



**Monday, March 6, 2023  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 07-23  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 013-23  
April 24, 2023

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**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 hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, and via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Robert DiSpirito, Rockville City Attorney Robert E. Dawson, 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. Proclamations**

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**A. Proclamation Declaring March 2023 as National Women's History Month**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring March 2023, as National Women's History Month in Rockville, Maryland.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**B. Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Earth Month; April 22, 2023, as Earth Day; and March 25, 2023, 8:30-9:30 P.M. as Earth Hour in Rockville**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the proclamation declaring the Month of April 2023 as Earth Month; April 22, 2023, as Earth Day; and March 25, 2023, 8:30-9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in Rockville, Maryland. The proclamation was accepted by the Rockville Environment Commission Chair, Clark Reed.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 4.

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**5. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the appointment to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Dr. Stephen Weiner to fill an unexpired term until June 1, 2026.

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

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 5.

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**6. Community Forum**

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**Community Forum  
In-Person Speaker and Written Comments List**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>In Person and Written Comments</b> Rebecca Murphy, Commissioner Human Rights	Silver Spring involving the Parasol Patrol
<b>In Person and Written Comments</b> Rick Mui Ms. Malena Oweiss, Beall Elementary Multi-culture Art Winner	Beall Elementary Multi-culture Night Art Winner
<b>Written Comments</b> Matt Perkins, Chair Community Policing Advisory Board	Letter to State Legislators on Marijuana Legalization

**Community Forum  
Virtual Speaker and Written Comments List**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>Virtual and Written Comments</b> Deborah Moore	Rockville caregiver funding
<b>Virtual and Written Comments</b> David Milobsky	2401 Wootton Parkway

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 6.

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**7. Consent**

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- 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.”**

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- B. Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Project Task Agreement with the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highways Administration to Partner on the Anderson Park/Plymouth Woods Stream Restoration Project**

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- C. Award the Purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Utility Truck to 72 Hour LLC Dba National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California, in the Amount of \$267,968 through Riding the Cooperative Purchase Sourcwell Contract #060920-NAF.**

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- D. Award the Purchase of a Freightliner 108S Heavy Duty Dump Truck to 72 Hour LLC Dba National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California in the Amount of \$213,014, through Riding the Cooperative Purchase Sourcwell Contract #060920-NAF.**

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- E. Award the Purchase of an Altec AT48P Aerial Bucket Truck to Altec Industries of Birmingham, Alabama, in the Amount of \$204,465 through Riding the Cooperative Purchase Sourcwell Contract #110421-ALT.**

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**F. Authorization for the City Manager to Sign the 2023 Certifications and Assurances for the City Enhanced Mobility Grant**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve consent agenda items A-F.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 7.

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**8. FY 2024 Budget Public Hearing**

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The Public Hearing opened, and the following speakers testified.

**IN-PERSON PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS  
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8  
FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Name	Address Phone Number Email
<b>Speaker</b> Karen Askin Director of Community Outreach and Special Events Visarts	kaskin@visartscenter.org
<b>Speaker</b> Jake Jakubek Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	jjakubek@gmail.com
<b>Speaker</b> Jody Tick Executive Director, Sunflower Bakery/Café Sunflower	Jody@sunflowerbakery.org
<b>Written Comments</b> Stacey Gold, MSW, LCSW-C Nancy Sushinsky	stacey@steppingstonesshelter.org

Name	Address Phone Number Email
<b>Speaker Written Comments</b> Doug Ierley Traffic and Transportation Commission	douglasierley@hotmail.com
<b>Speaker and Written Comments</b> Joe Gillespie	Jgillespie87@gmail.com
<b>Speaker</b> Olivia Bobrowsky	obobrowsky@gmail.com
<b>Speaker and Written Comments</b> Dinis Camara	Dinis.camara@gmail.com
Nancy Popson	Nepopson@gmail.com

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING SPEAKERS  
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8  
FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

<b>Speaker</b> Barry Jackson, President King Farm Citizens Assembly	<a href="mailto:president@kingfarm.org">president@kingfarm.org</a>
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Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and requests to staff.

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing record in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Offices. There being no further speakers testifying, the Public Hearing Closed at 8:13 pm. The record will remain open until April 21, 2023.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 8.

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**9. FY 2024 Budget Worksession**

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City of Rockville Deputy Director of Finance, Kimberly Francisco, provided Mayor and Council with a review of the FY2024 proposed Capital Improvements Program and directions on any

additional appropriations to be provided using reserves and the remaining ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the FY 2024 Proposed Capital Improvements Program and provide direction on any additional appropriations to be provided using reserves and the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:56 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:07 P.M.**

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 9.

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**10. Future Agendas-Reference**

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**A. Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 10.

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**11. Old/New Business**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to authorize Councilmember Feinberg and Ms. Linda Moran to work on a letter from Mayor and Council in support of the Federal Earmark for Sunflower Bakery's expansion of its supportive employment program.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember David Myles moved to authorize the effectuation of the MPDU Sales Agreement for King Farms townhomes, 7 of which are 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bathroom, for the MPDU program in Rockville.

	<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 Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

March 6, 2023, Agenda item 11.

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## **12. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

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