



**Monday, January 30, 2023**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**MEETING NO. 03-23**  
**ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

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

**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

<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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 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**

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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. Proclamation**

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**A. Proclamation Declaring February 2023, as National African American History Month**

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Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring February 2023 as National African American History in Rockville, Maryland.

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

## 5. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments

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### A. Boards and Commission Appointments and Reappointments

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved appointments to the Compensation Commission: Marc Weinschenker, William Spagnuolo, and John Becker, as a new appointments for four-year terms until December 31, 2027; Paul Newman and Kavita Dawson as new appointments to serve unexpired terms until December 31, 2023.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved appointments to the Traffic and Transportation Commission of Mike Stein as a re-appointment for a three-year term until February 1, 2025, and Jeffrey Gantz as a new appointment to serve a three year term until January 1, 2026.

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

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 5.

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6. Community Forum

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

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

**Community Forum  
Virtual Speaker and Written Comments List**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Speaker</b> Randy Alton	Town Center Plan

**7. Consent**

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- A. Award of Sourcewell Rider Contract #060920-NAF, Freightliner 114SD Tandem Axle Dump Truck, to National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, CA in the Amount of \$246,263**

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  - B. Award of Sourcewell Rider Contract #060920-NAF, Freightliner 108SD Heavy Duty Dump Truck, to National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, CA in the Amount of \$213,014**

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  - C. Award of Baltimore County Rider Contract #00004504, Ford F550 Medium Duty Dump Truck, to Apple Ford of Columbia, MD, in the Amount of \$117,141.60**
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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve consent agenda items A-C.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 7.  
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**8. Public Hearing on Increasing the Number of Councilmembers from Four to Six and Thereby Expanding the Mayor and Council from Five Members to Seven, Comprising a Mayor and Six Councilmembers**

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The Public Hearing opened at 7:45 pm and the following speakers testified.

**In-Person Speakers and Written Comments**

Name	Address, Phone Number, Email
<b>Speaker</b> Steven VanGrack - Yes	401 King Farm Blvd. Rockville, MD 20850 stevenvangracklaw.com 301-548-6734 <a href="mailto:steven@stevenvangracklaw.com">steven@stevenvangracklaw.com</a>
<b>Speaker and Written Comments</b> Barry Jackson - Yes	202-631-8952 <a href="mailto:president@kingfarm.org">president@kingfarm.org</a>
<b>Speaker and Written Comments</b> Brigitta Mullican - Yes	<a href="mailto:coburgbrigitta@gmail.com">coburgbrigitta@gmail.com</a>
<b>Speaker</b> John Becker - Yes	<b>148 Monroe St.</b> <b>Rockville, MD 20850</b> <b>301-852-9051</b> <a href="mailto:Jb.ic@aol.com">Jb.ic@aol.com</a>
<b>Speaker</b> Marissa Valeri - Yes	13302 Midway Ave Rockville, MD 20851 <a href="mailto:Marissa.rockville@gmail.com">Marissa.rockville@gmail.com</a>
<b>Speaker</b> Sabria Melina Still - Yes	301-905-6400 <a href="mailto:sabriams@icloud.com">sabriams@icloud.com</a>
<b>Speaker</b> Paul Scott - Yes	1703 Piccard Dr. Rockville, MD 20850 <a href="mailto:PaulAScott64@Gmail.Com">PaulAScott64@Gmail.Com</a>
<b>Speaker</b> Zola Shaw - Yes	100 First Street, Apt. 139 Rockville, MD 20850 <a href="mailto:izolat.shaw@gmail.com">izolat.shaw@gmail.com</a>
<b>Written Comments</b> E Sam, MD, PhD, JD -	<a href="mailto:kingfarmHOA@hotmail.com">kingfarmHOA@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Written Comments</b> Bonnie Chernikoff -	401 King Farm Blvd., #102 Rockville, MD 20850 <a href="mailto:bonniechernikoff@gmail.com">bonniechernikoff@gmail.com</a>
<b>Written Comments</b> Rachel Blomquist Commissioner Human Rights Commission	<a href="mailto:rnblomquist6@gmail.com">rnblomquist6@gmail.com</a>

Name	Address, Phone Number, Email
<b>Written Comments</b> Vincent Russo	1019 DeBeck Dr Rockville, MD 20851 <a href="mailto:vdrusso1@gmail.com">vdrusso1@gmail.com</a>
<b>Written Comments</b> Jerry Callistein	6 Duke Court Rockville, MD 20850 <a href="mailto:Jerry.callistein@gmail.com">Jerry.callistein@gmail.com</a>

### Virtual Speakers

Name	Address Phone Number Email
<b>Speaker</b> Sabria Melina Still - Yes	(301) 905-6400 (C) sabriams@icloud.com

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

The Public Hearing closed at 8:06 pm.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 8.

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### 9. Public Hearing on a Proposal to Amend Annexation Agreement ANX1981-00084 for 1201 Seven Locks Rd

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The Public Hearing opened at 8:25 pm and the following speakers testified.

### In-Person Speakers and Written Comments

Name	Address Phone Number Email
<b>SPEAKER</b> Soo Lee-Cho, Esq. - Yes	Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz & Gilday, LLC 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 800 W. Bethesda, MD 20814 <a href="mailto:sleecho@bregmanlaw.com">sleecho@bregmanlaw.com</a>

<b>SPEAKER</b> Peter Hill-Byrne - Yes	Brick Companies 3168 Braverton St. Edgewater, MD 21037
<b>WRITTEN COMMENTS</b> Marc and Doris Raffel	Orchard Ridge Development/Halesworth Dr. Rockville, MD <a href="mailto:raffelesq@yahoo.com">raffelesq@yahoo.com</a>
<b>WRITTEN COMMENTS</b> Uzi Vishkin	3 Kettle Pond, Ct Rockville, MD 20854 <a href="mailto:uvishkin@yahoo.com">uvishkin@yahoo.com</a>
<b>WRITTEN COMMENTS</b> Dan Zenilman	1 Kettle Pond, Ct Rockville, MD 20854 <a href="mailto:dzenilman@gmail.com">dzenilman@gmail.com</a>
<b>WRITTEN COMMENTS</b> Ken and Karen Lechter	301-762-0086 <a href="mailto:karenlechters@yahoo.com">karenlechters@yahoo.com</a>

The official Public Hearing records can be found in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations offices.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 9.

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The Mayor and Council went into a brief recess at 9:27 pm. The Mayor and Council reconvened at 9:37 pm.

#### **10. Town Center (TC) Master Plan Update - Project Proposal**

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City of Rockville Planning and Development Services Principal Planner, Jane Lyons, Chief of Long-Range Planning, Katie Gerbes, and Senior Planner Christopher Davis, provided Mayor and Council with a brief presentation on the Town Center (TC) Master Plan Update – Project Proposal.

Staff recommends that Mayor and Council review and discuss the proposed Project Proposal, and provide changes as needed, prior to its endorsement.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved that the Mayor and Council endorse the proposal as presented by staff and incorporate the comments received by the Mayor and Council to proceed.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 10.

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### **11. Future Agendas - Reference**

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

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

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

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 11.

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### **12. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to have Mayor and Council support house bill HB7 – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program, with edits from the Mayor and Council.



**RESULTS 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 Monique Ashton moved to have Mayor and Council send a letter of support for house bill HB70 – Safe Access Roads Act of 2023 Letter, with edits from the Mayor and Council.

**RESULTS APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to have Mayor and Council send a letter of support for house bill HB104 – Municipalities – Charter Amendments Notice with changes as comments by Mayor and Council.

**RESULTS APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to have Mayor and Council send a letter of support for house bill HB104 – Municipalities – Charter Amendments Notice with changes as comments by Mayor and Council.

**RESULTS APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to have Mayor and Council send a letter of support for House Bill HB12 – Equitable and Inclusive Transit Oriented Development Enhancement Act.

**RESULTS APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

January 30, 2023, Agenda item 12.

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**13. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

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