

City of Rockville

City Hall
111 Maryland Ave
Rockville, MD 20850

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Anna Taylor Farrell*
Approved Meeting No. 24-23
September 11, 2023



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Meeting No. 23-23

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

Due to the severe inclement weather called for by the National Weather Service, Mayor and Council convened in a Special Virtual Only Open Meeting Session at 7:24 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023, 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 stated that the Woodley Robotics Team Certificates of Recognition was postponed to another date. City Manager, Rob DiSpirito proposed to move the Consent Agenda, Old/New Business, and the 2023 Compensation Commission Resolution up on the agenda.

4. City Manager's Report - NONE

5. Proclamation and Recognition

A. Proclamation Declaring September 2023 as National Recovery Month

Mayor Newton read the proclamation declaring September 2023, as National Recovery Month in Rockville.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the proclamation.

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

6. Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments – NONE

7. Community Forum- NONE

8. Presentations

A. Delegate Vogel 2023 State Legislative Session Wrap-Up Presentation

Delegate Joe Vogel provided a summary of his committee and legislative initiatives during the 2023 Maryland Legislative session.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by the Delegate Vogel and staff.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments and support.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

August 7, 2023, Agenda item 8.

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B. Update on the Rockville Villages Program

City of Rockville Villages Facilitator, Trish Evans provided a summary and brief update on the Rockville Villages program.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by Ms. Evans.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments and support.

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C. Annual Report from Rockville Housing Enterprises.

Executive Director, Rockville Housing Enterprises, Jessica Anderson provided a summary to Mayor and Council of the Rockville Housing Enterprises 2023 Annual Report.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by Ms. Evans.

The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments and support.

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9. Consent Agenda

- A. Award, and authorize the City Manager to Execute, contracts responsive to IFB #01-22 for Water Main Rehabilitation Program, Water Meter Replacement and Emergency Utility Repairs as follows: Crown Construction Services, Inc. and Sagres Construction Corp. both of Alexandria, Virginia, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$18,850,000.00 for water main rehabilitation services; Mid-Atlantic Utilities, Inc. of Carlisle, Pennsylvania in an amount not to exceed \$5,624,025.00 for water meter replacement services; Bright Masonry Inc. dba Bright Construction Group of Fairfax, Virginia, W.F. Wilson & Sons, Inc. of Elkridge, Maryland, and Humphrey & Son, Inc. of Laurel, Maryland, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for emergency utility repair services for a term through December 31, 2024, with authority for the Purchasing Agent to exercise an option to extend for a period of an additional 12 months, and four annual renewals within annual not-to-exceed amounts of \$18,850,000.00 for water main rehabilitation services, \$5,624,025.00 for water meter replacement services, and \$1,500,000 for emergency utility repair services.**
- B. Award, and authorize the City Manager to execute, a contract with Lighting Maintenance, Inc. of Harmans, Maryland for Invitation for Bid (IFB) #16-23 LED Streetlight Conversion Project - Phase I, in an amount not to exceed \$1,042,950.00, for LED streetlight conversion services.**
- C. Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Storm Drain Easement on Lot 6, Block A, Washington National Pike Industrial Park Subdivision, Associated with 2 Research Place Life Sciences Project**
- D. Approval and authorization to execute four new easements and one release to extinguish an existing easement associated with the 22 West Jefferson Street redevelopment.**
- E. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Maryland State Arts Council Grant Agreement for Grants for Organizations for City-Managed Arts Programs.**
- F. Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Grant Agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) in the Amount of \$199,930 to fund tree planting at RedGate Park.**
- G. Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

August 7, 2023, Agenda item 9.

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10. Public Hearing – NONE

11. Introduction, Discussion and Instruction, Possible Adoption

A. Adopt a Resolution to confirm the 2023 Compensation Commission Report

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala introduced the resolution.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to waive the layover period.

	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 Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Resolution to confirm the 2023 Compensation Commission Revised Report with Errata.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

August 7, 2023, Agenda item 11.

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- 12. Other - NONE
- 13. Review and Comment - Action Report - NONE
- 14. Future Agendas - Reference

A. Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

August 7, 2023, Agenda item 14.

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15. Old/New Business

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved to authorize the City Manager to execute on behalf of the Mayor and Council, a settlement agreement in connection with pending litigation being handled by the City's insurance carrier, The Local Government Insurance Trust.

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

FURTHER DISCUSSION

August 7, 2023, Agenda item 15.

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16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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