



**Monday, April 24, 2023
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 13-23
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 21-23
July 17, 2023

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 Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, and via WebEx.

Mayor Newton read a statement at the beginning of the meeting stating that the budget process has been difficult. Mayor Newton apologized for the City for the lack of decorum displayed at the previous meeting, and Mayor Newton stated that it will never happen again.

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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported changes to the agenda.

4. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring April 25, 2023, Arbor Day in Rockville, Maryland

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the proclamation declaring April 25, 2023, as Arbor Day in Rockville, Maryland., and presented it to Ms. Paula Perez, City of Rockville, Maryland Arborist.

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

B. Proclamation Declaring April 2023, as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring April 2023, as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.

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

5. Community Forum

**In-Person Speaker and Written Comments List
 (April 24, 2023)**

NAME	TOPIC
In Person David Fallick	Rent
In Person Jordan Fainberg, Founder, Pinsa Love	Dawson's Market
In Person Rabbi Deborah Bodin Cohen	FY2024 Budget and Dawson's Market
In Person Lisa Roberts	Dawson's Market

NAME	TOPIC
In Person Jheen Oh, co-founder of Susosu Water	Dawson's Market
In Person Yelena Simpson	Dawson's Market
In Person Kathleen Kleinmann	Pedestrian Safety at Vehicle Sidewalk Crossings
In Person Steve Blanks, Director of Partnerships	Dawson's Market's
In Person Vincent Russo	Budget
In Person Frances Bevington	Art in public places murals
In Person and Written Comments Bonnie, Ted, and Allison Chorvinsky	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Dr. Jeni Stepanek, Senior Faculty Specialist University of Maryland Department of Counseling, Higher & Special Education	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Christine Watts	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Deborah Kellermann	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Paula Hubble	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Athene Fearheiley	Dawson's Market

NAME	TOPIC
Written Comments Shina Collins	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Anne Trontell	Dawson's Market
Written Comments Miriam Bunow, Ph.D. Peerless Rockville	Budget FY2024 for King Farm
In Person Marissa Valeri	Dawson's Market

NAME	TOPIC
Virtual Speaker Steve Blanks, Director of Partnerships	Dawson's Market's

6. Consent

- A. **Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Grant Agreements with the Maryland Energy Administration and Standard Solar, Inc. for the Solar Canopy Grant Program**
- B. **Art in Public Places: Rockville City Hall Generator Screen Mural**
- C. **Art in Public Places: Rockville Senior Center Mural**
- D. **Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Youth Baseball and Softball Program Agreement –2023 with the Rockville Baseball Association (RBBA)**
- E. **Approve an Increase in the Not-To-Exceed Amount for Contract 10-23 with Maverick Construction, LLC for Pedestrian Bridge Repairs at Various Locations in Rockville City Parks to Increase the Amount by \$46,740.14 for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$135,357.41; and Authorize the City Manager, or Designee, to Execute a Change Order to Increase the Contract Amount by \$46,740.14 for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$135,357.41**

F. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve consent agenda items A-F.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

April 24, 2023, Agenda item 6.

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7. Art in Public Places: Rockville City Hall Generator Screen Mural

City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Superintendent of Recreation, Andy Lett, presented Mayor and Council with the mural for the City Hall generator screen, outside City Hall.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council Approve the artwork for a mural for the Rockville City Hall Generator Screen as recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission as part of the Art In Public Places program.

Staff addressed Questions from the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve the Art in Public Places in City Hall Mural concept, considering the public feedback and other feedback shared this evening.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

April 24, 2023, Agenda item 7.

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8. Art in Public Places: Rockville Senior Center Mural

City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Superintendent of Recreation, Andy Lett, presented Mayor and Council with the background on the process for the mural for the Rockville Senior Center.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council Approve the artwork for a mural for the rear exterior wall of the Rockville Senior Center as recommended by the Cultural Arts Commission as part of the Art In Public Places program.

Staff addressed Questions from the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve the Art in Public Places artwork for the rear exterior wall of the Rockville Senior Center.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

April 24, 2023, Agenda item 8.

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9. Mayor and Council Briefing on Project Plan PJT2023-00015, Tower Preserve, an Application to Amend the Planned Development for Tower Oaks to Permit Construction of 83 Townhomes Instead of Hotel and Fitness Center Use at 2200 Tower Oaks Boulevard, and to Request a Parking Reduction of 18 Percent for the Existing Office Building at 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard in the PD-TO (Planned Development - Tower Oaks) Zone; Michael Harris Properties, LLC., Applicant

City of Rockville Community Planning and Development Services Principal Planner, Nelson Ortiz, presented Mayor and Council a briefing on the Project Pan for PJT2023-00015, Tower preserve

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive a briefing and allow the Applicant the opportunity to present the proposed development. Mayor and Council may ask questions of the applicant.

Staff addressed Questions from the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

April 24, 2023, Agenda item 9.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:20 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:27 P.M.

10. FY 2024 Budget Worksession

City of Rockville Deputy Director of Finance, Kimberly Francisco, provided Mayor and Council with a review of the FY2024 proposed Capital Improvements Program and directions on any additional appropriations to be provided using reserves and the remaining ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the FY 2024 Proposed Capital Improvements Program and provide direction on any additional appropriations to be provided using reserves and the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Staff addressed Questions from the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

April 24, 2023, Agenda item 10.

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11. Future Agendas-Reference

A. Future Agendas

There was no discussion on future agendas. Agenda Review is scheduled for tomorrow.

12. Old/New Business

Councilmember Monique Ashton requested staff provide information on standards for driveways and pedestrian safety.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 a.m.

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