

City of Rockville

City Hall
111 Maryland Ave
Rockville, MD 20850

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor Hamell*
Approved Meeting No. 22-23
July 31, 2023



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023

7:00 PM

Meeting No. 15-23

WebEx

Mayor and Council

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, May 8, 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. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported the reordering of the agenda to move Agenda Item No. 7 Community Forum before Agenda Item No. 8 Presentations; revised attachments for Agenda Item No. 12.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Washington Area Theater Community Honors(WATCH) awards were presented to the Rockville Little Theater, Rockville Musical Theater, and Victoria Lyric Opera Company.

Grants received from the Maryland Smart Energy Communities for the Senior Center and Twinbrook Center; the 2023 Maryland Municipal League "If I Were Mayor" essay contest winner is Joyce Tian. Joyce is a student from Beall Elementary and will be recognized at the May 22 Mayor and Council meeting. WalletHub identified Rockville as their 7th most diverse City.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 8, 2023, Agenda item 4.

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5. Proclamation and Recognition

A. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as ALS Awareness Month.

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring May 2023, as ALS Awareness 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

B. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as Rockville Bicycle Awareness Month.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the proclamation declaring May 2023, as Rockville Bicycle Awareness Month. The proclamation was accepted by the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair, Dr. Nancy Breen.

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

C. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as National Building Safety Month.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the proclamation declaring May as National Building Safety Month. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by City staff.

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

6. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments - NONE

7. Community Forum

NAME	TOPIC
Seth Denbo	Historic District workplan
Vincent Russo	Twinbrook; Rockville Pike
Nancy Breen	900 Rockville Pike bike lanes

8. Presentations

A. Update on Vision Zero Action Plan and Bikeway and Pedestrian Master Plans

Principal Transportation Planner Bryan Barnett-Woods provided a brief overview of the updated Vision Zero Action Plan and Bikeway and Pedestrian Master Plans.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and comment on the updates.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 8, 2023, Agenda item 8.

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9. Consent Agenda

A. City of Rockville Pension Plan as Amended and Restated Effective as of July 1, 2023

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve consent agenda item A.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 8, 2023, Agenda item 9.

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10. Public Hearing - NONE

11. Introduction, Discussion and Instruction, Possible Adoption

A. Adoption of Resolution - Amending Master Fees for Community Planning and Development Services.

Building Plans Examiner Supervisor Chris Dempwolf presented to the Mayor and Council the amendments to the Master Fees for Community Planning and Development Services.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council adopt the proposed amendments for Community Planning and Development Services.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the Master Fee Resolution for Community Planning and Development Services.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

SECONDER: Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 8, 2023, Agenda item 11.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:21 PM. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:33 PM.

12. Other

A. Briefing About Project Plan PJT2023-00016, a Request to Amend an Existing Planned Development to Allow a Retail and Office Center at the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Rockville Pike and Edmonston Drive, known as 900 Rockville Pike; J. Danshes LLC, Applicant.

Deputy Zoning Manager Li Alligood presented an overview of the development proposal to the Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and allow the applicant to present the proposed development.

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

B. Historic Preservation Work Plan.

Principal Planner Chris Meyers presented an overview of the updated work plan to the Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and approve the Historic District Work Plan.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve the Historic Preservation Work Plan 2023-2033.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

SECONDER: Monique Ashton Councilmember

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 8, 2023, Agenda item 12.

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13. Review and Comment - Action Report -NONE

14. Future Agendas - Reference

A. Future Agendas

Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual summary

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg asked for a budget debriefing agenda item to be added to the May 22 agenda.

15. Old/New Business

The City will hold a reception for former Delegate Kumar P. Barve and former Assistant to Senator Ben L. Cardin, Kenneth Reichard, on June 12

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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