torn out imminently and that last year was a waste of time and resources.
12	(1) Revise Rockville Reports and re-think format given challenges of newsprint, cost, and if this should move to on-line. (2) Reduce/eliminate catering costs for every City event. Evaluatem, should tax payer dollars be used in this manner? Many organizations celebrate these type of events where they depend on tax dollars by other means. The cost of these events in many organizations come from members and colleagues paying a fee to celebrate such events. What is the cost annually for all the City gatherings where the catering cost is footed by the tax payer? (3) Until such time there is representation that represents our City's demographics and our geographical corners, Rockville might do well to look at this and decide if this is OK? The 2020 census will certainly reveal the changes but will our City ?
13	Sidewalks need improvements. Media campaign heightening awareness of drivers of the need to support and protect pedestrians. As a driver, whenever I see a child of any age about to cross the street, I make it my business to make sure S/He gets across safely. I need to make that my practice across all ages. The public needs to make pedestrian safety their business.
14	Make flood lights at recreation parks optional. You could install a switch so that people could turn on the large lights if needed but they would stay off when the fields are not in use. This would save money and energy.

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15	Removing Rockville as a Sanctuary City will decrease costs in policing, crime prevention, social services and education as well as decrease the graffiti from sound barriers, bridges and buildings. City officials who support Sanctuary City policies and allow tax revenue to be used in implementing it not only are abusing their authority but disrespecting the citizens they were elected to serve. I encourage our city officials to reverse course and return Rockville to a law-abiding city.
16	We think funding for Hometown Holidays is a waste of taxpayer money and should be eliminated. Likewise the grants for travel to our 'sister city' (Pinneberg, Germany?) - in the era of the internet, it's not necessary to fund travel to Germany to find out other ideas about city management.
17	Structure large spend items (e.g., capital improvements, renovations) with stronger incentives for on-time,on-budget incentives. Leverage floating resources that can support multiple sites within Fire and Police departments to avoid overtime pay. Currently, floating resources in Fire have been eliminated as I understand things.
18	Rockville City services are excellent. I personally would rather see an increase in my property taxes than a decline in services to those how really need them.
19	1. Reduce paper mailings - lot of duplicate copies are made to me for instance 2. Review our mailing lists and urge citizens to opt-in for email communications 3. Review administrative expenses in Rockville government and offices. Are we optimizing our resources and staff? Are we optimized on IT expenses? Are we spending more than we need on hardware, software, infrastructure, maintenance and services? What is our spend on indirect procurement? These are areas that can yield 100-200k each in saving.
20	negotiate a better rate of return on speed and red light camera tickets. My understanding is we keep very little of the revenue generated from those tickets and the company that maintains the cameras keeps most of it.
21	Reduce non-electronic mailings. Stop building unnecessary infrastructure (example - sidewalk on Wootton Parkway across street from Millennium trail.
22	Police enforcement of traffic laws can serve as a source of income for city projects.
23	Increase fines for moving violations.
24	I am not a fan of the yearly leaf collection. Unless we can show that running so many diesel trucks traveling up and down every street multiple times a year is both cost efficient and good for the environment.
25	Look at overall efficiency of how government is running. Make sure that City staff are properly trained and carrying out their jobs. Figure out some ways to keep small businesses in Rockville by keeping rents affordable. Mayor and Council should not micromanage, but instead focus on larger policy issues.
26	We have so much development happening, find a way to leverage that. Developers stand to make a lot of money from building here, disrupting our lives, increasing traffic, putting undue strain on the infrastructure we paid to build, etc. I hope they are paying enough to do it.
27	See my other answers please. I see no way to ever decrease costs anymore, not with the constant influx of new residents by the thousands. Why don't you tax all those NEW renters everywhere for water/sewer use, road repairs, the increased need for additional fire and police services, more modular classrooms due to stuffing the schools till they burst, and so on ad nauseam.
28	I would defer to the Council to make decisions about how to keep taxes down.
29	Install parking meters on Elisabeht Ave. during day time olso on westmoore ave. We the home owners do not have chance To Park during daylight because people from west more mechanical shops used This place to parking their cars.
30	1) Push for MCPS school construction, which will then open up APFO-limited opportunities to grow the tax base. 2) Explore land annexation, and evaluate cost/benefit of added revenue vs demand for services. 3) Explore where sales and hotel tax revenues go, and whether Rockville gets a fair share.
31	Police Baltimore road for speeding, that road is so regularly abused WAY over the speed limit, you'd surely bring in lots of extra revenue! Send less information by mail/do more paperless.
32	Reduce number of secretaries at City Hall.
33	Host a local food/beer/wine festival at former redgate golf course. It's a great open location, and the popularity of nearby farm breweries shows there's a huge demand for family friendly outdoor areas where adults can also enjoy themselves. Food trucks are easy to bring in, line up a few local bands, set out some family friendly lawn games, and charge for parking to encourage ridesharing/taxis. If it got really crowded, overflow parking could be done at The Mansion with a shuttle.

