



**Monday, May 3, 2021  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 17-21  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 32-21  
September 13, 2021

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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 virtual Open Session at 7: 00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 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 no changes to the Agenda.

**4. City Manager's Report**

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City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: There will be planned COVID-19 public testing this week at locations throughout Rockville, and for Montgomery County HHS testing and latest information please visit:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html>

The Community Policing Advisory Board (CAPB) will meet virtually on Thursday, May 6 to review the department's budget structure and to discuss violence against the Asian American Pacific Islander community.

On March 23, 2021 a statement was issued by the Rockville Mayor and Council and Rockville City Police Department Chief Victor V. Brito to show solidarity with the community following recent attacks on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), in coordination with the City of Rockville and Montgomery County, has a study of the Rockville Metro Station and its property. Two community visioning meetings will held on May 4 and May 15. Details on how to take part in these visioning meetings is available on the project's website.

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2356/Rockville-Metro-Station-Study>.

Starting May 15 through Nov. 20, the Farmers Market will be open on Saturday's from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson and Monroe streets. Through the Eat Fresh Rockville and Maryland Market Money programs customers can receive a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$10 weekly when they shop with their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Electronic Balance Transfer (SNAP/EBT) card.

Congratulations to the Rockville 11 team and Recreation and Parks staff for making the Virtual International Night 2021 a success. The Rockville 11 highlighted that through the toughest times, "we are all in this together"! Special thanks to the Mayor and Council, Kathy Dantzler, Craig Buchanan, Yvette Yeboah-Schools, Karla Sheehi, Will Smith, Hjarman Cordero, Nicole Presentado, Nia Smith, and Elisabeth Deal.

Special thanks to the horticulture crew including Rob Orndorff, Victor Salguero, Marco Lemus, Amelo Cajayon, Walter Pocasangre, Arthur Simpson and Larkland Harris for the great spring floral bulb show.

Thanks to Recreation and Parks customer service staff, Joy Parisi and Maria Arze, for never missing a beat and responding to many phone calls and emails to City Hall since the closure in March of 2020 due to COVID.

## **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**

May 3, 2021. Agenda Item 5.

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## **6. Proclamation**

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**A. Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

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Mayor Newton read the proclamation declaring May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to the Chair of the Asian Pacific American Task Force John Lin.

	<b>RESULT: 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

**B. Proclamation Declaring May as ALS Awareness Month**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read the proclamation declaring May as ALS Awareness Month.

	<b>RESULT: 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

**C. Proclamation Recognizing May as Bicycle Awareness Month**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala read the proclamation declaring May as Bicycle Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to the Bicycle Advisory Committee Chair Nancy Breen.

	<b>RESULT: 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

**D. Proclamation Declaring May as Historic Preservation Month**

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Councilmember Monique Ashton read the proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month.

	<b>RESULT: 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

**E. Proclamation Declaring May as Older Americans Month**

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Councilmember David Myles read the proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month.

	<b>RESULT: 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

**F. Proclamation Declaring May 9-16 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read the proclamation declaring May 9 -16 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week.

	<b>RESULT: 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

Councilmember Monique Ashton acknowledged May 2-8 as Municipal Clerks Week and thanked the City Clerk's office for their support.

**7. Board and Commission Appointment to the Charter Review Commission**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the appointment of Kevin Owens to the Charter Review Commission to serve a three year term until May 2023.

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

**8. Community Forum**

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Name	Topic
<b>Speaker by Phone and Written Comments</b> John Becker	Sewer and water rates Vehicle noise
<b>Speaker by Computer and Written Comments</b> Randy Alton	<b>Agenda Topic No. 11</b> Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #04-21 to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021
<b>Speaker by Computer and Written Comments</b> Mike Stein, Chair Traffic and Transportation Commission	<b>Agenda Topic No. 15</b> Traffic and Transportation Commission Testimony on 2040 Comprehensive Plan
<b>Speaker by Computer and Written Comments</b> John Mosely Hayes CGCA President	<b>Agenda Topic No. 15</b> 2040 Comprehensive Master Plan

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

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Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton thanked everyone who participated in Community Forum.

**10. Consent**

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**A. Approval of Rockville Comments on Potomac Electric Power Company's Application for an Electric Multi-Year Plan – Case 9655**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved agenda Item A.

	<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 Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**11. Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #04-21 to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021.**

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Deputy Chief Financial Officer Stacey Webster provided a brief overview of the changes to the third Budget Amendment.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 3, 3031 Agenda Item 11

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Councilmember Monique Ashton introduced the Budget Amendment.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to waive the layover period.

	<b>RESULT: 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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Budget Amendment.

	<b>RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
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**12. Police Department Parking Related Citation Fees and Fines**

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Rockville City Chief of Police Vic Brito introduced Deputy Laura Lanham, Lieutenant Jonathan Berry, and Parking and Traffic Enforcement Manager Socrates Yiallourous. Chief Brito provided a review of recommendations from staff for changes, update on the current fines and fees, and comparison to other jurisdictions. Staff requested feedback from Mayor and Council on proposed fines and fees.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions. It would be helpful to chart with other jurisdictions; benchmark and help along the way; and attach the financial management policy.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 3, 2021 Agenda item 12

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### **13. Adoption of a Resolution to Revise the Schedule of Various User and Regulatory Fees for the City of Rockville**

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Community Planning and Development Services Manager John Foreman presented an overview of the staff's recommendations.

During recent FY 2022 Budget Work Sessions, the Mayor and Council have discussed the possibility of increasing development-related fees to address increased costs related to new technology, which directly benefits our customers. In addition, many of these fees have not seen increases in several years and should be adjusted due to the increased cost of providing our services. Since this discussion, staff has evaluated our fees and is recommending an across the-board increase of approximately 2.5 %.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and direction to come back to the Council with minor modifications and information regarding user and regulatory fees.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 3, 2021 Agenda item 13

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### **14. Adoption of a Resolution to Revise the Schedule of Stormwater Management Monetary Contribution Fees**

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Principal Civil Engineer Sean Murphy provided a brief overview of the rates of .5% different from others.

	<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 Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:17 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:28 P.M.**

**15. Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan Work Session**

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Principal Planner Clark Larson provided a presentation and brief overview of the comments from the last Worksession.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

May 3, 2021 Agenda item 15

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

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**A. Action Report**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Action Report.

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

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**A. Future Agendas**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas

**18. Old/New Business**

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The Mayor and Council reviewed Old/New Business.



**19. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 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