



Approved: Bridget Donnell Newton  
Attest: Sara Taylor-Ferrell  
Approved Meeting No. 11-20;  
March 30, 2020

**Monday, May 6, 2019  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 18-19  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
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, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850.

**Staff present:** City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel, City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell, and Deputy City Clerk Niles Anderegg.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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Deputy City Clerk Niles Anderegg stated that there was an additional item for the Agenda, which is a Consent Agenda Item on traffic safety improvements on Beall Avenue. This item will be presented under Old/New Business.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Rockshire Village Center, the City has hired a Facilitator and will hold a Community Meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Korean Presbyterian Church at 800 Hurley Avenue; Comprehensive Plan, the City will host one more Information Session to help the Public understand the contents of the Draft Plan and process for Adoption; Building Safety Month, the City's Inspection Services Division is offering a free class on Deck Building, Permitting, and Construction. Classes are offered on May 7 at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome; Cost-Effective, energy efficiency home improvements through a state grant program, low-to-moderate-income homeowners in Rockville could be eligible for up to \$10,000 to improve their homes. The grants are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program is now accepting applications for projects between July 1, 2019 and August 1, 2020 and; National Public Service Week. City Manager Rob DiSpirito thanked all the City's employees for their dedication to public service.

## 5. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Recognizing May as Bicycle Awareness Month

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Councilmember Virginia D. Onley made the Motion and presented the Proclamation for Bicycle Awareness Month to Rockville Bicycle Advisory Board Chair Nancy Breen.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala

### B. Proclamation Declaring May as Asian American and Pacific American Heritage Month

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala made the Motion and presented the Proclamation for Asian American and Pacific American Heritage Month to John Lin, Chair of the Asian and Pacific American Task Force and members of the Task Force.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala

## 6. Recognition

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### A. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center's Know & Grow Garden Project

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Twinbrook Community who worked on the Twinbrook Know & Grow Garden Project.

**Twinbrook Villages Association**

Anne Goodman

Carol Hannaford

**City of Rockville Staff**

Ashley Knapp, Afterschool Director

Dianne Fasolina, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

**Youth Participants**

Kannika Bergoffen

Alex Chow

Chloe Chow

Madeline Coleman

Mathew Coleman

Norah Ferguson

Odashola Jackson

Franco Jurado

Anthony Lintag

Sofia Lintag

Aimee Ojo

Alexander Ojo

Rafael Rodríguez

Genesis Santos

Ashton Schomburg

Isiah Scott

Xavi Valeri-Tipton

Nicholas Yale

**7. Presentation**

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**A. Terrific Citizen Bike Program Presentation**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton presented certificates of recognition to the students from the Terrific Bikes Program. The students will also receive new bikes and helmets on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Elwood Smith Community Center.

**B. Presentation of Environmental Excellence Awards**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced Chief of Environmental Management with the Department of Public Works, Mark Charles and Environment Commission Chairman John Becker, who presented the Environmental Excellence Awards to the following individuals:

- Amanda Aparicio received the Environmental Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship in recognition of her service on the Environment Commission and volunteer work promoting watershed stewardship.
- Steve Cardon received the Environmental Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship in recognition of his service on the Environment Commission and volunteer work promoting watershed stewardship.
- Larissa Johnson received the Environmental Excellence Award for Outstanding Environmental Education in recognition of her service on the Environment Commission and residential energy education and outreach.

## **8. Community Forum**

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Rick Bradley	Pickleball
Ben Coleman	Pickleball
Emer Daily	Pickleball
Art Shenk	Pickleball
David Brenner	Police Citation 8
Steve Cardon	Environment Commission
Judy Rudolph	Town Center Parking
Drew Powell	Rockville Sister City update

## **9. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum**

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The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

## **10. Mayor and Council Announcements**

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

## **11. Third Quarter FY 2019 Financial Report**

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Senior Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin provided a brief overview of the Third Quarter status of the General Fund, Parking Fund, and Refuse Fund. This overview included an update on expenses incurred in the Third-Quarter. The Mayor and Council thanked the staff for their work on the report and asked questions on the costs in the Third-Quarter Report.

**12. Adoption 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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Deputy Finance Director Stacey Webster provided a summary of the Resolution.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Resolution.

	<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 Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala

**13. Adoption 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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Deputy Finance Director Stacey Webster provided a summary of the Resolution. The Mayor and Council thanked the staff for their efforts in keeping the fees the same.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the Resolution.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala

**14. Adoption of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020**

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Deputy Finance Director Stacey Webster provided a summary of the Ordinance and overall budget for the City. Included in her presentation, she informed the Mayor and Council of the first amend of the Ordinance to reflect changes made during the budget process before final approval.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg asked Finance Director Gavin Cohen to address the proposed change to the City's Bond Policy. The Mayor and Council asked questions on this change.

Mr. Cohen stated that the City of Rockville participates in tax-exempt financing programs solely for projects that meet the criteria. What came about during the Bond Sale, the Mayor and Council have an Economic Development Revenue Bond Issuance, as part of the policy in the email referencing item #7, which specifies an independent financial advisor must provide a letter to the City stating that the financial advisor has reviewed the financial condition of the borrower and the financial aspects of the proposed project and has deemed the borrower financially stable and the project financially feasible. The financial advisor must be independent from the borrower, hired by the City, and paid for by the borrower.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to amend item number 7 on page 44 of the Proposed FY2020 Budget.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to amend the Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2020.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
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**15. Adoption of a Resolution to Close Completed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Project Accounts**

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Senior Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin provided a brief overview of the Resolution.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the Resolution.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
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**16. Status Report on the Faster, Smarter and Transparent (FaST) Project – Improvements to the Development Review and Permitting Processes**

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Community Planning and Development Services Director Ricky Barker led a presentation on the status of the FaST Project.

In summary, staff requested feedback and comments from the Mayor and Council, in support of the short-term action items included in the Project Charter, including any adjustments, presented to community stakeholders at the FaST open houses on May 21 and May 23. The City is “accountable” to present to the Mayor and Council for delivering a high level of customer service and recommending actions to measure progress. In the recommended actions, the applicants/customers are also “accountable” for the submission of complete/accurate applications and timely resubmissions.

Following the open houses, staff will prepare a Phase 1 FaST Action Report and Work Plan to identify specific improvements and a schedule for the Mayor and Council's review.

The Mayor and Council suggested that there are ways to conduct the interviews anonymously such as using surveys so that the City would obtain the best feedback.

## **17. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

### **A. Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council asked for updated timelines for various items such as Internal Auditor Services, the LGBTQ Initiatives, and Millennials. Also, there was a request for Agenda dates on salary history, walking path lighting, and the Ethics Ordinance.

## **18. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the Future Agendas.

### **A. Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas and decided to change the start time for the meeting. The Mayor and Council made changes to the May 13, 2019 Agenda, making the Sign Code Agenda item longer than 30 minutes and pushing back the Agenda item time allotted to Chapter 5 of the City Code.

The Mayor and Council agreed to keep the Action Report on every Agenda.

## **19. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to authorize an Increase to P.O. # 850-1008180231, by \$30,000, to Baldwin Line Construction of Maryland, Inc.

<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b> Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b> Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala



The Mayor and Council asked Parks and Recreation Director Tim Chesnutt to address the issue of Pickleball Courts in Rockville. Director Chesnutt stated that there were options the Department was looking at now to include Pickleball Courts by reusing Tennis Courts and other facilities and discussed that in the future, there could be an opportunity to add indoor Pickleball Courts.

## 20. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 P.M.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Pierzchala