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34	Reduce the number of special events offered by the City or charge user fees for those who attend (such as the classic car show). Increase the cost for non-residents to register for City classes and camps to ensure non-residents pay a fair share for the cost of these classes and camps.
35	Rockville should follow the City of Gaithersburg Department of Public Works, which now offers residents a convenient and sustainable way to reduce food waste with its new compost drop-off site. This could eventually be folded into the city's yard waste pickup service. This would increase the available free compost for the city and reduce costs associated with disposal and the environmental cost of methane production at the landfill.
36	-increase livability if Rockville this will increase tax revenue as more people relocate to Rockville. -improve the metro access and allow for more modern condos or townhomes some areas are blighted and this makes it harder for people to consider Rockville their home
37	I think that we need alternative solutions to Rockville Town Center, rather than subsidizing certain businesses. There must be away to make it economically viable, and if not we need to rethink the concept.
38	Property taxes on single family houses near metro stations and impact fees on new developments in exchange for higher densities are good places to look.
39	We may have too many “ancillary “ people whose jobs could be trimmed or eliminated. For example, I once got a visit from someone in the city who gave me a warning about a small patch of I trimmed grass about 3 ft by 6 inches long that was beside my front driveway. He happened to notice it as he was going by. I had a few days to correct the situation. I ppulked our the offending grass by hand in less than 30min to avoid a full citation. Is this what we spend our money on?
40	Need to focus more on economic development which in turn brings in more revenue's long term.
41	See above.
42	Get back to basics, focus on the "have to have" instead of "nice to have" services and infrastructure. If special events, activities, or services don't generate revenue and costs and expenses could be reduced, please eliminate them.
43	Prioritizes projects. I am paying taxes for 2 properties. Increase little tax for who have enjoyed easy access.
44	More commercial within walking distance. Place more convenience stores and bars in neighborhoods
45	Increased permitting fees for developers. They seem to be developing everywhere without bearing the burden of underwriting costs for expanded schools and infrastructure. That seems to be the heart of our problems here. Developers should be required to pay their fair share to address these problems.
46	City's department directors must be hold accountable for their incompetence and bad management of tax payers money. I would recommend to have an audit regarding all purchases and check with supervisors and employees whether the purchase was a good decision or just a waste of money. By buying the wrong equipment to just seat in the yard or are not safe (it cost the city more if an employee is injured at work) and coming with programs that are not meant last (like the single stream recycling program) the city keeps spending money that could be used to support other priorities. If a department's director would do this in the private sector, that person would've been fired.
47	I would like to see Broadwood Drive extended from Baltimore Road to Norbeck Road, connecting somewhere between Gude Drive and Avery Road.
48	Reduce redundancy in the Planning Process. The City's professional staff, Planning Commission and City Council all cover the same ground and often contradict each other while wasting time and resources. Why not clearly delineate and separate responsibilities.
49	Do leaf collection later
50	We've been very happy with city services and offerings, and cost associated with them, for the most part.
51	Eliminate slates from Rockville Elections. You've managed to confuse the electorate.
52	Eliminate positions that are not beneficial to the economic condition of the city. Review all job positions and see that the jobs are property classified and if they are still necessary. Have each Department Head present a reduced budget to the Mayor and Council.
53	For this, I would need to see a complete presentation on what are all of these. I'm pretty sure there's some costly and useless pet project or committee out there. This is where we shoyld stary reviewing options.
54	Eliminate subsidy to Dawsons Market (however its passed thru).

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55	Improved competence and effectiveness of City staff for operational and staff cost reductions. Deeply analyze all costs associated with the recent Vote by Mail for operational efficiencies, increased ballot security (they should be sent directly to and stored by the County Board of Elections), proper ballot distribution (on time!) and greater, clear, consistent communications across all media about what vote by mail is/how to vote/where to submit and WHEN.
56	Install more roundabouts to reduce speeding.
57	I don't mind speed cameras, but I notice they are always moving, which means we are paying people to pick them up every morning and move them around which seems like a waste. Run Power to them and keep them in key location. I am not sure what benefit the City of Rockville is actually giving. As a home owner I have found my self wishing I knew the City of Rockville overruled Montgomery County. Small things like reimbursement for redoing the driveway with pavers is 3x more in Montgomery county.
58	Charge for street parking in neighborhoods. Give every resident 2 permits free but then charge for any additional cars parked on the street during the week and enforce it.
59	Limit city programs to place the most focus on essential and community services.
60	Increase infrastructure fees for construction of new development: roads, sidewalks, parks, water & sewer. Enforce strict penalties for underprojection of youth expected in new developments. Keep a dedicated forester on staff whose only priority is tree canopy health and maintenance.
61	1) Introduce personal property tax (annual tax) on cars worth over $40k for example. 2) All new developments should pay for the full cost of projected school capacity expansion necessary b/c of the development.
62	Rockville Reports should be printed on lighter weight paper. Don't know why such heavy paper is used.
63	Reduce money and services provided for illegal immigrants. Reduce the salary and the number of county council people. Reduce building permits unless leases are signed for that property. Too many spaces/buildings are built and then no occupancy.
64	In order to identify areas to modify/ decrease costs, we'd need to see a listing of how much the current budget is, and how it's being allocated. For example, if we're spending a lot on roads, that funding needs to be decreased because the work contractor's did this year on roads was not worth a large amount of money.
65	Build safe biking and walking trails from all areas that lead to downtown Rockville. Mark them clearly. So it will be easyto get to Rockville. Also there is a beautiful woods patch behind swimming center. Clean it, add lights, benches some sculptures/art and connect to down town. It would attract people who enjoy nature. All of these investments would increase foot traffic to down town and it's businesses. Attract big companies like Banana republic to attract shoppers. Give them a break the first year Promote and built on history - organize tours, write exciting stories about the past. Promote and publish it everywhere.
66	Increase property tax rates particularly for single family houses
67	Since our street was involved in the water main project this summer and last summer, I know for a fact that there is a lot of time wasted by several workers just sitting around watching one man do the work.
68	Many federal government offices and agencies are looking to move out of DC like the National Health Service Corp. in search of lower office space rent. Rockville needs to partner with builders like JBG and B.F. Saul in the Twinbrook neighborhood and help them lobby to attract these offices and agencies even if it means subsidizing their rent because it will bring more contracting companies, professional employees, which will bring Rockville businesses more customers and residents. Every holiday the city of Rockville should host a fundraiser dinner/park picnics sponsored by local businesses, restaurants, and cover bands. Local officials thank sponsors, panel talk, improv games, and guest speakers, during the event there should be a call for donations to support in need city programs. All donors and sponsors get highlighted in the Rockville paper.
69	Development in Rockville will bring in more businesses and residents which would increase city revenue.
70	See above. Regarding decreasing costs, there is no transparency with the community on the cost of initiatives, so how are we supposed to provide suggestions on how to decrease costs or which options to remove/reduce to decrease costs?

Attachment 13.b: AttachmentB_PublicTestimonty_March30 (3080 : FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession)

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71	Give residents and nonresident a reason to come into the city and spend money. Have better shopping options in town center. Electric vehicles are becoming more popular-offer and advertise more cheaper charging options in town center and other shopping areas. Keep holding local events in town center. Use Redgate to hold special events that will attract people to come spend money in the city (I.e mini concerts with cheap but nationally known bands with large followings). You can sell food and tickets, and advertise at these events. Show people that Rockville is a happening place and has a lot to offer with great public transportation options.
72	Please enforce speed limits and red light running on Monstrose Road. It should greatly increase revenue while increasing safety.
73	I think we should be focusing on economic development to boost revenue generation, particularly housing development. It is my belief that dense transit oriented development is one of the best strategies for boosting economic growth. Growing the town center would go a long way towards improving the health of businesses in that area and provide more revenue to the city.
74	See above. Upgrading infrastructure on water and sewer will need to happen sooner than later. Only getting worse...
75	Rockville needs to (re)focus on providing services and resources to those that actually pay taxes.
76	I hope you don't increase fees for recreational activities very much. I could also see skipping the memorial day celebration if our funds are needed for services that would serve vastly more Rockville citizens.
77	A strong focus on basics like economics, roads, safety.
78	See above re greater enforcement of parking regulations, as well as moving violations (speeding, etc)
79	I thought the Stonestreet plan looked fantastic. Seeing development and a few fun shops and restaurants in that area would be cool.
80	Change street lights to high efficiency bulbs. Adopt a 'Sustainable Procurement' policy for all city purchases.
81	Increase permit fees if they haven't been modified in a while. Looking at whether we need to fill a staff position or realize efficiencies.
82	ENERGY STAR Treasure Hunts for municipal properties to find operation-related energy savings.
83	Build a velodrome, with it come decades of economic stimulus; hotels, shops, crowds!!!
84	(Copied again from above) 1) Review your carbon profile, invest in energy efficiencies that pay a dividend and ROI over time. 2) Review your overall investments and utilization of assets and programs; continue the ones with good usage and rethink the ones that do not. Are you measuring usage objectively (not just #people but value?) 3) Review underperforming or non-performing assets. Are you actively marketing the Glenview Mansion for private events like wedding and such? If you sell all/some of the golf course can you use the dividend to pay down/off bonds and/or invest in other areas like renewables?
85	increase the fees for those that acutally utilize the facilities.

Mayor & Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2020
Agenda Item Type: Review and Comment
Department: City Manager's Office
Responsible Staff: Jenny Kimball

Subject
Action Report

Recommendation
Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and comment on the Action Report.

Change in Law or Policy (remove this section if not needed)

Discussion

Mayor and Council History

Options Considered

Public Notification and Engagement

Boards and Commissions Review

Procurement

Fiscal Impact

Next Steps

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Rob DiSpirito, City Manager 4/8/2020

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Blue - new items to the list.
Red - latest changes.

Mayor and Council Action Report

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2014-23	9/8/11	R&P	Future agenda	**King Farm Farmstead** **Status: Responses to a request for information (RFI) on potential future uses of the Farmstead were shared with the Mayor and Council on January 24, 2020. The responses will be discussed at the April 20, 2020 meeting.**	Ongoing
2015-14	7/13/15	CMO	Future agenda	**Purchasing Study Response** **Status: An update on the Procurement Action Plan was shared on January 27, 2020. Another update will be provided in July 2020.**	Ongoing
2016-12	9/26/16	HR	Future agenda	**Vacancy Report** Provide a Vacancy Report to the Mayor and Council at the end of each Quarter. **Status: The Fiscal Year 2020 second quarter report was shared on January 27, 2020 meeting. The next report will be shared with the Mayor and Council on April 27, 2020.**	April 27, 2020
2016-16	10/10/16	PDS	Future agenda	**Global Issues on BRT** Schedule another discussion on BRT with the City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County, to include broader issues such as governance and finance. Consider holding the meeting in Gaithersburg. **Status: County transportation is studying alternatives to identify a recommended alternative for design of the MD 355 route. A recommended alternative for the Viers Mill route was selected. The project is funded for preliminary design in the County Budget for FY23.**	Ongoing
2016-18	10/24/16	PDS	Future agenda	**FAST – Faster, Smarter, More Transparent (Site Plan/Development Review Improvements)** Provide regular updates on the status of the work. **Status: A FaST update was provided to the Mayor and Council on November 18, 2019. The next update is scheduled for June 1, 2020.**	Ongoing

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2017-6	2/27/17	CMO	Email	**Minority-, Female- & Disabled-Owned Businesses** Provide updates on the Procurement Division's activities to engage and support minority-, female- and disabled-owned businesses. **Status: The next update will be on April 27, 2020. Staff is researching a veteran's preference component and will share information on April 27. A local preference approach for City procurement will be discussed as a separate agenda item.**	April 27, 2020
2017-11	6/12/17	R&P	Agenda item	**Deer Population in Rockville** Continue to monitor the deer population. Consider action steps and gather community input. **Status: The Mayor and Council directed staff to implement the pilot deer culling program. Staff will bring required changes to the City Code for Mayor and Council for approval on June 1, 2020. Given the increased use of RedGate as a park, staff will bring back on the Mayor and Council's May 18, 2020 agenda the topic of an alternate location for the pilot program.**	September-November 2020
2018-1	1/22/18	Finance	Action Report	**Utility Billing System** Provide updates on the replacement of the Velocity Payment System, powered by Govolution. **Status: Contracts are in place, a kick-off meeting was held and implementation underway, with estimated completion in July 2020. By the end of April, Finance will need to decide, based on the current environment, whether the planned July 2020 utility billing system live date will need to be delayed to the fall of 2020.**	July 2020
2018-7	6/18/18	CMO	Agenda Item	**LGBTQ Initiatives** Identify and implement Mayor and Council suggestions. **Status: Comments about future gender-neutral bathroom installations were shared during the Mayor and Council's March 2 budget worksession. Discussion will continue through the remaining budget worksessions. Signs directing users to the gender-neutral bathrooms in City Hall were ordered and temporary signs are currently up.**	Ongoing

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2018-8	6/18/18	CMO/RCPD /R&P	Town Meeting	**Opioid Town Meeting** Schedule a Town Meeting on the opioid crisis, to include prevention, enforcement and treatment. **Status: A subset of the committee working on a strategic plan for the Rockville Goes Purple Initiative will convene after the immediate needs of the COVID-19 response are addressed.**	Ongoing
2018-11	8/1/18	PDS	Agenda Item	**Neighborhood Shopping Centers** Discuss mechanisms to encourage neighborhood shopping center revitalization and explore additional zoning and uses	Summer 2020
2018-15	10/8/18	PDS	Future Agenda	**Short-Term Residential Rentals** Discuss how to manage short-term residential rentals' (e.g., Airbnb) impact on city neighborhoods and explore options for taxing users. **Status: Short-term residential rentals was discussed on January 13. Staff emailed the results of additional research requested by the Mayor and Council on January 23, 2020. The Mayor and Council also requested that a public hearing be held at a future date.**	Fall 2020
2018-19	10/15/18	HR	Future Agenda	**Volunteer Program** Discuss whether the Mayor and Council want to direct the City Manager to create a centralized volunteer program. **Status: A report on the number of volunteers and volunteer hours for the first half of FY20 was provided on the January 13, 2020 agenda. The next update will be on the July 27, 2020 agenda. Staff will share information with the Mayor and Council by email about the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party.**	July 27, 2020
2019-1	10/29/18	PDS	Future Agenda	**Accessory Structures** **Status: The Mayor and Council authorized the filing of a Zoning Text Amendment on April 8. A workshop was held on May 29th for the public to learn more about these proposed regulations. A public hearing was held on July 15 and October 7, 2019. Discussion and Instruction was held on September 16, 2019. Mayor and Council and staff determined that there are outstanding issues to continue flushing out and to discuss further at a future meeting. This topic will be discussed at the April 20, 2020 meeting.**	April 20, 2020

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2019-2	2/25/19	R&P/PDS/ CMO	Future Agenda	**RedGate Golf Course Property** **Master Planning** – Prepare a scope of work for a master planning consultant. **Status: A proposed scope of work for master planning the property was discussed during the February 3 and March 30 Mayor and Council meetings. The Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan was presented to the Mayor and Council on March 23. Following the March 30 discussion, the Mayor and Council supported the City Manager's suggestion that staff take the comments shared and re-group on next steps, taking into account the fiscal unknowns of the COVID-19 crisis.** **Veterans Home –** Consider the proposed partnership with the Maryland Veterans Administration to establish a home for veterans at the Redgate property. **Status: A discussion of this topic was included on the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs' March 17 meeting agenda. That Commission meeting was cancelled. Staff will monitor for a reschedule. The City Manager continues to follow-up with the MD Veterans Administration leadership to obtain answers to Mayor and Council's questions.**	Ongoing TBD
2019-4	3/25/19	PDS	Future Agenda	**Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF)** Discussion of potential City uses of BIDs and TIFs	TBD
2019-7	4/1/19	R & P	Memo	**Child Care Services** Discuss city provision of child care services (history of the current program, community need for the service, private sector market, expansion to additional Rockville locations). **Status: This item was discussed on September 9, 2019. Staff answered questions about child care cost recovery by email the week of October 14, 2019. A worksession discussion occurred on November 25, 2019. Additional information was provided via e-mail to the Mayor and Council on November 26, 2019. Staff is preparing a strategy to follow up on the worksession discussion.**	Summer 2020
2019-9	4/1/19	HR	Memo	**Reduction in Force (RIF) Policy** **Prepare a Reduction in Force (RIF) policy, to be incorporated in the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual update.** **Status: Mayor and Council will consider this policy in the context of the ongoing review of the proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM). The next discussion of the PPM is scheduled for May 18, 2020.**	May 18, 2020

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2019-10	4/1/19	HR	Email	**Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual Update** Share an update on the status of this effort. **Status: The draft revised manual was distributed to Mayor and Council on January 31, 2020 and was discussed at the February 24, 2020 meeting. Mayor and Councilmembers are forwarding questions to staff who will provide responses in writing. The next discussion on agenda is anticipated to occur on May 18, 2020.**	May 18, 2020
2019-11	4/1/19	HR	Future Agenda	**Retirement Incentive/Employee Buyout Program** Provide information about employee buyout programs and discuss the potential for a Rockville program. **Status: Director of Finance provided an update to the Mayor and Council via email on May 3, 2019.**	Summer 2020
2019-12	4/1/19	Police	Future Agenda	**Parking Enforcement at Street Meters** Share an overview of Rockville's current program and how other local jurisdictions handle parking enforcement at street meters, including hours of enforcement. **Status: Parking meter operations was a component of the Mayor and Council's parking discussion on July 15th, 2019. Staff will continue to discuss this topic with FRIT and will keep the Mayor and Council informed as developments occur. To support take-out only operations of Rockville food service businesses during COVID-19 response, parking meter spaces have been signed as 15- minute curbside pick-up.**	Ongoing
2019-16	9/16/19	CMO	Future Agenda	**County Bill 29-19 – Health and Sanitation–Electronic Cigarettes; Bill 31-19 – Health and Sanitation–Electronic Cigarettes – Distribution-Use and Possession; and Bill 32-19–Health and Sanitation- Flavored Electronic Cigarettes -** Monitor County Council consideration of the Bill, Resolution, and Text Amendment **Status:** **On March 31, the County Council voted unanimously to approve the three bills and ZTA 19-06. Staff shared an email update with the Mayor and Council on April 3, 2020.**	Completed

