



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

**Monday, March 22, 2021  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 11-21  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

**THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	<b>Present</b>
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, January 11, 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 a change to the Agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: EngageRockville.com will be the hub for the online public engagement for RedGate Park and has the potential to host a variety of city projects in the future. The site provides information on the process, as well as different formats for residents to engage in the process and with each other: [Help Plan the Future of RedGate Park](#). Residents will be given the opportunity to take a survey regarding the

future usage of the park. The survey will remain open from March 22 through April 16, 2021. A final site concept will be presented to Mayor and Council for their approval in the fall. An American Red Cross blood drive was held in the Social Hall at the Civic Center on February 26, 2021.

Kathy Dantzler and her team made a fantastic Public Service Announcement with the Mayor and Council encouraging residents to help stop the spread of COVID-19 by getting the vaccine. Please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands often, practice social distancing, and when it's your turn, get the shot.

Rockville's Upper Watt's Branch Stream Restoration Project has been recognized with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place BUBBA Award in the Best Stream Restoration Category. The Chesapeake Stormwater Network's Best Urban BMP in the Bay Award (BUBBA) is a very prestigious regional award program that recognizes Projects on an every-other-year cycle. The 2021 BUBBAs are the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the award program.

Congratulations to our Public Works team, especially project manager John Hollida, on this great achievement.

## 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

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## 6. Proclamation

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### A. Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2021, as Earth Day; the Month of April as Earth Month; and March 27, 2021, 8:30-9:30 P.M. as Earth Hour in Rockville

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read the proclamation and presented to Clark Reed, Chair of Environment Commission.

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

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

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Councilmember David Myles read proclamation and presented to Anita Neal Powell, Founding President and CEO of the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Leroy E. Neal African American Research Center.

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

**7.     Community Forum**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Douglas Kruse	FY 2022 Budget Public Worksession
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Janet Gallant	I-270 toll lane project
<b>Written Comments</b> Larry Connelly, President AFSCME 67	FY 2022 Budget Worksession Regular Employee Wages
<b>Speaker by Computer</b> Jill Fuster	I-270 toll lane project

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

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Mayor and Council thanked everyone for participating in Community Forum

**9. Consent**

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**A. Award of Rider Contract on Montgomery County Contract #1114434 to JRP Management Resources Inc, for Bus Shelter Maintenance in the Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$540,000.00 for the Three-Year Period Ending November 23, 2023**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>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

**10. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 of the Rockville City Code, Entitled "Public Ethics" So as to Amend Section 16-3 Entitled "Administration" So as to Increase the Membership of the Ethics Commission**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg introduced the possible adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to waive the layover period.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the adoption of ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 of the City Code.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
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**11. Adoption 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 of Financial Officer Stacey Webster provide a brief overview of the Budget Amendment. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council adopt the ordinance.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>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

**12. Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status**

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Deputy Director of Human Resources Colette Anthony provided a brief introduction to the report. The report reflects all open positions with totals by funds ending February 28, 2021.

**13. King Farm Farmstead Park Market Analysis Consultant**

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Acting Director of Recreation and Parks Chris Henry provided a brief overview of King Farm Farmstead Park Market Analysis. Chief Executive Officer Cindy Rivarde provided additional information as to the analysis consultant.

Staff recommend Mayor and Council review the letter from the Rockville Economic Development Inc. and discuss the opportunity to hire a consultant to perform a market analysis on the King Farm Farmstead Park property.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:31 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:37 P.M.**

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

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Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stacey Webster provided a brief overview of the FY2022 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

Stantec Consultants Andrew Burnham and provided additional comments on the American Rescue Plan.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

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

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Mayor and Council reviewed Action Report.

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

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Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

**17. Old/New Business**

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Mayor and Council discussed Old/New Business.

**18. Adjournment**

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There be no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>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 Pierzchala