



**Monday, February 1, 2021
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 04-21
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 26-21;
June 21, 2021

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 a virtual Open Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021, via Webex.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Virtual community volunteer opportunities are listed on www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer. Public utility payments may now be made online. Please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/utilitybilling for additional instructions and to register.

Planned COVID-19 public testing will be held this week at locations throughout Rockville.

Please consider becoming a volunteer to help shovel snow for an elderly neighbor during the winter season. To sign up to assistance or to volunteer, please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/snowshoveling. Thank you to the Human Rights Commission and City staff for the Martin Luther King Day celebration. A video of the celebration can be viewed online at www.rockvillemd.gov/MLK.

Recognition to all the staff at Fleet Services including John Davis, Crista Word, Howard Bailey, Jeff Curtis, Bill Taylor, and Steve Wright.

Councilmember David Myles thanked staff for the Martin Luther King Day celebration and reminded residents that January 27th was Holocaust Remembrance Day.

5. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County, and State.

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6. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring February as National African American History Month

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read and presented Proclamation declaring February as National African American History Month and presented it to the Founder and Executive Director of Soul in Motion, Michael Friend.

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

7. Presentation

A. County's Presentation of the Great Seneca Transit Improvements

Senior Transportation Planner Emad Elshafei introduced Montgomery County Department of Transportation Project Manager Corey Pitts and Rapid Transit Systems Development Manager Joana Conklin who gave a Presentation of the Great Seneca Transit Improvements.

The Mayor and Council provided feedback on the proposal.

The next phase for the County will be to secure funding and to provide extensive outreach to the community with assistance from the City.

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8. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Speaker by Computer Linda Rosendorf	Widening of I-270
Speaker by Phone Sally Stolz	Widening of I-270
Speaker by Computer Mike Stein, President Twinbrook Community Association	Kelley Day Terry for her many years of commendable service at the Twinbrook Recreation Center
Speaker by Phone Anne Goodman Twinbrook Village	Kelley Day Terry Community Forum Comments

9. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for participating in community forum.

10. Consent

- A. Award of Maryland State Rider Contract #060B7400088, Two-Way Radio, to Communications Electronics in the Amount of \$364,361.59**
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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the Consent Agenda Item 10A.

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

B. Award of a Rider Contract for the Installation of a Sports Lighting System at Two Dogwood Park Baseball and Softball Fields

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the Consent Agenda Item 10B.

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

11. Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 9 (Fire Code) to Adopt the 2018 Editions of the Fire Code (NFPA 1) and the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101), and All Associated NFPA Codes or Standards Incorporated by Reference and the Latest Editions of Certain Other NFPA Codes Not Incorporated by Reference into NFPA 1 or NFPA 101.

Chief of Inspection Services Rabbiah Sabbakhan presented amendments to Chapter 9. The proposed ordinance would update the fire codes in the City of Rockville by adopting the model codes as published in 2018 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 and 101 with a few local amendments.

Councilmember Ashton suggested a grace period for existing daycare providers be added to allow for compliance to the City Code.

Staff suggested that inspection fees be waived. Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg requested staff forward and email back to the Mayor and Council with the inspection fee rates.

The public hearing opened at 8:23 p.m. No speakers testified and the Public Hearing closed at 8:46 p.m.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:45 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:53 P.M.

12. Vision Zero and Bikeway Master Plan Update

Senior Transportation Planner Alyssa Roff presented an updated overview of the Plan and provided a summary of the Action Item Timeline. Staff will continue to work on Vision Zero action items per the timeline. The next update to the timeline is anticipated in April 2021.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive an update on the Vision Zero Action Plan and the Bikeway and Pedestrian Master Plans.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg suggested staff contact the County Commissions on Aging and Disabilities for additional input on pedestrian safety to facilitate our efforts.

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13. Discussion and Approval of Pension Plan Amendment - Credited Interest

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance Gavin Cohen presented an overview of the Discussion and Approval of Pension Plan Amendment - Credited Interest.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss and approve the first amendment pertaining to Credited Interest to the City's Restated Pension Plan.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the first amendment to the City of Rockville Pension Plan as amended and restated on December 1, 2020.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-1]
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Pierzchala
NOT IN FAVOR:	Councilmember Myles

Staff confirmed to the Mayor and Council that the Retirement Board reviews the plan yearly.

The Mayor and Council discussed and agreed with staff that the pension plan rate would be placed on the agendas, in policy documents to reviewed periodically every three to five years.

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14. Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Temporarily Suspend the Imposition of Water and Sewer Charge Late Fees and the Termination of Water Service for Failure to Pay Bills Under City Code Section 24-55(B)

Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance Gavin Cohen presented an overview of the Ordinance to suspend water and sewer charge late fees and the termination of water service for failure to pay bills under City Code Section 24-55(b) through December 31, 2021.

Councilmember Monique Ashton introduced the Ordinance.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to waive the layover period.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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

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15. **Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Adopt Zoning Text Amendment Application TXT2020-00257, to Amend Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish a New Section Titled "Design Guidelines" to Implement the East Rockville Design Guidelines; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants, and Possible Adoption of a Resolution to Adopt the East Rockville Design Guidelines Pursuant to City Code Section 25.10.14**

Councilmember Monique Ashton introduced the Ordinance.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to waive the layover period.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Resolution with edits.

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

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16. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report

A. Action Report

Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

17. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

A. Future Agendas

Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

18. Old/New Business

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve the letter to the Montgomery County Council to continue the support of Equity Hubs.

	RESULT: UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to have Councilmember Mark Pierzchala work with Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran to prepare two written testimonies regarding HB67 (I-495 and I-270 Public-Private Partnership - Partnership Agreement – Requirements) and HB485 (Public–Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight), and arrange a time to testify before the Maryland General Assembly regarding both HB67 and HB485.

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

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19. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

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