



**Monday, February 22, 2021  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 07-21  
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**

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The Mayor and Council convened in a virtual Open Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 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**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda Review**

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

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: WalletHub announced that the City of Rockville is 7<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> among small cities to be ethnically diverse. Their report compared 500 U.S. cities across three key metrics. Rockville ranked 30<sup>th</sup> overall in ethnic racial diversity, 9<sup>th</sup> in language diversity, and 29<sup>th</sup> and birthplace diversity. Planned COVID-19 public testing will be held this week at locations throughout Rockville.

The City would like to acknowledge members of the Rockville Police Department, Cpl. Karl Plitt, Officer Jordan Santis, and Cpl. Brandon Thomas for their exemplary actions to a personal distress call.

Councilmembers Myles and Ashton recognized the importance of diversity and inclusion, including remarks to recognize Black History month and acknowledge the AAPI and LGBTQ communities.

The Mayor and Council acknowledge staff for their work to clear the snow to provide clean streets and sidewalks and all the public works staff during the winter storms.

The Mayor acknowledged the country passing the 500K milestones of COVID fatalities in the U.S.

## 5. COVID-19 Update

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Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County, and State, including the City's efforts to help residents get pre-registered for the vaccine.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 5.

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## 6. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring February 2021 as American Heart Month

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read and presented the Proclamation declaring February 2021 as American Heart Month.

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

## 7. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Barry Jackson President, King Farm Citizens Assembly (KFCA)	King Farm Update

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

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Mayor and Council thanked all speakers for their participation in Community Forum.

## 9. Consent

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### A. Award of IFB #03-21, Requirements Contract for Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Concrete Sidewalks, Curbs, Driveway Aprons, and Miscellaneous Appurtenances and Infrastructure

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved Item 9A on Consent Agenda.

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

### B. Award IFB #05-21, Requirements Contract for Asphalt Paving, Patching, Milling & Related Maintenance Work

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Item 9B on Consent Agenda.

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

### C. Approval to Make Multiple Awards Off Various State of Maryland, Department of Information Technology

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Item 9C on Consent Agenda up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2 million through June 30, 2021.

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

**D. To amend Resolution No. 10-20 o as to Increase the Membership of the Community Policing Advisory Board from 9 to 11 and to Provide for an Alternate Member**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Item 9D on Consent Agenda.

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

**E. To Appoint the Members of the Community Policing Advisory Board**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the appointments to the Community Policing Advisory Board of Item 9E on Consent Agenda. Jaime Espinosa, Bernadette Goovaerts, Chaira Jaffe, and Robin Prather, to serve three year terms. Donna Barnes, Rafael Borrás, Michele Egan, Lori Horkan, and David Smith to serve two year terms. Youth representative Renoir Dawson-Finan to serve a one year term and alternate Michael Scott to serve a three year term.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala mentioned with the creation of a new Body/Board the Resolution requires that the Board have staggered terms to ensure that new members are not appointed at the same time.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the appointments.

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

**10. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program**

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Deputy Director of Finance Stacey Webster presented an overview of the of the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 10.

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**11. Introduction of an Ordinance to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced the Ordinance.

**12. Introduction of a Resolution to Establish the Service Charge Rate for Municipal Refuse Collection and to Establish a Charge for Unreturned Refuse and Recycling Carts Pursuant to Section 20-6 of the Rockville City Code**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the Resolution.

**13. Introduction of a Resolution to Establish the Equivalent Residential Unit Rate to be Used in Calculating the Stormwater Management Utility Fee Pursuant to Chapter 19 Entitled "Sediment Control and Stormwater Management" of the Rockville City Code; and to Establish a Fee for Application for a Credit Against the Stormwater Management Utility Fee for Private Stormwater Management Facilities.**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton introduced the Resolution.

**14. Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24 of the Rockville City Code Entitled "Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal" by Amending Article III, Rates and Charges, So as to Establish the Water and Sewer Usage Charges and Water and Sewer Ready to Serve Charges for Fiscal Year 2019 through Fiscal Year 2024**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the Ordinance.

**15. Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9 of the Rockville City Code Entitled “Fire Code” So as to Adopt the 2018 Editions of the Fire Code (NFPA 1) and the Life Safety Code (NFPA 2018), and All Associated NFPA Codes or Standards Incorporated by Reference and the Latest Editions of Certain Other NFPA Codes Not Incorporated by Reference into NFPA1 or NFPA101, with Certain Additions, Deletions and Modifications**

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Councilmember David Myles moved the adoption of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9 of the Rockville City Code.

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

**16. Review and Approve Letter to the County Council on Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Plan Amendment**

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Principal Planner Manisha Tewari brought back edits of the letter to the County Council as recommended by the Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council review, edit, and approve the letter that will serve as testimony to the Montgomery County Council on the Shady Grove Sector Plan Minor Plan Amendment.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the approval of the letter to the County Council as amended.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 16.

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**17. Work Session: Short-Term Residential Rentals**

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Principal Planner Larissa Klevan presented a brief overview of the testimony received from the public.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council provide direction on whether to allow short-term residential rentals, and if so, guidance for developing regulations to limit their impact on existing residents.

The Mayor and Council provided additional suggestions for staff to bring back.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 17.

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:33 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:44 P.M.**

**18. Housing Work Session: MPDUs, Senior Tax Credits, Employer-Assisted Housing Program; and Land Use Driven Tools to Increase Affordable Housing Supply**

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Director of Housing and Community Services Asmara Habte provided an overview with Chief of Long Range Planning Andrea Gilles, Director of Finance Gavin Cohen, Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak, and Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Services David Levy.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss and provide direction.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 18.

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**19. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report**

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**A. Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

**20. Review and Comment - Future Agendas**

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**A. Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

**21. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to authorize the City Manager to renew the 6 Taft Ct. license with Montgomery County to help them temporarily house people experiencing homelessness during COVID-19 through the end of the calendar year. The renewal license agreement would not have an impact on the City's development schedule for 6 Taft Ct., and the County would pay a monthly fee.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

February 22, 2021. Agenda Item 20.

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**22. Adjournment**

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



**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Monique Ashton, Councilmember

**SECONDER:** Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

**IN FAVOR:** Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,  
Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala