

# City of Rockville

City Hall  
111 Maryland Ave  
Rockville, MD 20850

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Fanell*  
Approved Meeting No. 21-23  
July 17, 2023



## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Meeting No. 14-23**

**WebEx**

## Mayor and Council

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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 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**

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. City Manager's Report - NONE**

**5. Proclamation and Recognition**

- A. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring May 2023, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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

- B. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month.

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring May 2023, as Historic Preservation Month. The proclamation was accepted by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

**C. Proclamation Declaring May 2023 as Older Americans Month.**

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read and moved the proclamation declaring May 2023, as Older Americans Month.

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

**D. Proclamation Declaring May 7-13, 2023, as National Public Service Recognition Week in Rockville, Maryland.**

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the proclamation declaring May 7-13, 2023, as National Public Service Recognition Week in Rockville, Maryland. Councilmember Pierzchala moved the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by the City of Rockville Chief of Police Victor Brito.

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

**6. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments -NONE**

**7. Presentations - NONE**

**8. Community Forum**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Marissa Valeri	REDI small business impact fund; FY24 budget
Anita Powell	FY24 Budget

Michael Goldfinger	Postpone of the historic work plan
Seth Denbo	Postpone of the historic work plan
<b>Written Comments</b> John Becker	Support and fill the position of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces' Volunteer Coordinator in the City Clerk's Office

**9. Consent Agenda - NONE**

**10. Public Hearing - NONE**

**11. Introduction, Discussion and Instruction, Possible Adoption - NONE**

**12. Worksession**

**A. FY 2024 Budget Worksession**

City of Rockville Deputy Director of Finance, Kimberly Francisco, provided Mayor and Council with an overview of the budget from the April 24, 2023, meeting and informed the elected that this is the last scheduled worksession for the FY2024 budget.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review the FY 2024 proposed operating budget and Capital Improvements Program and provide final direction.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 1, Agenda Item 12

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**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:14 PM. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:27 PM**

**13. Review and Comment - Action Report - NONE**

**14. Future Agendas – Reference**

Agendas are to be reviewed at the May 2 scheduled agenda review meeting.

Councilmember Pierzchala requested not to move the Historic Master Plan from the May 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**15. Old/New Business**

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to approve, as submitted, the Montgomery County Antisemitism Resolution with edits.

	<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 Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

	<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 Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala