



**Monday, March 15, 2021
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 10-21
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, March 15, 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. Consent

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the consent agenda.

A. Award of Sole Source Procurement for Broadcast Equipment and Lighting for Rockville 11 Master Control and Office and Chamber Modifications to Human Circuit for Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000.

B. Approval of a Letter to the Montgomery County Council Commenting on the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

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

4. **Receive Planning Commission's Approved Draft Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Set Public Hearing**

Planning Commission Chair Suzan Pitman provided a brief overview of the approved draft Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

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5. **2021 Hometown Holidays, Memorial Day, Suds & Soles 5K Race and the Independence Day Event Adjustments**

Special Events Program Manager Colleen McQuitty provided an overview of Hometown Holidays, Memorial Day, Suds & Soles 5K Race and the Independence Day Event for 2021. Staff recommends Mayor and Council discuss upcoming 2021 special events and provide direction on recommended adjustments.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and direction. Emphasis was placed on the importance of a Memorial Day celebration.

The Mayor and Council agreed to:

- Hometown Holiday Celebration - Option 1: Transition to smaller multi-day event series at RedGate Park.
- Memorial Day Celebration - Option 1: Hold virtual event with prerecorded speeches.
- Memorial Day Parade cancelation.
- Modify and move Suds and Soles 5K Race to RedGate Park.
- Move forward with finalizing multi-year fireworks contract.

Staff will come back to the Mayor and Council regarding the Independence Day fireworks after consultation with Montgomery County and Gaithersburg about their fireworks schedule.

Councilmember David Myles recommended to hold off on Suds and Soles.

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6. Work Session on Pesticide Practices and Policy Options for the City

Chief of Environmental Management Erica Shingara provided a brief overview of the laws to opt into the Montgomery County's Pesticide Law (Chapter 33B). Five members of the panel were present to provide additional information. Montgomery County Councilmember President Tom Hucker, Organic Lawn and Landscape Program Manager Mary Travaglini, City Environment Commission Chair Clark Reed, Director of State and Local Government Relations with National Association of Landscape Professionals Bob Mann and Rockville Recreation and Parks Horticulturalist Rob Orndorff.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council conduct a work session with staff and a five member panel regarding Montgomery county's pesticide law and potential application Rockville focusing on two main policy questions:

1. Should the City opt into Montgomery County's pesticide law that affects residents and private property owners?
2. Given that the County law does not apply to municipal-owned lands, should the City proceed with its own internal pesticide policy for City-owned lands that is consistent with the County law.

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to authorize staff to draft an amendment for introduction at a forthcoming Mayor and Council meeting.

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

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:04 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:15 P.M.

7. FY 2022 Mayor and Council Budget Worksession

Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stacey Webster provided a review of the FY2022 budget proposed operating budget and capital improvements program. Staff recommend that the Mayor and Council review and provide direction to staff as needed.

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8. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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