



Monday, January 9, 2023
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 01-23
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 010-23
March 27, 2023

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

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

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, and via WebEx.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

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

4. Discussion

A. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workplan

City of Rockville Advisor to City Manager for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Tyree Davis, IV, provided Mayor and Council with his workplan.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion workplan.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 9, 2023, Agenda item 4.

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5. Community Forum

**Community Forum
In-Person Speaker and Written Comments List**

NAME	TOPIC
IN PERSON Steve VanGrack	General comments
IN PERSON John Becker	Regarding streetlights, roadway pothole repairs, why no speed cameras on Rockville Pike, East Jefferson, and portions of Veirs Mill Road
WRITTEN COMMENTS Timothy "Tim" Fahey	Town Center Parking
WRITTEN COMMENTS Randy Alton	Town Center Plan
IN PERSON Anita Powell	Lincoln High School
IN PERSON Peter Fosselman	Rockville Town Center
IN PERSON Harold Hodges	Disenfranchisement participation
IN PERSON Sabria Still	Disenfranchisement; Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 09, 2023, Agenda item 5.

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6. Consent

A. Approval of FY23, Year 48 CDBG Subgrantee Contracts Agreements

B. Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement Relating to Hazard Mitigation Assistance Sub-Award with the Maryland Department of Emergency Management for the 6 Taft Court Emergency Power Generator Under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program

C. Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Grant Agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the Amount of \$2,000,000 to Partially Fund the Cost of the Croydon Creek/Calvin Park Tributary Stream Restoration Project (SB16)

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve consent items A-C.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 09, 2023, Agenda item 6.

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7. 2023 State Legislative Priorities Discussion with District 17

District 17 Senator Cheryl Kagan, Delegates, Julie Palakovich Carr and Joe Vogel shared the District's legislative initiatives with the City and discussed Rockville Legislative Priorities for 2023. Delegate Kumar Barve sent his regrets that he could not join the meeting.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council engage the District 17 Delegation in a discussion focused on collaboration and the advancement of Rockville's 2023 State Legislative Priorities.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by the District 17 Delegation. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions. Staff and the City's State lobbying team will coordinate Rockville's advocacy with Delegation staff, monitor and forward the 2023 legislation that aligns with the Mayor and Council's priorities.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 09, 2023. Agenda Item 7.

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8. Discussion and Instructions to Staff to Create a New Chapter 18.5 of the City Code and Possible Authorization to File a Zoning Text Amendment to Regulate Short-Term Rentals

Community Planning and Development Services Chief of Zoning, Jim Wasilak, provided a brief overview regarding creating a new Chapter 18.5 of the City Code and possible authorization to file a Zoning Text Amendment to regulate Short-Term Rentals.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the presentation, discuss its details, and provide instructions to staff.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 9, 2023. Agenda Item 8.

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9. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Amendments to Chapter 18, Rental Facilities and Landlord Tenant Relations, to Add Regulations for Residential Room Rentals and Accessory Dwelling Units and Modify Inspection Requirements

Community Planning and Development Services Chief of Zoning, Jim Wasilak, provided a brief overview regarding Amendments to Chapter 18, Rental Facilities and Landlord Tenant Relations, to Add Regulations for Residential Room Rentals and Accessory Dwelling Units and Modify Inspection Requirements.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the presentation, discuss its details, and provide instructions to staff.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 9, 2023. Agenda Item 9.

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10. Reference - Future Agendas

A. Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 9, 2023, Agenda item 10.

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11. Old/New Business

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve \$50,000 increase for the safety and security enhancements in the Senior Center, using money from the City Manager's Contingency Fund, and move forward to make this a reality.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the Ordinance to extend the 2023 deadline for the first meeting of the Compensation Commission from January 31, 2023, to April 30, 2023, and to extend the 2023 deadline for the Compensation Commission to file its report and recommendation for retaining or changing the annual compensation of the Mayor and/or Councilmembers with the City Clerk from March 31, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to suspend the provisions of the Rockville City Charter which require that (a) an Ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it was introduced, and (b) the descriptive title of the Ordinance must be included on the published agenda for the meeting of Council.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the Ordinance to “Extend the 2023 deadline for the first meeting of the Compensation Commission from January 31, 2023, to April 30, 2023, and to extend the 2023 deadline for the Compensation Commission to file its report and recommendation for either retaining or changing the annual compensation of the Mayor and/or Councilmembers with the City Clerk from March 31, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

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

12. Adjournment

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

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala