



**Monday, July 19, 2021  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MEETING NO. 30--21  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*  
Attest: *Sara Taylor Ferrell*  
Approved Meeting No. 35-21  
October 4, 2021

**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**

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The Mayor and Council convened in a virtual Open Session at 6:02 p.m., on Monday, July 19, 2021, via Webex.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Deputy City Manager Angela Judge, 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. 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**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 3.

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**4. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments**

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**A. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the reappointment of Alan Frankle to the Board of Appeals to serve a three year term until September 1, 2024.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the new appointment of Brian Rogers to the Cultural Arts Commission to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the reappointment of Clark Reed to the Environment Commission to serve an unexpired one year term as Chair until June 1, 2022.

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|                  | <b>RESULT: 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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the new appointment of Katrina Carter to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Monique Ashton, Councilmember  |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the new appointment of Lauren Lehman to the Human Services Advisory Commission to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Monique Ashton, Councilmember  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember   |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the new appointment of Robin Davidson to the Human Services Advisory Commission to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Monique Ashton, Councilmember  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember   |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the new appointment of John (Jack) Thirolf to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | David Myles, Councilmember   |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b> | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the new appointment of Kirsten Kaplan to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the new appointment of Christopher D. Peck to the Retirement Board to serve an unexpired three year term until April 1, 2024.

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

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the new appointment of Nikhil Bijlani to Rockville Economic Development Inc. (REDI) to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the reappointment of Krishna Kumar to the Senior Citizens Commission to serve a three year term until January 1, 2024.

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

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved the appointment of Emily Bailey to the Traffic and Transportation Commission to serve a three year term until July 1, 2024.

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

## 5. Consent

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### A. Rescinding COVID-19 Wellness Policy for the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Consent item A to rescind the Wellness policy for COVID-19 and follow the federal, state and county law.

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|                      | <b>RESULT: APPROVED [4-1]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>        | Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b>     | Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember  |
| <b>IN FAVOR:</b>     | Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg,<br>Councilmember Pierzchala |
| <b>NOT IN FAVOR:</b> | Councilmember Myles   |

### FURTHER DISCUSSION

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 5A

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### B. Revised Telework Policy: Post-Pandemic Guidelines for the Use of Telework by Employees, When Assigned and Where Appropriate as Determined by Management.

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved Consent item 5B to rescind the approved Telework policy for COVID-19.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to adopt the Telework policy as an interim policy with the appeals process be immediately developed, and added to the policy, and not a part of the PPM.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 5B

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### **C. 2021 Summer and Fall Events Proposal**

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Staff recommends Mayor and Council discuss upcoming 2021 special events and provide direction on recommendations on the Post COVID-19 Pandemic Celebration, September 11 Ceremony, Volunteer Appreciation Party, State of the City, Rocktoberfest, Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show, and Veterans Day Ceremony.

The Mayor and Council agreed on the following questions:

1. Yes to defer Post COVID-19 Pandemic Celebration to the spring;
2. No to defer the Volunteer Appreciation Party to the spring and plan in conjunction with the State of the City;
3. Yes to move Rocktoberfest to RedGate Park; and
4. Yes to proceed with the plan as stated for the 9/11 Ceremony, Car Show, and Veterans Day Ceremony.

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 5C

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**D. Designation of Rock East District**

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Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to designate the Rock East District

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

**E. Approval of Minutes**

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Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved the approval of minutes for April 5, 2021 (Meeting No. 13-21), April 12, 2021 (Meeting No. 14- 21), April 19, 2021 (Meeting No. 15 -21), and April 26, 2021 (Meeting No. 16 - 21).

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

**6. Introduction, and Possible Adoption, of an Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments For Driveway Aprons Constructed in Fiscal Year 2020, Project TC16**

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Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance Gavin Cohen presented an overview of the Ordinance to Levy Special Assessments for Driveway Aprons Constructed in Fiscal Year 2020, Project TC16.

Councilmember Monique Ashton introduced the Ordinance.

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

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to adopt the Ordinance.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 6

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### **7. Introduction, Discussion, and Instruction to Staff on Annexation Agreement (King Buick)**

Director of Community Planning & Development Ricky Barker provided the Mayor and Council with the brief presentation.

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council discuss and provide direction on the proposed contents of the agreement, particularly relating to the proposed parking for the King Farm Farmstead and Moderately-Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs).

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

#### **FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 7

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**8. Briefing on Project Plan PJT2021-00013, 16200 Frederick Road - King Buick, to Permit Up to 371 Total Dwelling Units at 16160/16200 Frederick Road; EYA Development, LLC, Applicant**

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Principal Planner Sachin Kalbag and Jason Sereno of EYA Development, LLC provided a brief presentation of Project Plan PJ2021-00013.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the briefing, ask questions, and provide comments on the proposed development.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 8

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**9. MML 2022 Legislative Action Requests**

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Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran provided the three MML 2022 Legislative Action Requests before the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to work with Ms. Linda Moran on legislative action request items 1 and 2.

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|                  | <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,<br>Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala |

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:01 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:10 P.M.**

**10. Rockville 2040 Comprehensive Plan: Review of Edits and Possible Introduction**

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Principal Planner Clark Larson presented edits and possible introduction of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This review includes written testimony received from the public during the period March 15 to July 2, 2021.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review edits to the draft Comprehensive Plan to ensure that the revised document reflects the direction that the Mayor and Council provided during work sessions.

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

**FURTHER DISCUSSION**

July 19, 2021. Agenda Item 10

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**11. Adjournment**

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

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