



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*

Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*

Approved Meeting No. 02-20;  
November 16, 2020

**Monday, January 13, 2020  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 02-20  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

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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

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**1. Convene**

The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

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**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**3. Agenda Review**

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported a change to Agenda Item 5, the Lunar New Year Celebration Proclamation, and a revised staff report.

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**4. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: The 2019 Holiday Food Drive was a success with \$93,148.99 in donations (food, cash, gift cards, toys) and served 246 families, thanks to all contributors. The 2020 Camp Guide is available online, registration opens January 21, and for more information call (240) 314-8620 or email [www.registration@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:www.registration@rockvillemd.gov). On January 27 at 8:45 p.m. the Mayor and Council will hold a discussion on the FY21 Budget process and budget priorities; a budget survey is available online or you may participate in the next Budget Hearing on March 2. The City of Rockville will hold its Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on February 1, at 1 p.m. at Rockville High School and encourage all residents to attend and celebrate the Year of the Rat.

## 5. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring February 1, 2020 as Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival Celebrations

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Councilmember Monique Ashton declared February 1, 2020 as Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival Celebrations and presented the Proclamation to the Asian Pacific American Task Force, accepted by Chair John Lin, Rockville Sister City Corporation, and Jiaxing Committee Chair Sean Lin.

	<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, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 6. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
Sandra (Sandy) Crowe	5G Wireless deployment in neighborhoods
Katherine Katzian	5G Wireless deployment in neighborhoods
Roderick Calloway	5G Wireless deployment in neighborhoods
Anna Pritchard	5G Wireless deployment in neighborhoods
Fiona Morrissey	5G issue
Natalie Rosser	5G issue
Tess Lachman	5G Wireless deployment in neighborhoods
David Brenner	Citation 8
Nancy Wallace	5G issue
Drew Powell	Beall and 355 Street Lighting; RSCC 2020 Events Calendar; Yilan City Invitation to the Mayor and Council
Phillip Scheer	Rockville Heritage/New Resident of Twinbrook; Budget
Deborah Landahl	Budget Request
Michael Rose	Intersections in Rockville/Crosswalks

## 7. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

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Mayor and Council thanked all speakers for their participation at Community Forum.

## 8. Mayor and Council Announcements

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The Mayor and Council provided updates to their recent activities, including Boards and Commissions meetings and community events.

## 9. Consent

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### A. Economic Incentive Grant Agreement with Aronson, LLC

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Consent Agenda.

	<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, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 10. FY 2021 Budget Public Hearing

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Senior Management and Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin provided a brief overview of the budget public hearing; the Finance department received 151 responses to the budget survey.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:24 p.m. The following individuals presented testimony:

Name	Topic
Corinne Abramson, Pedestrian Safety Advocacy Committee	Pedestrian Safety
Alexandra Dace Denito, LPCC	LPCC; Grants for Neighborhood Resources; Crosswalk MD 355; Recycle Community Composting; Financial Aid; Recreation and Parks Programs; Stem Programs Climate Change; Leadership Sustainable Solutions
Drew Powell, RSCC	RSCC Programs
Brain Shipley, WECA	Pedestrian Safety; Great Falls Monument; Storm Drain; Signage; Sound Wall Along I-270; Beall Avenue; Town Center
Nancy Breen, RBAC	Vision Zero Program: F/T Coordinator; Signage; ULI; Widening of S. Washington Up to Maryland Ave to Include Bike Lane; Rockville School Program

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records located in the office of the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations. The Public Hearing closed at 8:59 p.m.

#### **11. Board of Education Operating Budget Hearing Testimony**

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The Mayor and Council discussed and made revisions to the Board of Education letter in preparation for the January 15 testimony; Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran will edit the letter to include funding from the State, support CIP amendments, clusters of Rockville High School, Wootton High School, Gaithersburg High School, and Walter Johnson High School. The letter will also include support to increase counseling staff, resources for mental health at the County level, The Linkages to Learning Program, and then bring the letter back to the Mayor and Council for final review and approval.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [4-0-1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bridget Donnell Newton, Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
<b>NOT IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:23 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:31 P.M.**

#### **12. Discussion and Instructions: Short-Term Residential Rentals**

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Director of Community Planning and Development Ricky Barker introduced new Principal Planner Larissa Klevan. Ms. Klevan presented a staff report outlining short term rentals and address topics for feedback.

Mayor and Council asked staff to research other cities comparable to the size of Rockville and incorporate information found into a metric for comparison.

Councilmember Monique Ashton suggested staff reach out to neighborhood associations and social media sites to share information and findings.

Director of Community Planning and Development Ricky Barker will have staff seek those who have short term rentals; Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg suggested contacting Rockville Patch and Bethesda Beat.

#### **13. Authorization to File Zoning Text Amendment Application to Amend Section 25.21.21 of the Zoning Ordinance to Modify the Tree Planting Requirements for New Residential Lots Containing Townhouses, Duplexes and Other Attached Units**

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Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak provided an overview of the Text Amendment authorizing Option 2, public hearings, and recommends that the Mayor and Council authorize the filing of the Zoning Text Amendment.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to authorize the application for Text Amendment.

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

#### 14. Discussion and Instructions on the City Charter Review

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Mayor and Council discussed establishing a Charter Review Commission for 2020.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala requested a public hearing to get community input on what and how to form the Charter Review Commission, consider the basis of the City Charter, and what can be done according to the City Code.

Councilmember Monique Ashton asked questions and suggestions setting parameters.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg did not agree with Councilmember Pierzchala's request and suggested the Mayor and Council move forward.

Councilmember David Myles thanked former Councilmember Virginia Onley for raising the subject of longer term limits, setting parameters, and to have a public hearing.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to establish a Charter Review Commission using Resolution 6-12, suggested the provisions on packet page 90 Section 1, leave A, B, C, D, E and include the new date of adoption in B for process.

	<b>RESULT: [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, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton suggested to include adding a public hearing.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to rescind the just approved motion on the establishment of the Charter Review Commission in order to restate the motion to include items A, B, C, and D without dates and call for a public hearing.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to re-establish the Charter Review Commission to include Section 2, Duties and Responsibilities and to add A, B, C, D, and E except for adoption date of March 12.

	<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 Mark Pierzchala moved to hold a public hearing on the scope of the Charter Review Commission.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg requested as a Commission scope the study of staggered terms and others in the 2012 recommendations for discussion.

## **15. Update on the Rockville Volunteer Program**

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

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### **A. Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

**17. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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**A. Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

**18. Old/New Business**

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There was no old/new business.

**19. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

	<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