



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

**Monday, March 1, 2021  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 08-21  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
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, March 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**

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton announced the passing of Rockville Fire Department Chief Scott Eric Edmonds and led a moment of silence.

**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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The City of Rockville was the top-scoring Maryland municipality in a 2020 analysis of cities' energy efficiency and renewable energy strategies. Rockville placed 7th among 30 small and mid-sized cities nationally ranked on the City Clean Energy Scorecard.

An increase in the amount of unflushable trash has been clogging the city's sewer lines. Residents are reminded to visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/dontflushtrash](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/dontflushtrash) to learn more about what items are flushable and what are not.

Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, which is the ideal time for residents to check their smoke alarms while setting the clocks forward an hour. State law requires that battery-operated smoke alarms and hardwired 120-volt electric smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture. These devices should also be tested once a month to ensure proper and timely operation in case of a fire.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Laura Lanham on being recognized by Montgomery Women as part of their Women's History Month Celebration. With over 30 years of public safety and leadership experience, Chief Lanham continues her relentless efforts to build and expand community outreach to Rockville's youth and senior citizen populations.

## 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.

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

March 1, 2021. Agenda Item 5.

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## 6. Community Forum

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Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Hannah Wald	Proposed I-270 highway widening
<b>Speaker by Computer and Written Testimony</b> Linda Rosendorf	I-270 highway widening P3 project
<b>Speaker by Computer and Written Testimony</b> Laura Kaplan-Weisman	Human Services Needs Assessment
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Amanda Schwartz	Human Services Needs Assessment

<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Stacey Gold	Eat Fresh
<b>Speaker by Phone</b> Anne Goodman	Twinbrook Community Drive-by Mask Give-away
<b>Written Testimony</b> Brian Van Fossen President	FY 2021 Proposed Budget Amendment #2
<b>Written Testimony</b> Deborah Moore	Human Services Needs Assessment for Fiscal Year 2022

**7. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum**

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The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for their participation in Community Forum.

**8. Consent**

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**A. Approval of Minutes**

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The Mayor and Council approved the meeting minutes of October 2020 thru December 2020.

	<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 Pierzchala

**9. FY 2022 Budget Public Hearing**

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Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stacey Webster provided a brief overview of the FY2022 operating budget overview and budget priorities. The public hearing opened at 7:57 p.m. the following speakers testified.

<b>Name</b>
<b>Speaker by Computer And Written Comments</b> Michael B. Rubin
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> George Sushinsky

<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Stephanie Pankiewick
<b>Speaker by Computer And Written Comments</b> Mike Stein
<b>Speaker by Computer And Written Comments</b> Allison Bailey
<b>Written Comments</b> Brian Van Fossen President Rockville FOP Lodge 117
<b>Written Comments</b> Ti Lin
<b>Written Comments</b> Bob Wright
<b>Written Comments</b> James Hedrick

The complete testimony of this evening’s speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations offices. There being no further speakers testifying, the Public Hearing closed at 8:13 p.m. The record will remain open until April 16, 2021.

**10. Presentation of Survey Instrument for a Community-Wide Survey to be Administered by the Rockville Human Rights Commission and the Human Services Advisory Commission**

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Grants and Program Analyst Alison Hoy provided a brief presentation of the Survey Instrument to be administered by Rockville Human Rights Commission and the Human Services Advisory Commission. Staff recommend that the Mayor and Council discuss the items and provide feedback.

Human Rights Commission Vice Chair Andrew Lin provided an overview of the draft survey instrument. Human Services Advisory Commission member Wanneh Dixon also commented on outreach with some of the community based organizations.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 1, 2021 Agenda item 10.

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**11. Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #19-20 to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021 (Budget Amendment #2)**

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Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stacey Webster provided a brief overview of the budget amendment as attached in the staff report. Staff recommended that the Mayor and Council introduce the attached ordinance to amend Ordinance #19-20 to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2021. Adoption of this ordinance is scheduled for March 22, 2021.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced Ordinance #19-20

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 1, 2021 Agenda item 11.

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	<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 Pierzchala

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 10:11 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 10:21 P.M.**

**12. Authorization to Release and Abandon City's Interest in an Existing Declaration of Reservation and Easements Associated with the King Buick Annexation**

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Superintendent of Parks and Facilities provided an overview of the existing Declaration to protect future development of Track B and King Farm property by providing easements associated with the King Buick Annexation.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 1, 2021 Agenda item 12.

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Mayor and Council authorize the City Manager to authorize the release and authorize the City Manager to represent to the developer the items discussed this evening.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [4-0-1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	David Myles, Councilmember
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala
<b>NOT IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg

**13. FY 2022 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession**

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Agenda item moved to Mayor and Council Worksession Meeting on March 15, 2021.

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

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Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

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

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Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

**16. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton moved and authorized Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran finalize the letter and submit testimony regarding SB711 Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved and authorized city staff and Councilmember Monique Ashton write a letter to Montgomery County on behalf of the Mayor and Council in support of vaccination sites at the Rockville Senior Center and Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

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

Councilmember David Myles moved and authorized Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran draft a letter in support of Mayor and Council signing the HB 891/SB767 – Higher Education - Hunger-Free Campus Grant Program.

	<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 Pierzchala

## 17. Adjournment

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl Feinberg, Councilmember
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