



**Monday, April 18, 2022
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 13-22
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approver: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 13-22
June 27, 2022

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 hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:23 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, and via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Deputy City Manager Angela Judge, Rockville City Attorney Robert E. Dawson, Deputy 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. Agenda Review

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

4. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring April 17-23, 2022 National Volunteer Week

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring April 17-23, 2022, as National Volunteer Week.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	David Myles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

B. Proclamation Declaring April 24, 2022, as Rockville Science Day

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the proclamation declaring April 24, 2022, as Rockville Science Day.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

C. Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	David Myles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

D. Proclamation Honoring Harriet Tubman's Bicentennial Year - 2022

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation honoring Harriet Tubman's Bicentennial Year – 2022.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

E. Proclamation Declaring April 2022 as Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the proclamation declaring April 2022, as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the proclamation declaring April 2022, as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

F. Proclamation Declaring April 2022 as Sikh Awareness Month

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read and moved the proclamation declaring April 2022, as Sikh Awareness Month.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

5. Presentation

A. Human Rights Commission Annual Report Presentation

Rockville Grants and Program Analyst Allison Hoy provided a brief introduction of the Human Rights Commission Chairman Andrew Lin and Vice-Chair, Amina Rogers.

Rockville Human Rights Commission Vice-Chair, Amina Rogers provided a short PowerPoint presentation of the Human Rights Commission's achievements and initiatives.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by Mr. Lin and Ms. Rogers.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

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6. Community Forum

Virtual Speakers/Written Comments List

Name	Topic
Speaker by Computer with Written Comment Judy Rudolph	Agenda Item No. 9 Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail (FRIT) for Rockville Town Square
Written Comments Sarah Bolek Vice President/Secretary Roosters Youth Rugby	RedGate Park
Written Comments Robert P. ("Bob") Woodard Laura P. Woodard	Bus Depot/Restoration Center/Criminal Justice Complex Proposed for 7 Locks/Wootton Parkway
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Written Comments John Becker	Agenda Item No. 7 Tree Care Service
In-Person Speaker Sandra Block	Rockville Town Square/FRIT

7. Consent

- A. Award of IFB 14-22 - Tree Care Services**

- B. Authorization for City Manager to Execute State of Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative Grant Agreement for Lincoln Park Community Center Improvements**

- C. Award of IFB 13-22 - Grounds Maintenance Services**

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved approval of the Consent Agenda.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

8. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to Provide for Its Membership, Duties, and Scope of Work.

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell gave a brief introduction of the Ordinance to establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership, duties, and scope of work.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council introduce the ordinance to establish an Education Commission.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

Councilmember Pierzchala introduced the Ordinance to establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership, duties, and scope of work. Councilmember Ashton moved to waive the layover period for the Ordinance to establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership, duties, and scope of work.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Ashton moved to approve the Ordinance to establish an Education Commission in the City of Rockville and to provide for its membership, duties, and scope of work.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

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9. Discussion and Instructions - Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust), for Rockville Town Square

City Manager Rob DiSpirito gave a brief introduction of the Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust), for Rockville Town Square.

Staff recommended that the Mayor and Council discuss the current agreement between the City of Rockville and Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust); instruct the City Manager to negotiate with Street Retail, Inc., an Amended and Restated Management Agreement that would cover the same maintenance items as in prior agreements, but with more specificity of standards and practices, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney before the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022).

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

Councilmember Ashton moved to authorize staff to enter into an interim Management Agreement for six-month and work to make specific changes in the improved Management Agreement language that staff and Legal have talked about to come to a Management Agreement that is tighter and stronger.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Ashton introduced the Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust), for Rockville Town Square.

Councilmember Ashton moved to waive the layover period for the Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust), for Rockville Town Square.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Ashton moved to approve the Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Street Retail, Inc. (Federal Realty Investment Trust), for Rockville Town Square.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:12 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:20 P.M.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg joined the meeting for the evening at 9:21 p.m. due to medical advice restricting the length of time to participate in meetings.

10. FY 2022 Supplemental Tax Duplication and FY 2023 Budget Worksession

Deputy Director of Finance, Kimberly Francisco gave an overview of the FY 2022 Supplemental Municipal Tax Duplication and FY 2023 Budget Worksession and provided the Mayor and Council with multiple options to consider.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the FY 2023 Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program, and provide direction on the changes and any additional appropriations to be provided for special projects, programs, and initiatives.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments, and the Mayor and Council directed Finance staff to update tables and charts and provide them to Mayor and Council for review, and combine them with the ARPA Funds discussion.

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11. Discussion on ARPA Funds

Mayor and Council agreed to move the Discussion on ARPA Funds to the April 25, 2022, Mayor and Council meeting.

12. Old/New Business

Councilmember Ashton moved to appoint Public Works Deputy Director, James Wood to serve as the interim City staff liaison on the Rockville Town Center Condo board.

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

Councilmember Ashton moved to approve the letter of support for the David Scull Community Center Green Energy Earmark project to be forwarded to Senator Ben Cardin's office.

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

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

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