



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
 Attest: *Hana Stefan-Lewell*
 Approved Meeting No. 05-20;
 November 16, 2020

**Monday, February 3, 2020
 MAYOR AND COUNCIL
 MEETING NO. 05-20
 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
David E. Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

- 1. Convene in open session to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(3) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consider acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.**

The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday February 3, 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 Sections 3-305(b)(3) for the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consider acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.

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

- 2. Closed Session Summary**

Prior to the February 3, 2020 Open Session Meeting, the Mayor and Council convened in Open Session to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, Rockville, MD at 5:05 p.m. pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(3) for the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consider acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.

Present: Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Monique Ashton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember David E. Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel, Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball, Director of Recreation and Parks Tim Chestnut, Director of Community Planning and Development Services Ricky Barker, Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planner Andrea Gilles, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell

The Mayor and Council held a discussion with City Manager Robert DiSpirito regarding the follow-up with Montgomery County Department of General Services Director David Dise partnership with the City on the various types of use for redevelopment of Redgate and possible swap of property between Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County Public Schools and the City.

Motion: The Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

3. **Reconvene into Open Session**

The Mayor and Council reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 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. **Work Session - Topic 1**

A. **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**

Chief of Housing Programs Asmara Habte provided a brief overview of the proposed policy changes to affordable housing programs. Staff requests direction from the Mayor and Council on moving forward with the policy changes and to direct staff to draft amendments for review at a future meeting. Specific attention given to the affordable housing fees for small residential developments; in-lieu fees for Condo Developments and requirements that developments with 50 or more units provide 15 % of these units to Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) throughout the City. Staff to add a clarifying sub-section for homeownership component in Section 6 of the MPDU regulations ~~for clarification.~~

Ms. Habte commented on present policy changes. Staff will take suggestions from the Mayor and Council, and forums, and come back with a redline version of the Ordinance.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton asked Staff to come back for directions and present to the Mayor and Council a presentation to include the missing middle and inclusivity. Mayor and Council can make the MPDUs a priority.

Ms. Habte confirmed with the Mayor and Council the suggestions for staff:

- Hold 1 - 3 public forums
- Bring back at the next Mayor and Council meeting as an Agenda item subsection language for Ordinance; work with legal;
- Draft amendments for tax credit for senior housing
- FY2022 Champion Projects

4. Work Session - Topic 2

A. RedGate Master Planning: Discussion of Scope of Work

Chief of Long Range Planning Andrea Giles provided an overview of the RedGate Master Plan. If the Mayor and Council supports undertaking a Master Plan, staff requests feedback on the proposed Scope of Work and direction on proceeding with the preparation of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a multi-disciplinary consulting team to work with staff and the community to develop a Master Plan for the site. Staff also recommends a future budget amendment for \$300,000 to hire a consultant team.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:46 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:51 P.M.

5. Work Session - Topic 3

A. FY 2021 Mayor and Council Budget Survey Results and Priorities

Director of Finance Gavin Cohen presented an overview of the Mayor and Council budget survey results. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and discuss the survey

results and provide majority direction or guidance on their collective priorities to the City Manager for the FY 2021 proposed operating budget and Capital Improvement Project (CIP).

6. Work Session - Topic 4

A. Arts and Culture Study Worksession

Superintendent of Recreation Andy Lett presented the study to the Mayor and Council. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss the presentation on "A Study of Arts and Culture - City of Rockville" and study recommendations.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg suggested a contract position instead of adding to the personnel complement.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala commented on the need to hire a coordinator, city employee not contractor.

Councilmember Monique Ashton commented the alternatives; flexible contract or full time employee Things to do in Rockville, highlight what we have, support Art in Public Places.

Councilmember David Myles commented being in support of coordinator position and is open to a city employee or contractor.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton commented should be city employee FTE; more invested; have someone who is really into Rockville.

Director of Recreation and Parks Tim Chesnutt discussed offering a model; villages program started three years ago, one person shop, set up for success by having a team; support system makes a big difference, well served to put structure in place.

7. Work Session - Topic 5

A. Discussion on Potential Amendments to Travel Policy

Senior Fiscal Assistant Wanda Shoemaker discussed potential Amendments for the travel policy.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Beryl L. Feinberg

SECONDER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,
Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala