



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*

Attest: *Ana Sofia Fenell*

Approved Meeting No. 04-20;
November 16, 2020

**Monday, January 27, 2020
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 04-20
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

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

- 1. Convene in Open Session to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of the City Manager, an employee over whom the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction.**

The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of the City Manager, an employee over whom the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction.

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

- 2. Closed Session Summary**

Prior to the January 27, 2020 Open Session Meeting, the Mayor and Council convened in Open Session to vote on a motion to convene in Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room, Rockville, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD at 5:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluations of the City Manager, an employee over whom the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction.

Present: Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Monique Ashton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember David Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala and City Manager Rob DiSpirito.

Motion: Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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

3. Reconvene into Open Session

The Mayor and Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, January 27, 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.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported one change to the Agenda, and to add a Proclamation declaring February as National African American History Month.

6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: 2020 Census Project is underway; Board of Supervisors of Elections will host 2 Post-Election Forums on Thursday January 30 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday February 8 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at City Hall; the Asian American Community is canceling the Lunar New Year celebration scheduled for February 1st at Rockville High School due to concerns about the Coronavirus; thank you to the Human Rights Commission and City staff for the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Councilmember Monique Ashton announced Summer Camp registration is open.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton announced that the City received a grant from the Maryland Municipal League to supplement the 2020 US Census.

7. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring National African American History Month

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read the Proclamation declaring February 2020 as National African American History Month and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Reynald Smith.

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

8. Recognition

A. Certificate of Recognition – 2019 Holiday Drive Donors

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton acknowledged the major donors and partners who participated in the City of Rockville's Holiday Drive: Sky Point Federal Credit Union; Rockville Presbyterian Church; RC Homes; Apex Companies; Maryvale Elementary School; Woodmont County Club; Wootton High School; Robert Frost Middle School, Dr. Jones; Montgomery County Police, Michael Prather and Carl Peterson; Faith United Methodist Church; St. Mary's Church School, Principal Isle.

Community Services Director Carlos Aparicio acknowledged and thanked staff in Recreation and Parks department, Director Tim Chesnutt, Twinbrook Community Center Director Kelley Day-Terry, Thomas Farm and Lincoln Park; Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau, Environment Commission, IT Department, Planning and Development Services; Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball, Police Department Deputy Chief Laura Lanham, and thanked the Mayor and Council who has provided more than 50 years of support; sponsored a family and individuals, presented with certificates.

8. Boards and Commissions Appointments, Reappointments and Annoucements of Vacancies

Cultural Arts Commission

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the appointment of Conner Lee to the Cultural Arts commission to serve a three-year term until January 1, 2023.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the appointment of Helen Aberger to the Cultural Arts commission to serve a three-year term until January 1, 2023.

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

9. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Karen Askin	Cultural Arts Commission supports the

	Cultural Arts Coordinator position
Leon Suskin	Supported Rockville's Community Social Service needs assessment employee to support the grant process
Laurie Gira	Caregiver Grant Funding increase the funding in Fy21 budget
Wayne Breslyn	Redgate – Should Remain a park; enjoying the natural space; open park
Stacey Erd Executive Director Stepping Stone Shelter	Caregiver grant funding; increase in funding for the caregiver funding; support the needs assessment for the census data
Emily Pearce	Increase the caregiver grant funding to 5%; changes to tax law and the wages
Rick Bradley	Thanks to the Mayor and Council and Tim Chesnutt for pickle ball courts; request fencing and 4 more courts at King Farm and a port-a-potty
Art Shenk	Would like to thank Janet Opar of Recreation and Parks for the teams and opening to all ages for pickleball and look into the draining of water on the courts
Laura Kaplan-Weisman	Caregiver funding human services needs assessment support the 5% increase
Bob Taylor	Would like to know the future of RedGate Park; belongs to every citizen in the City of Rockville and encourage the Mayor and Council to think strongly about what they will agree to
Nancy Nelson	Enjoy the peace of walking at RedGate Park try to keep as a park
Joel Wishengard	Pedestrian safety; meeting at County Council tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.
Vickie Bailey	RedGate Park – unique habitat for birds
Steve Chesterton	RedGate Park
Lauren Paiva, Executive Director of Rainbow Shelter	Human Services budget; the shelter has received an increase of 50 percent come through the doors since last year
Margaret Magner	Thank you to Mayor and Council and staff for the work that they do; discussion of the open meetings act

David Brenner	Police citation
Jack Kelly	Procurement issue; financial advisory board not able to make input; change the focus on the annual report and focus on the next year. City Manager meet with City staff and room for improvement
Patricia Dubroof	Cultural Arts Commission study; need to fund a person if you're going to have an arts program; RedGate to stay as an open space for sculpture; website to find each other create visitrockville.gov; Maryvale splash park
Alice Nappy, Director of VisArts	Thank you to Councilmember Pierzchala; plan implementation; monitor staff and continue evaluations; considerations for the recommendations
Mary Ann Kearns	Support of RedGate park
Michael Rose	Intersections in Rockville/crosswalks

10. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

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

11. Procurement Action Plan Update

Director of Procurement Jessica Lewis presented a brief overview of the Procurement Action Plan update.

12. FY19 Procurement Annual Report

Director of Procurement Jessica Lewis provided a presentation of the FY2019 Procurement Annual Report which summarizes information from the City's financial system and internally-maintained spreadsheets.

13. Fiscal Year 2020 Second Quarter Vacancy Report

Director of Human Resources Karen Marshall provided a brief overview of the Vacancy Report.

14. FY2021 Mayor and Council Budget Survey Results and Priorities

Mayor and Council directed Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran to draft letter to include Linkages to Learning program inclusion of the word “site”; bring back for final review and approval.

15. A Study of Arts and Culture: City of Rockville

Recreation and Parks Superintendent Andrew Lett presented the Arts and Culture Study; introduced Martin Cohen and provided a brief overview of findings and recommendations.

16. Discussion, Instructions of Policy Concepts Aimed at Increasing the City’s Affordable Housing Stock through Increased MPDU Set-Aside Requirement and Expanded Application of In-Lieu Payment Options

Mayor and Council requested this item be moved to the February 3 Agenda.

17. Review and Comment – Mayor and Council Action Report

A. Action Report

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton proposed a vote and supported testimony of the County’s Capital Improvement Project (CIP) draft letter and to share at the next Worksession. Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran suggested that staff model what the Mayor and Council agreed to during the November 18, 2019 meeting.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to authorize City staff to work with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton to draft a letter for the Capital Improvements Project (CIP) according to the points agreed to by the Mayor and Council at the meeting of November 18, 2019 and limit to the 3 minutes.

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SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

18. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

A. Future Agendas

Mayor and Council agreed not to review Future Agendas.

19. Old/New Business

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to authorize staff to draft letter in support of HB292, SB229 in support of Toll Roads, Highways and Bridges and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala will work with staff on letter.

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20. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:14 a.m.

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