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2019-19	12/16/2019	City Clerk/Director of Council Operations	Worksession	**Boards and Commissions Task Force Work Session** – Continue the Mayor and Council's discussion of the Boards and Commission Task Force (BCTF). **Status: The Mayor and Council will discuss the BCTF's top four recommendations during a regular meeting on June 8, 2020.**	June 8, 2020
2019-20	12/16/2019	City Clerk/Director of Council Operations	Meeting	**Post-Election Presentation** **Status: The community meetings about the 2019 election were held on January 30 and February 8. A Board of Supervisors of Elections report to the Mayor and Council on the 2019 election is scheduled for May 11. The CC/DCO will distribute the report to the Mayor and Council and post it on the web for the public as soon as it is complete.**	May 11, 2020
2020-01	1/6/2020	Police	Future Agenda	**Emergency Management Program** – Receive an update from the Emergency Manager on the city's emergency management program and activities. **Status: Staff is briefing the Mayor and Council on the COVID-19 pandemic on each meeting agenda. A comprehensive update on the emergency management program will be scheduled in July 2020 or as soon as possible after the Emergency Manager's response to COVID-19 concludes.**	Ongoing
2020-02	1/13/2020	CMO	Memo and Future Agenda	**5G Wireless Technology** **Status: On March 18, 2020, the Mayor and Council discussed Zoning Text Amendment TXT2019-00251 on regulating the Installation of Small Cell Antennas and directed staff to return on agenda with a revised ZTA based on the results of the discussion.**	May 11, 2020
2020-03	1/13/2020	DPW	Memo and Future Agenda	**Climate Change Efforts -** Brief the Mayor and Council on City efforts related to climate change. **Status: A memo describing potential future options to strategically support energy efficiency, renewable energy, greener fleets, and long-term strategic planning was shared with the Mayor and Council by email the week of April 6, 2020.**	TBD
2020-04	1/13/2020	Police	Memo and Future Agenda	**Drones and Public Safety –** Explore potential public safety issues associated with drones and how the City could consider monitoring, regulating and penalizing criminal activity.	Summer or Fall 2020

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2020-05	1/13/2020	R&P	Email	**Americans with Disabilities Act** – Provide information about the City's work to ensure compliance with ADA requirements at City facilities. **Status: Staff provided initial information via email to the Mayor and Council on January 17, 2020. Funding for ADA-related projects is being discussed by the Mayor and Council in the context of the FY21 proposed budget.**	May 2020

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2020-07	1/13/2020	PDS	Future Agenda	**Affordable Housing Goals -** Discuss Rockville's strategy to meet the affordable housing goals established by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). **Status:** The Mayor and Council kicked off their discussions of affordable housing on February 3. **On March 30, 2020, the Mayor and Council approved an amendment to the MPDU regulations to clarify affordability structuring for the homeownership component. Future agenda items will explore paths that the city could take to meet the COG housing allocation.** Staff will conduct a forum with stakeholders in the development community and building trade association to solicit feedback on the following items, then bring the feedback to the Mayor and Council on agenda: **1. Affordable Housing Fee for Small Residential Developments** With this proposed policy change, one of the options would be for developers of smaller residential projects, consisting of 10-49 total dwelling units, to be required to pay an affordable housing fee. Staff has developed data on these smaller residential projects. Incorporating a fee for small development projects would increase the impact of the City's inclusionary zoning policy by requiring an affordable housing contribution across a broader range of residential development projects. **2. In-Lieu Fee for Condominium Development** Condominiums are often viewed as an entry into homeownership. Escalating condo fees are a problem in many communities, making the affordability of the units unsustainable. Some communities elect to accept in-lieu fees for such developments for this reason. While condominium fees alone may not be the sole factor leading to some owners of MPDU condominium units being housing-cost burdened, they are a contributing element. Some of the 272 units have been lost to the MPDU program in foreclosure proceedings, and others may be at risk of future foreclosures. With this proposal, staff is to create in-lieu fee calculations for condominium developments providing 50 or more dwelling units. **3. Require Developments with 50 or More Units to Provide 15% MPDUs** In this proposal, staff seeks the Mayor and Council's direction on whether to apply an MPDU set-aside requirement of 15% throughout the city. Doing so would increase and equalize the impact of the City's inclusionary zoning policy. If the Mayor and Council wish to consider an MPDU set-aside requirement above 15%, it would be worthwhile to weigh such consideration with the cost implications and to pair the set-aside requirement with incentives (e.g., reduced parking requirements, expanded increased height limits, fee waivers, and an expedited permit and approval process)	Ongoing

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2020-08	1/27/2020	CMO/PDS/Finance/DPW	Worksession	**Town Center –** Follow up on Mayor and Council direction from the Town Hall meeting and Urban Land Institute (ULI) report. **Status: A status update and discussion of Town Center initiatives is on the Mayor and Council's May 11 agenda.** **Parking** – Explore improvements to parking in Town Center **Status: Staff is preparing a proposal on parking improvements to present to the Mayor and Council.** **Town Center Road Diet –** Study and report to Mayor and Council on suggestions in the TAP report and discussion at the Mayor and Council's TAP worksession. **Status: Public Works examination of options is underway. Funding was identified for a consultant to continue the examination in FY20. Proposals were received on April 3, 2020 and are under review.** **Real Estate/Broker/Economist Assessment –** In the context of the next update on the ULI recommendations, invite industry experts to dialogue on competitive challenges to Town Center **Undergrounding of Route 355 –** Revisit the information provided to the Mayor and Council, including community impacts, to formulate an official Mayor and Council position. **Status: Discussion is scheduled for June 1, 2020.**	Ongoing
2020-09	1/27/2020	DPW	Future Agenda	**Corridor Cities Transitway –** provide background information to facilitate the current Mayor and Council taking an official position on the CCT route. **Status: Discussion is scheduled for May 4, 2020.**	May 4, 2020

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2020-10	1/27/2020	DPW	Future Agenda	**I-270 widening –** Establish a strategy for negotiating with the State. **Status: City staff met with SHA staff and their consultant on February 14, 2020, to begin coordination on a potential MOU. State staff provided preliminary findings related to the potential impacts of different alternatives on traffic, parks, bridges, utilities, and storm water facilities. More information will be needed to develop the parameters to be used for negotiating an MOU between the City and MDOT. MDOT is preparing to release an RFQ this spring to seek their private developer partner, and they expect to complete this process by 2021. City staff will use information collected to draft parameters for negotiating an MOU with the State for Mayor and Council discussion and instructions. During the next meeting, staff will discuss with SHA utility relocation cost and expectations.**	Ongoing
2020-11		PDS	Future Agenda	**Annexation Options** – Discuss annexation options.	TBD

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Agenda Item Type: Review and Comment
Department: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Office
Responsible Staff: Sara Taylor-Ferrell

Subject

Future Agendas

Recommendation

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Attachment 15.A.a: 4.20.2020 Mock Agenda (DOC)
Attachment 15.A.b: Future Agendas 04.13.2020 (XLS)

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations 4/8/2020

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MEETING NO.
Monday, April 20, 2020 – 7:00 PM

MOCK AGENDA

Agenda item times are estimates only. Items may be considered at times other than those indicated.

Any person who requires assistance in order to attend a city meeting should call the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Rockville City Hall will be closed until April 24, due to recent issued state directives for slowing down the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 and social distancing.

To support social distancing, the Mayor and Council are conducting meetings virtually. The virtual meetings can be viewed on Rockville 11, channel 11 on county cable, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, and available a day after each meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand.

If you wish to submit comments in writing for Community Forum or Public Hearings, please email mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov by no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

All comments will be acknowledged by the Mayor and Council at the meeting and added to the agenda for public viewing on the website.

Drop-In with Mayor Newton and Councilmember Pierzchala by phone on Monday, April 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., please sign-up online at www.rockvillemd.gov/formcenter/city-clerk-11/sign-up-for-dropin-meetings-227 by 2:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

7:00 PM	**1.**	**Convene**
	2.	**Pledge of Allegiance**
	3.	**Agenda Review**
7:05 PM	**4.**	**City Manager's Report**
7:15 PM	**5.**	**Coronavirus COVID-19 Update**

Attachment 15.A.a: 4.20.2020 Mock Agenda (3084 : Future Agendas)

7:45 PM **6. Proclamation**

A. Proclamation Declaring April 21, 2020 as Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day

7:50 PM **7. Community Forum -submit written comments by email to mayorandcouncil@rokvillemd.gov by 2:00 p.m.**

8. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

8:10 PM **9. Consent**

A. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Seventh Amendment to the Interim Management Agreement Between the Mayor and Council of Rockville and Street Retail, Inc. (Herein Referred to as "FRIT") to Temporarily Manage the Town Square Commercial District and the Town Square Street and Area Lighting District (Collectively, the "Town Square Management District") and the Plaza at Rockville Town Square

B. East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards: Authorization to File a Zoning Text & Map Amendment

8:15 PM **10. Compensation and Classification Study**

8:45 PM **11. FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession**

10:15 PM **12. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Zoning Text Amendment Application TXT2019-00254, to Revise the Development Standards for Accessory Buildings in the Residential Zones, and for Accessory Buildings Located in Both the MXT (Mixed-Use Transition) and HD (Historic District) Zones; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant**

10:45 PM **13. King Farm Farmstead Request for Information (RFI)**

11:15 PM **14. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

Attachment 15.A.a: 4.20.2020 Mock Agenda (3084 : Future Agendas)

15. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

16. Old/New Business

11:30 PM **17. Adjournment**

The Mayor and Council Rules and Procedures and Operating Guidelines establish procedures and practices for Mayor and Council meetings, including public hearing procedures. They are available at: http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mcguidelines.

Attachment 15.A.a: 4.20.2020 Mock Agenda (3084 : Future Agendas)

Future Agendas
Tentative as of 04/13/2020

Meeting : 04/27/20 07:00 PM (10 items)		
Category	Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)	Title
Discussion	30	Discussion on Scope of Charter Review Commission
Discussion and Instructions	45	Strategy for Collecting and Using Community Survey Data
Presentation	20	FY19 Minority, Female, Disabled-Owned Outreach Program Update
Proclamation	5	Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Work Session	90	FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession (If Needed)
Discussion	10	Fiscal Year 2020 Third Quarter Vacancy Report
Authorization	30	Authorization to File Zoning Text Amendment for Parkland Dedication
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month
Discussion, Instructions and Possible Adoption	10	Discussion, Instruction, and Possible Adoption of the Comprehensive Transportation Review
Presentation and Discussion	60	Vision Zero Plan Presentation, and Discussion and Instructions to Staff
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	4 HRS 50 MINS	
Meeting : 05/04/20 07:00 PM (13 items)		
Category	Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)	Title
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Declaring Older Americans Month May 2020
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Declaring Women's Health Week May 10 - 16 2020
Adoption	5	Adoption of a Resolution to Establish the Service Charge Rate for Municipal Refuse Collection
Adoption	5	Adoption of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021
Introduction and Possible Adoption	5	Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments For Driveway Aprons Constructed in Fiscal Year 2019, Project TC16

