



Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 18-22
July 18, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022, in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, and via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob 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. Presentation

A. Presentation of Environmental Excellence Awards

Environmental Commission Chair Clarke Reed, presented a brief overview of the Environmental Excellence Awards. The awards were established to recognize the accomplishments of those who have helped to enhance and sustain the environment and its sustainability.

The Mayor and Council established the Carl Henn Award in 2010 to recognize the outstanding efforts of City residents who help to improve the quality and health of our environment.

Chair Reed, presented Dianne Fasolina the Carl Henn Award for her outstanding level of environmental stewardship including care for Rockville Parks, the Weed Warrior Program, a children's vegetable garden at the Twinbrook Community Center, and providing the Smithsonian National Zoo with bamboo to feed pandas and elephants.

Monica Berger is awarded the Carl Henn Award for outstanding individual environmental stewardship including eliminating invasive plants and the restoration of native plant habitats at Dawson Park. Ms. Berger is a certified weed warrior project leader, created a pollinating garden at Dawson Park, and advocates for habitat restoration.

Environmental Commissioner Ted Stauderman presented to Croydon Creek Nature Center the Environment Excellence for Outstanding Education and Academic Achievement Award for fostering nature appreciation through innovative programs and habitat explorations.

William "Bill" Nickel is awarded the Environment Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Environmental Stewardship Award in recognition of his service for beautifying Cambridge Walk II, for environmental landscaping projects, including the development of rain gardens, and water retention areas along Cambridge Walk.

5. Community Forum

VIRTUAL SPEAKS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Speaker by Phone Donald H. Hadley	No - Agenda Item #6
Speaker by Computer Patrick Woodward	Yes - Agenda Item #7
Written Comments Vincent Russo President, Twinbrook Community Association	Yes - Agenda Item #7
Written Comments Michael S. Dutka	Yes - Agenda Item #7

6. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Zoning Text Amendment Application TXT2019-00254 – to Modify the Requirements for Accessory Buildings and Structures in Residential Zones; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants

Director of Planning and Development Services Ricky Barker, introduced Deputy Zoning Manager, Seth Rivard, who presented the proposed update to the Zoning Text Amendment based on feedback from the May 10, 2021, public hearing.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss the Text Amendment and provide staff with further instructions on changes to the draft ordinance. Staff further recommends that adoption be delayed until Zoning Text Amendment TXT2019-00255, to Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units in Accessory Buildings, has been through the required review process and is ready to be voted on at the same time.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments, and directions to include additional information on the looming effect and height of buildings and bring back before the Mayor and Council at their July 11 meeting.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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7. Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Zoning Text Amendment TXT2019-00255, to Allow for Accessory Dwelling Units in Accessory Buildings on Properties with Single Unit Detached Dwellings; Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicants

Deputy Zoning Manager, Seth Rivard, presented an overview of the Zoning Text Amendment. Three public webinars and one public hearing were held, and this amendment encapsulates the results.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council direct staff to make further changes to the text amendment. Staff further recommends that the Mayor and Council reauthorize Zoning Text Amendment TXT2019-00255 as modified and refer the modified text amendment to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Mayor and Council prior to a formal public hearing.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to direct City staff to take out the Accessory Apartments and bring it back to the Mayor and Council as a separate item.

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

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 8:46 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 8:51 P.M.

8. Discussion and Instructions on Parkland Dedication Requirements, Including Fee-In-Lieu of Dedication and Impact Fees, and a New Program for Contributions of Either Land or Funds for Acquiring or Improving Parkland, and Possible Authorization of Text Amendment for Parkland Dedication and Fee in Lieu of Dedication

Director of Parks and Recreation Tim Chesnutt and Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak, provided a brief overview of the parkland acquisition initiative program and objective.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council discuss and provide instruction on the proposed text amendment and, if changes are not requested, possibly authorize staff to file the application and initiate the public review process. In addition, provide direction on the new program for parkland-related contributions.

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

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to direct staff to include a copy of the draft Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) and Park Impact Fee Ordinance as it brings the ZTA through the review process.

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

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9. Old/New Business

The Mayor and Council agreed to post agendas earlier for public review.

Community Forum and Public hearing speakers list will stay open until noon on the day of the Mayor and Council meeting.

10. Adjournment

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

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