



**Monday, March 28, 2022  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 09-22  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 09-22  
May 2, 2022

**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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland and via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Rockville City Attorney 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 welcomed Mayor and Council, staff, and citizens back to City Hall after being closed for two years due to the pandemic. Mr. DiSpirito thanked City staff for their hard work and Mayor and Council for their leadership during the pandemic. City staff worked hard to provide services to citizens during the pandemic.

Mayor Newton recognized temporary employee Nadege Dogbo, who was in Safeway on her lunch break and saved the life of a man who collapsed in the store.

## 5. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring March 29, 2022, as National Vietnam Veterans Day

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Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring March 29, 2022, as National Vietnam Veterans Day.

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

### B. Proclamation Declaring April 4-10, 2022 as National Public Health Week

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Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2022, as National Public Health Week.

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

## 6. Recognition

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### A. Recognition of Major Donors and Partners of the City of Rockville Holiday Drive 2021

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Community Services Manager Frederika Granger provided a brief introduction to the process of recognizing major donors and partners of the City of Rockville Holiday Drive 2021.

Staff recommended Mayor and Council recognize the Holiday Drive's 2021 distinguished donors.

Mayor and Council divided and read the distinguished list of major donors and partners of the City of Rockville Holiday Drive 2021.

## FURTHER DISCUSSION

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## 7. Presentation

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### A. Presentation of Board of Appeals Annual Report

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Chief of Zoning, Jim Wasilak provided a brief introduction of the Chairman of the Board of Appeals, Alan Frankle.

Board of Appeals Chair, Alan Frankle provided a short PowerPoint presentation of the FY2021 Annual Report.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by Mr. Frankle.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

## FURTHER DISCUSSION

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## 8. Community Forum

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### Virtual Speakers/Written Comments List

| Name  | Topic   |
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| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Marissa Valeri  | Seven Locks<br>Detention<br>Center and<br>Restoration<br>Center |
| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Mariana C. Cordier, Esq.<br>President of FallsRidge HOA | Restoration<br>Concept<br>Project/Crisis<br>Center              |
| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Krystal Putman-Garcia                                   | Bus Depot and<br>Crisis Center                                  |

| <b>Name</b>                                   | <b>Topic</b>  |
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| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Marissa Valeri  | Seven Locks Detention Center and Restoration Center |
| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Steven Polinger | Bus Depot and Crisis Center                         |
| <b>Speaker by Computer</b><br>Stephanie Fulop | Bus Depot and Crisis Center                         |
| <b>Written Comments</b><br>Dr. Uzi Vishkin    | Bus Depot   |
| <b>Written Comments</b><br>Vincent Russo      | Bus Depot   |

**In-Person**

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Topic</b>   |
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| Stephen H. Fisher | City technology  |
| Steven VanGrack   | Funding; Community Public Safety; Education Commission |
| Drew Powell       | Rockville Sister Cities Corporation                    |
| David Hill        | Support and use of City Facilities                     |
| Leon Furstein     | Proposed Bus Depot                                     |
| Michael Rose      | Welcome back and happy to be here                      |
| Hanna Fisher      | Proposed Bus Depot                                     |
| Mike Eisen        | Proposed Bus Depot                                     |
| Judith Cohen      | Proposed Bus Depot                                     |

## 9. Consent

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- A. Approval of Contract Amendment #2 to Increase an Existing Rider Contract with RJN Group, Inc., of Baltimore, MD by \$284,570 in Accordance with WSSC Contract #1153, Flow Monitoring Services.**
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- B. Authorization for a State of Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative Grant Agreement for VisArts**
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- C. Approval of Minutes**
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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Consent Agenda.

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

## 10. Adoption of Resolution to Establish Education Commission

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City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell provided a brief introduction to the Resolution to Establish Education Commission.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council approve and adopt the proposed Resolution to establish the Education Commission.

Mayor and Council provided comments and feedback on the proposed Resolution.

Mayor and Council directed staff to make edits to the Resolution and work with the City attorney to come back with an Ordinance at a later meeting on Consent.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved that staff make extensive updates on the proposed Ordinance to establish an Education Commission, with the City Attorney on the language, and come back to the Mayor and Council at a later meeting on Consent.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg left the meeting for the evening at 11:03 p.m. due to medical advice restricting the length of time to participate in meetings.

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 11:03 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 11:10 P.M.**

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

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Director of Human Resources, Karen Marshall provided a short presentation on the vacancy report and the hiring freeze status.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by Ms. Marshall.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to unfreeze the two Senior Planner positions and one Construction Manager position for Recreation and Parks.

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|                  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Monique Ashton, Councilmember  |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,<br>Councilmember Pierzchala |

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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## 12. Discussion on ARPA Funds

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Mayor and Council directed staff to move this agenda item to a later meeting.

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

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### A. Action Report

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala directed that the Mayor and Council have a full discussion on the use of drones in the City, specifically for potentially illegal means.

## 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 Monique Ashton moved the Director of Council Operations to present an option for the Mayor and Council to publicly recognize the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Harriet Tubman.

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|                  | <b>RESULT: APPROVED (4-0)</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Monique Ashton, Councilmember  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Myles, Councilmember   |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,<br>Councilmember Pierzchala |

## 16. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

**RESULT: APPROVED (4-0)**

**MOVER:** Monique Ashton, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

**IN FAVOR:** Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,  
Councilmember Pierzchala