Attachment 15.A.b: Future Agendas 04.13.2020 (3084 : Future Agendas)

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Adoption	5	Adoption of a Resolution to Close Completed Capital Improvements Program Projects
Adoption	5	Adoption of Resolution to Declare the Official Intent of the Mayor and Council to Bond Finance Certain Projects Under U.S. Treasury Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2
Consent	5	Pension Plan Amendment - Retiree Cola
Consent	5	East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards: Authorization to File a Zoning Text & Map Amendment
Public Hearing	45	Park Road and North/South Stonestreet Avenue Area Public Hearing
Consent	5	East Rockville Design Guidelines and Standards: Authorization to File a Sectional Map Amendment
Discussion	60	Discussion on the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT)
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Recognizing May as Bicycle Awareness Month
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	2 HRS 40 MINS	
Meeting : 05/11/20 07:00 PM (4 items)		
Category	Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)	Title
Report Presentation and Discussion	60	Board of Supervisors of Elections - 2019 Vote by Mail Election Report
Discussion	60	Discussion of Town Center Work Program
Adoption	20	Adoption of Resolution to Approve, with Conditions, Project Plan Application PJT2018-00010, an Amendment to the Preliminary Development Plan PDP2006-00011; J. Danshes, LLC, Applicant
Introduction and Possible Adoption	45	Introduction and Possible Adoption of Text Amendment TXT2019-00251 -To Adopt Regulations for the Installations of Small Cell Antennas
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	3 HRS 05 MINS	

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Meeting : 05/18/20 07:00 PM (5 items)		
Category	**Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)**	**Title**
Discussion and Instructions	45	Discussion of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
Presentation	45	Proposed Amendments to the Property Maintenance Code, Being Article XII of Chapter 5 of the City Code
Consent	5	Award WMATA Rider Contract #(Contract #), Diesel Fuel, to (Vendor) in the Amount Not to Exceed $199,337. Award of Contract for Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles and Equipment for a Contract Period Up to (????) Years in the Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed $(????)
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Recognizing May 18-22, 2020 as National Public Works Week
Presentation and Discussion	30	Alternative Location for Deer Culling Operation
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	**2 HR 10 MINS**	
Category	**Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)**	**Title**
Meeting : 06/01/20 07:00 PM (7 items)		
Discussion	60	Undergrounding of 355 Discussion
Discussion, Instructions and Possible Adoption	45	Discussion and Instruction and Possible Adoption of Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Agreement
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Declaring June 20 as World Refugee Day
Proclamation	5	Proclamation Declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month
Presentation	30	FAST Project Report

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Introduction and Possible Adoption	30	Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13 of the Rockville City Code Entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses" by Adding a New Article to Amend Chapter 13 of the Rockville City Code, Entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses" to Add a New Section 13-71 to Regulate the Discharge of Bows Within the City and to Require a Bow Hunter to Report the Failure to Recover a Wounded Deer to City Police.
Introduction and Possible Adoption	30	Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14 of the Rockville City Code, Entitled "Parks and Recreation" So as to Amend the Animals; Malicious Mischief, Damage, Etc; Operating Hours; and Traffic Regulations Sections Contained in Article III to Allow for the Establishment of a City Managed Deer Culling Program on City Park Property.
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	3 HR 25 MINS	
Category	Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)	Title
Meeting : 06/08/20 07:00 PM (5 items)		
Discussion and Instructions	40	Boards and Commissions Task Force Priority Recommendations
Discussion, Instructions and Possible Adoption	60	Park Road and North/South Stonestreet Avenue Area Work Session and Possible Adoption
Public Hearing	30	Map Amendment MAP2020-00119, for the Rezoning of 102 Aberdeen Road from R-60 to R-60 (Historic District) in Order to Place the Property in a Historic District; Historic District Commission, Applicants
Presentation	30	Briefing on Project Plan PJT2020-00012, Key West at Fallsgrove, for an Amendment to the Fallsgrove Planned Development (PD) to Permit Up to 350 Multifamily Dwellings in Place of the Approved Office Development at 1800 Research Boulevard; Key West Center Fallsgrove LLC, Applicant
Adoption	30	Resolution to Adopt Vision Zero Plan
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	3 HR 10 MINS	

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Category	Estimated Agenda Time Needed (in minutes)	Title
Meeting : 06/22/20 07:00 PM (1 items)		
Discussion, Instructions and Possible Adoption	30	Proposed Appointment Selections - 2020 Charter Review Commission and Scope of Work
Total Meeting Time (In Hours)	HR 30 MINS	

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