



**Monday, March 5, 2018
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 07-18
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
Julie Palakovich Carr	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

Convene in Open Session to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(3), 3-305(b)(4) and 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding proposed state legislation; to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to locate, expand, or remain in the City; and to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Julie Palakovich Carr, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Pierzchala

Closed Session Summary

Prior to the March 5, 2018 Open Session Meeting, the Mayor and Council convened in Open Session to vote on a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(3), 3-305(b)(4) and 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding proposed state legislation; to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to locate, expand, or remain in the City; and to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.

The Mayor and Council convened in Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

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

Staff Present Part 1: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway, City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel, Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Eliot Schaefer and Director of Finance Gavin Cohen

Staff Present Part 2: City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Kathleen Conway, City Manager Rob DiSpirito, City Attorney Debra Daniel, Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Eliot Schaefer, Director of Finance Gavin Cohen and Direction of Recreation and Parks Tim Chesnutt

Topics discussed:

Part 1: proposed State legislation

Part 2: proposal for a business to locate, expand or remain in the City, and the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters related to the acquisition

Motion: to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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

1. Reconvene into Open Session

The Mayor and Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:02 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Work Session - Topic 1

A. 2018 Federal Funding and Policy Priorities Planning

Additional Staff Present: Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran

Also Present: Holland & Knight representatives Rich Gold and Mike Galano

The purpose of this Work Session: provide a briefing to the Mayor and Council on Federal Funding and Policy Priorities Planning for 2018.

Discussion topics included: the FY19 Federal Budget kick-off in the Spring of 2018; transportation, infrastructure and social programs funding; federal budget expectations; process for obtaining transportation money; federal funding for Metro; COPS grants; and IT (Information Technology) security funding.

Holland & Knight noted that any movement during this session of Congress on truck weights and limits is unlikely. They will continue to watch this Mayor and Council priority and provide status updates if any changes occur.

4. Work Session - Topic 2

A. Fiscal Year 2019 Mayor and Council Budget Work Session

Additional Staff present: Deputy City Manager Jenny Kimball, Director of Finance Gavin Cohen, Deputy Director of Finance Stacey Webster, Senior Management and Budget Analyst Mary Sue Martin, Management and Budget Analyst Ephraim Atkinson, Director of Communications Marylou Berg, Director of Procurement Jessica Blow, Director of Recreation and Parks Tim Chesnutt, Director of Human Resources Karen Marshall, Chief Information Officer Nicholas Obodo, Acting Chief of Police Bob Rappoport, Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau, and Acting Director of Community Planning and Development Services Jim Wasilak

City Manager Rob DiSpirito introduced the Fiscal Year 2019 Mayor and Council Budget Work Session. Deputy Finance Director Stacey Webster led the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget discussion with the Mayor and Council.

Discussion topics included: four percent budget increase in personnel costs; plans to mitigate benefit cost increases; consultant to support the 2040 efforts for missing middle type housing and neighborhood design guidelines; proposal for online permitting system; Ethics Training status; consultant study for Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan; increase to Senior Assistance Fund; summer camp cost recovery analysis; parking garage debt service; and process to track items either added to or eliminated from the budget.

Staff will provide the following information to the Mayor and Council:

- Mayor and Council compensation budget total increase amount (actual dollars)
- Details of permit fee increases, i.e, by category and percentage of increase by category
- Cost of hiring a new police officer
- ADA improvements implemented and future goals
- FY18 actual revenues for recreation facilities
- FY18 enrollment and revenue for summer camps
- Consolidated list of all items eliminated from the budget, including positions, and the total cost of each item eliminated
- Total cost of each new position
- Amount of shortfall from tax duplication and Highway User Revenues (HUR)
- Ideas for unfunded Twinbrook Park

The Mayor and Council requested further discussion on the following:

- a preview of the Health Benefits Advisory Committee's benefit recommendations (the Mayor and Council prefer this occur during a meeting in September)
- Overall IT strategy for the City, including current status and future goals (the Mayor and Council prefer this occur during a meeting in late summer or early Fall)
- Town Center Parking Fund

5. General Assembly and Congressional Legislative Redistricting

Additional Staff Present: Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran

Ms. Moran presented information on Governor Hogan's legislation for redistricting. The Governor is looking for a non-partisan independent commission.

Motion: move that the Mayor and Council endorse Senate Bill 307

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala and seconded by Councilmember Onley

Motion: move to amend the letter to include that "party" would not include independents, as they are considered unaffiliated

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Onley and defeated 1-4 with Mayor Newton and Councilmembers Feinberg, Onley and Pierzchala opposed.

Motion: move that the Mayor and Council endorse Senate Bill 307

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Onley and approved 4-1 with Councilmember Palakovich Carr opposed.

6. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Virginia D. Onley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Onley, Councilmember Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Pierzchala

Minutes Approved: April 9, 2018

Attest:

