

Approved: 29-16

Attest: *Bridget Donnell Newton*

*Sara Taylor-Ferrell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

May 2, 2016  
Meeting No. 18-16  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia Onley, Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala.

**Staff Present:**

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau, Acting City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

**1. Convene**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

Acting City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell noted changes to the agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau announced that Mayor and Council will be issuing a proclamation for National Public Service Week. He stated that later in the month proclamations will be issued for National Police Week, National Building Safety Month and National Public Works Week. Mr. Simoneau also thanked all the dedicated City employees for their service.

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau noted the 28th Hometown Holidays will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact [www.rockvillemd.gov/hth](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/hth).

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau mentioned that Livability.com announced that Rockville has earned the #1 place of 10 best cities for families. For more information contact Livability.com.

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau noted that Cheryl Thomas will start as the Senior Buyer for the City.

**5. Community Forum**

Citizen	Issue
David Greene	Rockville Pike Plan
Ann Seltz	Support for Village Facilitator
Jeffrey Rum	Support of Proclamation

**6. Mayor and Council’s response to Community Forum and Announcements**

Councilmember Feinberg thanked everyone who came and shared their views whether it was on the Pike Plan; Ms. Seltz for coming out speaking about the Villages Facilitator; and Mr. Rum for his support of the Proclamation.

Mayor thanked everyone who came out to participate.

**7. Mayor and Council Reports**

Councilmember Pierzchala thanked everyone who spoke during the Community Forum and said he attended the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board meeting; the Hungerford Walking Town Meeting on Saturday; and finally he and Mayor Newton attended a meeting with County officials about the proposed Carver Site Bus Depot this past Thursday, April 26.

Councilmember Feinberg stated she attended the Financial Advisory Board meeting and is pleased with the City filling the Senior Buyer position and she welcomed two new members of the board; Interfaith Works Breakfast honoring Chuck Short; attended the Hungerford Walking Town Hall Meeting and NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner.

Councilmember Onley mentioned that she attended the Hungerford Walking Town Hall Meeting; the Recreation and Parks Advisory Meeting and the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr attended the Hungerford Walking Town Hall Meeting but was disappointed the Bike Month Kickoff ride was rained out and can’t wait for another opportunity to participate in a similar biking event.

Mayor Newton said she attended the Recreation and Parks Advisory Meeting and presented a certificate for 15 years of service to a longtime volunteer to Larry Eason; MCPS Reception honoring volunteer Melissa McKenna; REDI Board meeting they're looking for new chair; visited Capitol Hill along with the Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau and Linda Moran; thank you to Councilmember Palakovich Carr for joining her.

She thanked Aaron Fein and Andi Krunzek for arranging the Hungerford Walking Town meeting.

Also a special "shout-out" to Tony, Hagop, Kathy, Kevin, and Katie for their creativity with the Bicycle Video presentation.

#### **8. Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2016 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

**Motion:** Councilmember Onley declared the Month of May 2016 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Onley, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala and unanimously approved.

Teresa Harn, member of the Asian Pacific American Task Force accepted the proclamation.

#### **9. Proclamation Recognizing May 2016 as Bicycle Awareness Month in Rockville**

**Motion:** Mayor Newton proclaimed May 2016 as Bicycle Awareness Month in the City of Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala and unanimously approved.

Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee accepted the proclamation. Kevin Belanger, Transportation Planner thanked everyone for their support.

#### **10. Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 1 - 7, 2016 as National Public Service Week in Rockville**

**Motion:** Councilmember Pierzchala proclaimed the Week of May 1 - 7, 2016 as National Public Service Week in the City of Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Onley and unanimously approved.

Kevin Belanger, Major Over, Ray O’Brocki, Jason Weintraub, and Mary Sue Martin accepted the proclamation.

**11. Proclamation Declaring May 4, 2016 as Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**Motion:** Councilmember Feinberg proclaimed May 4, 2016 as Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and unanimously approved.

Jeffrey Rum accepted the proclamation.

**12. Presentation of Certificate to TERRIFIC Bike participants**

Mayor Newton and Andy Lett presented certificates to all the participants.

**13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Approval of January 9, February 9, 25 and March 14, 21 Mayor and Council Meeting minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and unanimously approved.

**14. Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #28-15 to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2016 (Budget Amendment #3)**

Stacey Webster, Deputy Director of Finance made a brief overview and answered questions from Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Feinberg introduced the ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2017.

**Motion:** To Waive Layover

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Adoption

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Feinberg and unanimously approved.

### **15. Third Quarter FY 2016 Financial Report**

Mary Sue Martin with the Finance Department conducted her presentation followed by discussion and questions.

### **16. Fiscal Year 2017 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession and Discussion and Instruction on Change to the City's Refuse Billing**

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau stated this is the final worksession and is seeking guidance from Mayor and Council for final adoption on May 16.

Stacey Webster, Deputy Director of Finance made a brief overview. Discussion, questions and comments followed.

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr to bill refuse on the Montgomery County property tax bill. The motion passed 3-2 with Mayor Newton and Councilmember Feinberg opposed.

**Motion:** Councilmember Feinberg moved, Councilmember Onley, to delete a Neighborhood Resources Coordinator position and replace it with a Senior Villages Coordinator/Facilitator position in a cost neutral manner. The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Pierzchala opposing.

**Motion:** Councilmember Feinberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala to increase two .080.8 Fs each position to 1.0 FTE to support expansion of the senior needs and unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr to allocate \$6000 towards printing the new Senior Recreation Guide and unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr for additional minimum wage funding. Motion failed 2-3 with Councilmembers Feinberg and Onley and Mayor Newton opposed.

The meeting recessed 9:30 pm and reconvened at 9:39 pm.

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

The Mayor and Council went over the Action Report and made recommendations, comments and corrections.

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

The Mayor and Council went over the Future Agendas and made recommendations, comments and corrections.

**19. Old/New Business**

Councilmember Pierzchala discussed the draft letter on the County's request to review acquisition of the WINX property.

Mayor Newton discussed a request from Larry Giammo regarding questions about the Bus Depot and the Maryland Code.

Councilmember Pierzchala moved to direct the City Attorney to respond to the two questions by a citizen Larry Giammo and to make the responses public, seconded by Councilmember Onley and approved unanimously.

**20. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 11:38 pm.