



**Monday, January 25, 2021
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 03-21
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

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 Open Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 25, 2021 in a virtual meeting by WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and Acting City Clerk Jacqueline Mobley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Work Session - Topic 1

A. Social Justice, Racism and Bias Follow-Up Discussion

Director of Housing and Community Services Asmara Habte provided a follow-up to action ideas, and directives as directed by the Mayor and Council. Staff discussed the specific four focus areas and requests that the Mayor and Council concentrate on a specific area or areas, and direct staff.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 25, 2021 Agenda Item 3.

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4. Work Session - Topic 2

A. Presentation, Discussion and Instruction on a Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Structure Based on Property Classification

Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance Gavin Cohen introduced Vice President and Project Director of Stantec, Andrew J. Burnham, Senior Principal and Project Manager David A. Hyder, and Senior Consultant Deborah Kloeckner. Stantec provided an overview of the draft report for the FY 2021 Water & Sewer Rate Study.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council:

1. Receive the presentation by Stantec
2. Discuss and provide direction to staff about changing the City's utility rate structure effective with the January 15, 2021 billing cycle

Staff reported the utility payment eBilling system is now available on the City website. Staff will report back to the Mayor and Council regarding additional recommendations.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 25, 2021 Agenda Item 4.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:32 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:37 P.M.

5. Work Session - Topic 3

A. Discussion on Outside Consultant Needs for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Project

Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau presented a brief overview of possible needs for outside assistance for the following:

- Appraisal Services
- Value of Infrastructure
- Legal Services

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss outside consultant needs for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Project.

Maryland National Capital Planning Commission attorney Carol Rubin and coordinator from Don't Widen 270.org Janet Gallant provided additional insight and updates to the I-495 and I-270 plan.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

January 29, 2021 Agenda Item 5.

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6. Draft Vaccine Distribution Letter to State

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to send the approved vaccine distribution letter to the State, District 17 Delegates, Montgomery County Council, and the County Executive.

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

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to direct staff to research facilitators, available dates, and times for the Mayor and Council virtual retreat.

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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