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MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
May 23, 2016  
Meeting No. 23-16  
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 Deputy City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell, City Clerk/Director Council of Operations Kathleen Conway, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

**1. Convene**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

Deputy City Clerk Sara Ferrell-Taylor noted there were no changes to the agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau announced the League of American Bicyclists has reaffirmed the City of Rockville's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community, Bronze Level. The designation, which lasts through 2020, recognizes the city's commitment to promoting bicycling for all community members through education, infrastructure and outreach.

Mayor Newton accepted the award last Friday as part of Bike to Work Day.

For more information on biking in Rockville visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling).

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau mentioned the third of a series of four citywide “Rockville 2040” forums to provide community members the opportunity to help plan Rockville’s future, via the City’s Comprehensive Plan, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs Street in Rockville Town Square. The final forum is scheduled for June 14.

For more information or to register email [masterplan@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:masterplan@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8200.

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau noted that on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, the City of Rockville will celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Holidays. More than 30 groups will take to four stages in Rockville Town Center.

On Monday, May 30, The City will honor their veterans with the 72<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony Parade.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/hometownholidays](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/hometownholidays) for a full entertainment lineup and festival information.

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau stated the City is closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended and collections will slide one day.

For more information visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000.

**5. Recognition of Rishi Iyer, as the winner of the 2016 Rockville "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest, and Presentation of Certificates to semi-finalist Maddie Anders and Brett Warner.**

Mayor Newton introduced Rishi Iyer and the two mini-Mayor semi-finalists, Maddie Anders and Brett Warner and each read their essays.

Each of the Mayor and Council presented certificates and t-shirts to each of the mini-Mayors.

**6. Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Chief Terrance N. Treschuk as a Dedicated Public Servant to the City of Rockville.**

Mayor Newton read the Adoption of Resolution and presented the resolution to Chief Terrance (Terry) N. Treschuk.

**Motion:** to approve the resolution

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

Chief Treschuk was presented with a key to the City and flag by Mayor and Council.

**7. Proclamation Declaring May 2016 Historic Preservation Month in Rockville**

Councilmember Palakovich Carr read the proclamation declaring May 2016 as Historic Preservation Month in the City of Rockville.

**Motion:** to approve the proclamation

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

The proclamation was accepted by Historic District Commission boardmembers, City staff and Peerless Rockville.

**8. Proclamation Declaring June 2, 2016 National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Rockville**

Councilmember Pierzchala read the proclamation and presented the proclamation to Robert Rapport.

**Motion:** to approve the proclamation

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

**9. Community Forum**

Citizen

Issue

The following citizens expressed their views and concerns opposing the proposed bus depot:

- Angela Younger
- Pradeep Pullikal
- Holly Woodson
- Lam Hoang
- Lan Hoang
- Quinghua Zhang
- Kentararo Yamamoto
- Leila Drop
- Kevin Gormley
- Jamison Adcock
- Audra Lew
- Kevin Kartin

Noreen Bryan

concerned with public engagement

Tamika Pope  
Agnes Saenz  
Peter Lowett  
Nancy Shushinky

thanked MC for CMR funding  
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## **10. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum and Announcements**

Councilmember Pierzchala thanked Community Ministries of Rockville for thanking Mayor and Council; says there was poor long range planning from the County regarding the proposed bus depots; said that WECA is a well organized and great model for organizations in the City.

Councilmember Feinberg echoed Councilmember Pierzchala's thank you to the caregivers; she thanked everyone who came out to express their concerns about the bus depot; and in response to a request that she recuse herself from the bus depot issue Councilmember Feinberg stated that whenever there may be a conflict of interest she consults both the County's and City's Attorney. She further stated that she's at arm's length from any Montgomery County senior level and County Executive discussions associated with the proposed bus depots and has no advance knowledge of any information, that her thoughts are her own and she will not recuse herself she further stated she has economic interest or financial gain from this discussion. Councilmember Feinberg also gave a shout-out to the Public Works Staff for their Public Works Day event.

Councilmember Onley thanked all the caregivers and on the bus depot; thanked Ms. Bryan for volunteering her services to the City.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments and feedback.

Mayor Newton thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments: the bus depot issue will be brought up later in the meeting.

## **11. Mayor and Council Reports**

Councilmember Palakovich Carr stated she participated in Bike to Work Day; Chief Treschuk's retirement party and she thanked him for everything he has done for Rockville.

Councilmember Feinberg said she attended Chief Treschuk's retirement party; WECA's annual meeting and welcomed new president Larry Giammo.

Councilmember Pierzchala said he attended Chief Treschuk's retirement party; attended the Montgomery County Bikecruit meeting; and his daughter's graduation from the University of Maryland.

Councilmember Onley said she attended Chief Treschuk's retirement party; the Sign Review Board meeting; the Human Services COG meeting; and the College Gardens Civic Assn. meeting.

Mayor Newton accepted the Bronze Level Award from the League of American National Bicyclists on the Bike to Work Day and thanked Kevin Belanger; Montgomery College graduation.

Mini-Mayor Rishi thanked his teacher for the opportunity to write the essay.

Mini-Mayor Maddie thanked her teacher and parents for the opportunity.

Mini-Mayor Brett thanked his dad for his encouragement and teacher helping write his essay.

The meeting recessed at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

## **12. Consent Agenda**

A. Cable Communications Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Potomac, LLC.

**Motion:** move to approve Consent Agenda Item A

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

B. Agreement between the Mayor and Council of Rockville and Montgomery County, Maryland to provide for the County to administer and enforce the cable communications franchise agreement with Comcast of Potomac, LLC, within Rockville.

**Motion:** move to approve Consent Agenda Item B

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

## **13. Discussion and Instructions - Public Property Naming and Commemoration Policy**

Louise Adkins, Management Assistant opened the discussion with the review of the naming policy to the Mayor and Council followed by questions and comments.

A draft will be posted on the City website for citizen's input then brought back to the Mayor and Council for consent.

#### 14. Discussion and Instructions - Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan

David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning opened the discussion and instruction session to Mayor and Council. Cindy Kebba, Planner III led the discussion.

**Motion:** To extend the time for the Mayor and Council to approve, modify, remand or disapprove the Planning Commission's March 2016 Rockville's Pike Neighborhood Plan for 60 days, until August 10, 2016.

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

**Motion:** to remove the Fleet Street extension from the Pike Plan as well as the proposed new East-West streets in the North Pike that would be connected to Fleet Street but retain the right of way for pedestrian and bike access and for water and sewer infrastructure.

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Onley the motion passed 4-1 Councilmember Pierzchala opposed.

**Motion:** to amend the Comprehensive Master Plan to remove Fleet Street language.

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

**Motion:** to recommend adding language to the Pike Plan indicating a pedestrian/bike crossing the railroad tracks somewhere between Edmonston Drive and Twinbrook Parkway is desirable and that options to achieve this should be explored.

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

**Motion:** to remove all references to jobs-to-housing ratios from the plan.

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

**Motion:** to add to the Pike Plan under the "Why Plan, Why Now" section is to underground the utilities.

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

**Motion:** to add language in the Executive Summary in Chapter 1 “Why Plan, Why Now” four additional reasons for why we need a new Rockville Pike Plan including #4, “Millions of dollars have been invested in infrastructure including Metro over decades that this plan may be realized.”

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

**Motion:** that staff inspect the Rockville’s Pike Neighborhood Plan document for the phrase “human scale” and judge whether it is appropriate and if it should be removed or replaced with different wording.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:26 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

#### **15. Discussion - School Bus Parking**

Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball opened the discussion with a presentation to Mayor and Council followed by questions, comments and further discussion.

**Motion:** to accept the draft letter to Planning Board Chair regarding Westmore from Mayor and Council as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **18. Old/New Business**

Councilmember Pierzchala would like to bring up for discussion at the next on the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan a request for property on the corner of Lewis Avenue, next to Twinbrook Metro zoned as R60 and owner would like to bring into the plan area.

Mayor Newton made a comment about the coming Memorial Day weekend and Hometown Holidays and extended a special thanks to those who served our country present and past.

**19. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr moved, seconded by Councilmember Onley, and the motion passed unanimously.