

Approved:

Bridget Donnell Newton

Attest:

Kathleen Conway

Approved Meeting Number and Date: Meeting No. 33-16; September 26, 2016

MINUTES
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
August 1, 2016
Meeting No. 29-16
6:30 p.m.

The General Meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 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, City Attorney Debra Daniel and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway reported no changes to the agenda.

4. Discussion and Instructions – Town Center Parking

Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball presented recommendations and led the discussion with the Mayor and Council. Topics included wayfinding; directional signage provided by Colonial Parking; signs indicating validation by businesses; length of time for “free spaces” for carryout diners; number of “free spaces” and locations; concert series on Regal Row; Farmers Market possibility; directional signage for Monroe Street access to Regal Row; and way finding consultant. Staff will continue exploring options for discussion in the Fall.

5. City Manager’s Report

Acting City Manager Craig Simoneau presented the following information.

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Accreditation

The City of Rockville Police Department received full accreditation status for the next four years from CALEA at their annual conference in Baltimore. The Police Department has received this award seven times since they were first accredited in 1994. Rockville's Police Department complied with all mandatory standards as well as 100% of other than mandatory standards to receive this designation. This accreditation reflects the hard work of every employee in the Police Department. Appreciation was extended for a job well done.

National Night Out

The Rockville City Police Department and thirty-three Rockville neighborhoods participated in National Night Out on August 2, 2016. McGruff the Crime Dog stopped by several of the scheduled block parties. The Rockville Mayor and Council, Rockville Police Officers, McGruff the Crime Dog and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office visited many of the gatherings.

6. Mayor and Council King Farm Farmstead Task Force Appointments

Motion: to appoint Steve Andruski, Steven Karr and Jeff Eng to the King Farm Farmstead Task Force

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

Motion: to appoint John Carter, Special Appointment, to the King Farm Farmstead Task Force

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

7. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Brian Shahkarami	Permitting issues
Steven Karr	Thank you for the appointment to the King Farm Farmstead Task Force
John Hansman	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places
David Brenner	Work of Art
Rose Krasnow	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places
Alex Belida	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places
Nancy Pickard	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places and thank you for the King Farm Farmstead Task Force
Arthur Katz	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places
Judy Rudolph	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places

Mark Wederheim	New Mark Commons Application for the National Registry of Historic Places
Randy Alton	Very good discussion tonight about parking; would like to find ways to encourage people to go to Town Center; Rockshire Village

8. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum and Announcements

Councilmember Pierzchala expressed his appreciation that the King Farm Farmstead Task Force is moving forward and that the reach is now much larger.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr thanked the New Mark Commons neighborhood for their work on the Application for the National Registry of Historic Places, stating that their neighborhood is a national treasure.

Councilmember Feinberg thanked everyone for participating.

9. Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Palakovich Carr attended the Council of Governments (COG) joint meeting of the Chesapeake Bay and Climate, Energy, and Environment Committees. Councilmember Palakovich Carr also attended a Smart Growth conference, which was very informative.

Councilmember Onley participated in two Senior Center trips, one to "Phantom of the Opera" and one to "Crabs and Karaoke Night" at the Senior Center. Councilmember Onley also attended the Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE) board meeting and a Senior Commission meeting.

10. Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) Community Needs

There were no participants for this Public Hearing; the Public Hearing closed at 7:54 p.m. The Record remained opened until August 15, 2016.

11. Consent Agenda

- A. Authorize the Acting City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Land Lease Agreement Between the Mayor and Council of Rockville and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC
- B. Approval of Minutes

Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda

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

12. Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan – Adoption, as an amendment to Rockville's Comprehensive Master Plan

Motion: to adopt the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan, as an amendment to Rockville's Comprehensive Master Plan

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

13. Adoption of Resolution to Approve Project Plan Application PJT2016-00006, an amendment of the Tower Oaks Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD185-00001, as amended), to allow for up to 375 residential units instead of 755,000 square feet of office development on the east side of Preserve Parkway; EYA Development LLC, applicant

Principal Planner Brian Wilson led the discussion. Discussion topics included shuttle locations, start date of the shuttle (provided by the time 50% of the occupancy permits have been issued) and integration of MPDUs in the townhome portion of the project.

Motion: to adopt the resolution to approve Project Plan Application PJT2016-00006, an amendment of the Tower Oaks Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD185-00001, as amended), to allow for up to 375 residential units instead of 755,000 square feet of office development on the east side of Preserve Parkway; EYA Development LLC, applicant, incorporating the three edits that Staff enunciated.

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

14. Review nomination and provide recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the nomination of the New Mark Commons subdivision to the National Register of Historic Places

Principal Planner Sheila Bashiri presented information on the New Mark Commons subdivision and led the discussion on the New Mark Commons request for recommendation to the Maryland Historical Trust by the Mayor and Council. This process is required because Rockville is a CLG (Certified Local Government).

Motion: to authorize the Mayor to sign the recommendation to list New Mark Commons on the National Register of Historic Places

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

The meeting recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

15. Presentation – Minority, Female and Disabled (MFD) Owned Business Outreach Program and Purchasing Action Plan

Principal Buyer Pat Ryan provided the program overview of Rockville's MFD program, including outreach efforts for FY16, next steps in FY17 and long term efforts. Director of Procurement Jessica Blow presented an update on the Purchasing Action Plan. The Mayor and Council highly commended staff for the progress made in the past six months.

16. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on the Circulator Study

Prior to the start of Staff's presentation, Mayor Newton stated that she is not suggesting that this is a City funded proposal and that her goal for the discussion is a study that is not too prescriptive, and more of a focus on possibilities.

Transportation Planner Katie Mencarini provided information on the objective to determine if a feasibility study should be conducted, along with next steps such as if a consultant is hired, what topics should be studied. Comments and questions from the Mayor and Council follow.

Councilmember Pierzchala indicated that this has been discussed in the past and complimented staff on their presentation. Councilmember Pierzchala suggested a revised agenda item that does not include the word 'circulator' but rather a transportation agenda item to address transportation needs and what is needed to help seniors and disabled persons. Councilmember Pierzchala is concerned that the County may try to eliminate Route 45. Councilmember Pierzchala supports a reformulated agenda item that looks at transportation needs as well as how to get people out of cars.

Councilmember Feinberg agreed on certain items, and indicated this is different than transportation for seniors or disabled individuals. Councilmember Feinberg thinks this has the potential of helping Regal Row and Town Center visitors to move from one place to another. As an example, Attachment B gives projected Town Center routes which supports a higher demand analysis. Councilmember Feinberg would like the study to include a demand analysis and not be limited to a fiscal analysis. Councilmember Feinberg indicated that the University of Maryland could be engaged for the consultant study.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr indicated that this is an idea that comes from a good place. Councilmember Palakovich Carr's concern is that each person has different thoughts about what this could be and it cannot be everything to everyone. Councilmember Palakovich Carr indicated it is better to put efforts into County initiatives, e.g., traffic congestion, and that Senior transportation needs should be addressed.

Councilmember Onley indicated that she has talked with Rockville seniors who conducted a survey on this. Seniors think this will help them get around town. Councilmember Onley supports this study.

Mayor Newton thanked everyone for their comments. Mayor Newton indicated that she believes the study will open doors and thanked staff for indicating money is available for the study.

Councilmember Feinberg and Mayor Newton offered to work with staff to develop a scope of work.

Councilmember Feinberg suggested that the City reach out to the University of Maryland, e.g., Engineering School, Business School, Entrepreneurial School, etc., to see if a consultant report might be available as an option.

Motion: to move to initiate a process for further study of a circulator with the scope of work to be determined by Staff in concert with the Mayor and Council, and explore other options of a consultant report from the University of Maryland or other graduate programs

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg, seconded by Councilmember Onley and passed 3 – 2, with Councilmember Palakovich Carr and Councilmember Pierzchala opposing.

17. Discussion and Instructions – Southlawn Industrial Area Feasibility Study Recommendations

GIS Specialist and Project Manager Clark Larson presented the balance of the Southlawn Industrial Area Feasibility Study that began during the July 18, 2016 Mayor and Council Meeting. Discussion topics included the interactions between the industrial area and the residents in the area; gateway monument; signage; sidewalk widths; continental crosswalks; Southlawn Business Association possibility; façade improvements; code compliance and regulatory challenges; annexation possibilities; business recruitment and incentives; enforcement of truck route restrictions along N. Horners Lane and First Street; and a buffer/transition between David Scull Park and adjacent streets for safety and aesthetics.

The Mayor and Council provided comment and feedback to staff. Staff will return to the Mayor and Council with next steps.

18. Review and Comment – Mayor and Council Action Report

Mayor Newton indicated Item 3 on the Mayor and Council Action Report was completed this evening (the selection process for the King Farm Task Force).

19. Review and Comment – Future Agendas

September 12 Agenda Item, Community Survey Instrument and Process: Councilmember Pierzchala referenced a Florida bill regarding confidential information (names and addresses) in surveys such as this, and asked for clarification of Maryland law protecting respondents' confidential information.

20. Old/New Business

Acting City Manager explained the background for a letter to County Councilmember Berliner regarding an upcoming backyard composting bill.

Motion: to approve the letter with adjustments as discussed

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

21. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 10:36 p.m.

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