



**Monday, February 7, 2022
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 04-22
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 04-22
March 28, 2022

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 hybrid Open meeting Session at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022, via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Rockville Corporate Council Robert E. Dawson, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton acknowledged the passing of Hyattsville, MD Mayor Kevin Ward.

3. Agenda Review

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

4. COVID-19 Update

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

February 7, 2022. Agenda Item 4.

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5. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring February as National African American History Month

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the Proclamation declaring February 2022 as National African American History Month.

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

6. Consent

A. Approval to Make Multiple Awards Off Various State of Maryland, Department of Information Technology Contracts

B. Approval of Premium Pay

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the Consent Agenda Items A and B.

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

7. Work Session - Topic 1

A. Adoption of Resolution to Establish Maximum Rate of Rent Increase, as Required Under Chapter 18 Section 18-194 of the Rockville City Code Entitled “Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases.”

Director Housing Programs Asmara Habte presented to the Mayor and Council the Resolution to establish maximum rate of rent increase for approval.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions to include the addition of the Consumer Price Index, to future Staff reports, to use as a measurable objective.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to “Establish Maximum Rate of Rent Increase, as Required Under Chapter 18 Section 18-194 of the Rockville City Code Entitled “Voluntary Rent Guidelines and Notice Requirements of Rent Increases.”

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

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8. Work Session - Topic 2

A. RedGate Park: Presentation on the Three Site Plan Concepts and Next Steps

Director of Recreation and Park Tim Chesnutt and Mahan Rykiel Principal, Tom McGiloway, presented to the Mayor and Council the three concepts and next steps for RedGate Park. These concepts were developed with input from October 18, 2021 Mayor and Council discussion.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the presentation on three site plan concepts and provide guidance and direction so that they can be brought to the public. Staff hope to hear from the Mayor and Council for an overall response of vision and specifically moving forward with what amenities, where and how large.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:20 p.m. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:30 p.m.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg left the meeting for the evening at 9:19 p.m. due to medical advice.

9. Work Session - Topic 3

A. Near-Term Implementation Plan of the New Comprehensive Plan, Part 1

Assistant Director for Planning and Economic Development David Levy provided the Near-Term Implementation Plan for the New Comprehensive Plan that was approved by the Mayor and Council at their August 2, 2021 meeting.

Staff request that the Mayor and Council begin the initial discussion and provide preliminary direction to staff. This discussion will be followed up by a series of discussions to assist with deciding on near term priorities.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions to include the rewrite of the zoning ordinance; proceed with interim zoning efforts; fiscal impact analysis tool and move forward on the consultant and unfreeze the three senior planner positions; soundproofing and marketing.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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10. Work Session - Topic 4

A. Discussion and Direction on Initiating Annexation Process for Key Properties

Principal Planner Manisha Tewari presented an overview of the annexation process for the Key Properties.

Staff request that the Mayor and Council discuss at least three options for initiating annexation activities and provide direction to staff on priority target areas, in accordance with the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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11. Old/New Business

Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau presented HB 402- SB 221: Department of the Environment – Enforcement Authority, request amendment to the Bill to fix liability for individual operators, certified operators, or certified for violations for waterworks; water treatment operators.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to support the City's testimony as outlined.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to have Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton work with City staff on a letter in support of the Ops Lane Project of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve a letter of testimony on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to Montgomery County as presented to the Mayor and Council and to include an addendum concerning the proposed bus depot on Seven Locks Road.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve and finalize the letter of testimony on SB-387 on Ghost Guns.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to authorize Assistant City Manager Linda Moran to work with Councilmember Ashton and draft a letter in response to HB-656.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

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12. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:26 a.m.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala