



**Monday, March 20, 2023
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 09-23
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 017-23
May 22, 2023

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

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

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 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

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Work Session - Topic 1

A. FY 2024 Budget Worksession

Deputy Chief Financial Officer Kimberly Francisco provided a brief overview of the second FY2024 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program. The public is encouraged to visit the City's website and take the survey which is posted in both the City's website.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the status of recommendations received for the proposed FY 2024 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program for the following:

- General Fund Revenue
- General Fund Expenditures
- Recommended Cost Recovery Changes

- Caregiver Agency Grants
- Community Organization Grants
- Rockville Economic Development, Inc.
- Fund Balance Commitment
- General Fund Forecast

Staff included summaries of directions received to date for projects, programs positions, and initiatives to be funded from the FY2023 Operating Budget, and from special funding sources.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:52P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 10:00 P.M

4. Future Agendas-Reference

A. Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

5. Old/New Business

Staff confirmed that current City Ordinances do not regulate locations of tobacco or vape shops.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to put a moratorium in place for vape shops, cannabis dispensaries, and gun shops in proximity to parks, daycares, and schools.

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| | RESULT: 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 Monique Ashton moved to allow Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Linda Moran, to draft a letter of support for HB49, on behalf of Mayor and Council.

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| | RESULT: 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 endorse and support the letter from the Sierra Club to the Maryland Secretary of Transportation.

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| | RESULT: 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 Monique Ashton moved to allow Assistant to the City Manager, Ms. Linda Moran, to draft a letter of support for a Senior Tax Credit, to be included in the 2024 Legislative Session, on behalf of Mayor and Council.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 a.m.

RESULT: 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