



**Monday, February 25, 2019  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 08-19  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Ferrell Taylor*  
Approved Meeting No. 31-19;  
September 9, 2019

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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
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
Virginia D. Onley	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

**1. Convene**

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The Mayor and Council convened in Open Session on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

**Staff present:** City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Deputy City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Ferrell Taylor.

**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 Ferrell Taylor noted there were no changes to the agenda but there is a revised future agendas at the dais.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: If I Were Mayor Essay Contest; second Public Hearing on King Farm Farmstead; Rockville City Police Safety for 60+ Program; Opioids Issue and Rockville Goes Purple event.

## 5. Community Forum

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<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>
Lou Kallas	Twinbrook potluck, APFS
Helen Aberger	Victorian Lyric Opera Company
Richard Schimel	Bankshot
David Brenner	Citation 8 Police State
Clark Reed	Climate change; Clean Energy Jobs Act
Suzan Pittman	East Rockville; CIP for splash pad
Michael Rose	Safety in Rockville
John Becker	Americana Centre Meeting; Rockville Pike safety issues
Joe Jordan	RedGate

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

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

## 7. Mayor and Council Announcements

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The Mayor and Council provided updates on their recent activities, including Boards and Commission meetings and Community events.

## 8. Consent

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg requested to pull agenda item 8E for further discussion.

**A. Authorization to Grant a Water Easement on Lot 1, Block E of the Spring Lake Park Halpine Subdivision**

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**B. Authorization to Release and Extinguish an Existing Storm Drain, Water, and Sanitary Sewer Right-Of-Way Easement on Lot 1, Block E of the Spring Lake Park Halpine Subdivision**

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**C. Award of RFP 02-19 Water Utility Billing Software**

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**D. Award of Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Rider Contract #SC01-18, for the Purchase of a 2019 F550 16' Box Truck Equipped with Sewer Camera Observation Equipment, in the Amount of \$361,980.**

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**E. Award of State of Maryland Rider Contract #BPO 001B9400159, for Eight (8) Police Cruisers to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$198,956**

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**F. Award of NJPA Rider Contract #081716-NVS, Two Dump Trucks with Snow Plows and Salt Spreaders, to K. Neal International Trucks, Inc. of Hyattsville, Maryland in the Amount of \$321,871.90**

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Councilmember Virginia D. Onley moved to approve Agenda Items 8A, B, C, D and F.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Virginia D. Onley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

## **9. Public Hearing for the North Stonestreet Avenue Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment**

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Community Planning and Development Services staff member Andrea Gilles provided a brief overview of the N. Stonestreet Avenue Comprehensive Master Plan Amendment and noted staff recommends keeping the record open until close of business on March 4, 2019. The Public Hearing opened at 8:02 p.m.

Suzan Pittman
Alexandra Dace Denito
Maria Mota

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations offices. There being no additional speakers providing testimony, the Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m. and the record will remain open until close of business on March 4, 2019.

## **10. Update from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce**

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The Mayor and Council received an update from Marji Graf, President and CEO of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, on the Chamber's recent activities and accomplishments.

## **11. 2019 State Legislative Session Update and 2019 County Legislative and Policy Priorities**

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The Mayor and Council received an update on the 2019 State Legislative Session and 2019 County Legislative and Policy Priorities from City Manager's Office staff member Linda Moran along with representatives from the City's legislative lobbyist.

The presentation covered the latest developments in the 2019 General Assembly session related to the following:

- The Mayor and Council's 2019 State legislative priorities
- Other State legislation and issues of interest in the 2019 session
- Answering Mayor and Council questions.

The four priorities on the 2019 County Legislative and Policy Priorities for the Mayor and Council to steer their focus on are as follows:

- Continue to build relationships with newly elected County leaders
- Funding for MCPS capital projects that impact Rockville schools
- Fair and reasonable municipal tax duplication payment system
- Funding for Rockville to build and renovate City park and recreation facilities

Questions ~~of clarification~~ from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff and the City's legislative lobbyist representatives. Comments and thoughts were provided by the Mayor and Council.

## **12. Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of a Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Competitive Sale of Tax-Exempt 2019A General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,000,000 for the Purpose of Financing the Construction of Capital Projects, Water, and Sewer Improvements as Reflected in the City's FY 2019 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Related Issuance Costs**

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Finance Director Gavin Cohen provided a brief summary of the Bond Ordinance and recommended the ordinance be introduced, waive the layover period for adoption and adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg motioned to introduce the ordinance Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to waive the layover period.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Mark Pierzchala
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Virginia D. Onley
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the ordinance.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Mark Pierzchala
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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:55 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:03 P.M.**

### **13. National Golf Foundation Inc.'s Business Analysis of the RedGate Municipal Golf Course**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito provided a statement and explained the condition of RedGate and introduced Mr. Richard Singer, Senior Director of Consulting Services with the National Golf Foundation, who provided a presentation to the Mayor and Council on the NGF Business Analysis of RedGate.

The Mayor and Council previously instructed staff to examine various options for the property to include:

- Continue to operate the property as a golf course
- Develop other recreation/park uses
- Develop the property as residential units, or
- A combination of these options

Questions ~~of clarification~~ from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff and Mr. Singer and the Mayor and Council's thoughts and comments were expressed. City Manager Rob DiSpirito would like to have additional time to conduct further research as this is a complex

matter. City Manager Rob DiSpirito wants to ensure that all of ~~the desires~~ for information that the Mayor and Council are requesting are ~~fulfilled~~ before a professional consultant is retained.

**14. Discussion and Instructions on Project Plan PJT2017-00007, Shady Grove Neighborhood Center, for a Proposed Mixed-Use Center Consisting of Commercial, Office and Residential Uses at 15825 Shady Grove Road, 2 and 4 Choke Cherry Road and 2092-2098 Gaither Road; Lantian/1788/Shady Grove 31 III LLC, Applicants**

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Community Planning and Development Services staff person Brian Wilson presented a brief overview on the Project Plan for the Shady Grove Neighborhood Center. Some of the Mayor and Council concerns that the applicant has agreed to study at the time of site plan review include:

- Provision of a children's playground area
- Future alignment of the CCT
- The mix of residential types to address the affordability of housing

Questions ~~of clarification~~ from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments and a resolution will be prepared for the Mayor and Council's review.

**15. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program**

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Finance Director Gavin Cohen gave a brief presentation on the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program. The City Manager's top priorities based on Mayor and Council requests, staff recommendations and input from the community include:

- Mayor and Council Election Costs
- Operations and Maintenance of 6 Taft Court and RedGate Golf Course
- Compensation and Classification Study Implementation
- Minimum Wage
- Performance Grant to Rockville Economic Development Inc.
- Grant to Aronson, LLC
- Grant to Rockville Volunteer Fire Department
- Additional Contract Tree Maintenance
- Street Sweeping Contract
- Twilight Running Festival

FY2020 CIP funding priorities of the Mayor and Council and residents include:

- Outdoor Recreation Pool Renovation

- **Stones** Street Corridor Improvements

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

**16. Introduction of a Resolution to Establish the Equivalent Residential Unit Rate to be Used in Calculating the Stormwater Management Utility Fee Pursuant to Chapter 19 Entitled "Sediment Control and Stormwater Management" of the Rockville City Code; and to Establish a Fee for Application for a Credit Against the Stormwater Management Utility Fee for Private Stormwater Management Facilities.**

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Finance Director Gavin Cohen provided a brief summary of the resolution. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg **introduced** the resolution.

**17. Introduction of a Resolution to Establish the Service Charge Rate for Municipal Refuse Collection and to Establish a Charge for Unreturned Refuse and Recycling Carts Pursuant to Section 20-6 of the Rockville City Code**

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Finance Director Gavin Cohen provided a brief summary of the resolution. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the resolution.

**18. Introduction of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020**

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Finance Director Gavin Cohen provided a brief summary of the ordinance. Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced **d** the ordinance.

**19. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

**A. Mayor and Council Action Report**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton requested a date for the Board of Supervisors of Elections update to the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg requested an update on the **implementation of the** Fraud Tip Line Action Report Item 2018-5.

Mayor Bridge Donnell Newton is requested that the ~~Ethics changes~~ **Ethics ordinance** be updated.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg would like to request a worksession **date** on **Action Report** Item 2018-9 Millennials.

## 20. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the future agendas.

### A. Future Agendas

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala requested the Montgomery Care Eligibility Policies Changes Letter item be given 30 minutes instead of the 15 minutes allotted.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton asked the Council to add an April 8 meeting which would help with future agendas.

## 21. Old/New Business

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In response to a discussion item from the State lobbyist item, it is recommended to oppose the Environmental Violations Reporting Requirements on House Bill 703 and the Mayor and Council agreed.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton noted that the Bond Bill Hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2019.

## 22. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
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