



**Monday, January 24, 2022**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MEETING NO. 02-22**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 02-22  
March 7, 2022

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**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

**1. Convene**

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The Mayor and Council convened in a hybrid Open meeting Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Rockville Corporate Council Robert E. Dawson, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Citizens are asked to report near misses of pedestrian, bicycle, and auto accidents on the City's website at [www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/visionzero). For help reporting incidents, please call the Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8816.

The Department of Housing and Community's annual Holiday drive was very successful. \$77,000 was donated, in addition to \$17,000 in family sponsorships. There will be a recognition to honor donors at a February 2022 Mayor and Council meeting.

The City kicked off its 50<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of African American Month during the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. with a virtual event facilitated by the group Halo.

Residents are asked to sign up volunteers to shovel snow for an elderly or disabled neighbor at [www.rockvillemd.gov\snowshoweling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov\snowshoweling).

The City of Rockville will host a job fair on Friday, January 28, 2022, from Noon – 4:00 PM at the Rockville Maintenance Facility.

Thank you to the Mayor and Council and Staff who handed out Covid Test kits last week. Also, thank you to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church for handing kits out as well.

## 5. COVID-19 Update

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Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County, and State.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

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## 6. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring National Heart Awareness Month

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Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring February 2022 as National Heart Awareness Month.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

### B. Proclamation for Lunar New Year 2022

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the proclamation declaring Lunar New Year 2022.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the proclamation declaring Lunar New Year 2022.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**7. Community Forum**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Speaker and Written Comments</b> Deborah Landau	Agenda Item 12: YES - Parkland Dedication Requirements
<b>Written Comments</b> Carol Hannaford	YES - Parkland should be required with New Development
<b>Written Comments</b> Anne Goodman, PhD	YES - Parkland should be required with New Development
<b>Written Comments</b> Caryl McNeilly	YES - Parkland should be required with New Development
<b>Written Comments</b> Dr. Robert Williamson	Agenda item 12: YES - Parkland should be required with New Development Importance
<b>Written Comments</b> Lynn Parsons Parkside Condominium Resident	Agenda item 12: YES - Parkland should be required with New Development Importance

**8. Consent**

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**A. Approval of Minutes**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve the following Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2021, Meeting No. 36-21, October 25, 2021, Meeting No. 37-21, November 1, 2021, Meeting No. 38-21, November 8, 2021, No. 39-21, November 15, 2021, No. 40.21, November 22, 2021, Meeting No. 41-21, December 6, 2021, Meeting No. 42-21, December 13, 2021, Meeting No. 43-21, December 20, 2021, Meeting No. 44-21.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [4-0-1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	Mayor Newton

**9. Public Hearing on Proposed Education Commission**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Education Commission at 7:28 PM and it closed at 8:08 PM.

Name
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> YES Jerome Price
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> YES Barry Jackson President King Farm Assembly
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> YES Steven VanGrack

<b>Speaker by Computer</b> YES Wendy Whitaker
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> YES Marissa Valeri
<b>Speaker by Computer and written Comments</b> NO Vincent Russo
<b>Speaker by Computer and written Comments</b> YES Jennifer Strohm President, Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA, 2021- 2022
<b>Written Comments</b> YES Amy Ackerberg-Hastings Richard Montgomery Cluster Coordinator
<b>Written Comments</b> YES Ken Sonner

**10. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to (I) Require All City Contractors who Are Required to Enter a City Facility and Perform a Service or Deliver a Good that Brings Them into Close Proximity with City Staff, Officials, and Members of the Public, to Provide Proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering a City Facility, (li) Require All Members of City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces who Are Required to Enter a City Facility in Their Capacity as a Member or Commissioner, to Provide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering a City Facility; and (li) Permit Any Party that Leases a City Facility to Require Their Patrons and Guests to Provide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering the Leased City Facility.**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented a brief introduction and opening statement of the possible adoption of an ordinance to require all City contractors(I) Require all City Contractors who Are Required to Enter a City Facility and Perform a Service or Deliver a Good that Brings Them into Close Proximity with City Staff, Officials, and Members of the Public, to Provide Proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering a City Facility, (li) Require All Members of City Boards, Commissions and Task Forces who Are Required to Enter a City Facility in Their Capacity as a Member or Commissioner, to Provide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering a City Facility; and (li) Permit Any Party that Leases a City Facility to Require Their Patrons and Guests to Provide Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Before Entering the Leased City Facility.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council consider the enclosed Ordinance for adoption.

Staff addressed Mayor and Council questions on this agenda item during discussion.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the Ordinance as discussed and amended.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to waive the layover period for this Ordinance.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve the Ordinance with the changes.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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**11. Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status**

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Deputy Human Resource Director Colette Anthony presented a brief introduction and opening statement of the Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status ending on December 31, 2021.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and discuss the Vacancy and Hiring Freeze Report of positions that were open as of December 31, 2021.

Staff addressed Mayor and Council questions on the Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 24, 2022. Agenda Item 11.

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg left the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:11 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:21 P.M.**

**12. Discussion and Instructions on Proposed Parkland Dedication Requirements, Including Fee-In-Lieu of Dedication and Impact Fees**

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Chief of Zoning, Jim Wasilak presented a brief overview of the proposed parkland dedication requirements, including fee-in-lieu of dedication and impact fees.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive a presentation on proposed regulations to require dedication of public parkland in connection with new development, the results of the public outreach meetings, and provide direction.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions to staff to consider preparing an Ordinance and Public Hearing for a later date.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 24, 2022. Agenda Item 12.

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### **13. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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#### **A. Action Report**

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Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

### **14. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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#### **A. Future Agendas**

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Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

### **15. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to draft a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, Maryland Division, and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration regarding the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes Study.



	<b>RESULT: APPROVED (4-0-1)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Feinberg

Mayor and Council directed staff to track state legislation on ghost guns.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala proposed drafting a letter to the Maryland Sports Hall of Fame in support of inducting Pint Israel in the Hall. Mayor and Council supported writing the draft letter.

Corporate Counsel Robert Dawson presented a brief summary of the Resolution he prepared for the proposed Opioid Settlement being offered to States to include the City of Rockville and requested a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve the Resolution as written.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED (4-0-1)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Feinberg

**16. Adjournment**

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:29 pm

**RESULT: APPROVED [4-0-1]**

**MOVER:** Monique Ashton, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember  
**IN FAVOR:** Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,  
Councilmember Pierzchala  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Feinberg