

**City of Rockville Report**  
**Rockville Economic Development, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 25, 2024**

**April 8, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting**

**FY25 Budget Worksession: Operating Expenditures**

The Mayor and Council held an FY25 budget worksession focused on operating expenditures. The FY25 Proposed Budget expenditures total \$168.9 million, a 7.4 percent increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. The FY 2025 proposed budget focuses on the ongoing implementation of adopted plans, including the Comprehensive Plan, the Climate Action Plan, the Vision Zero Action Plan, community safety and policing, and economic development. Staff presented an overview of citywide operating expenditures, outlays by department, caregiver grants, and community organization grants. The worksession provided greater insight into the major expenditure areas, departmental highlights, and grant recommendations for FY 2025. The Mayor and Council discussed, asked questions, shared comments, and provided direction to staff on the FY25 Proposed Operating budget. The FY25 REDI appropriation included in the FY25 Proposed Budget was approved at \$1.4 million.

**FY25 Budget Public Hearing #3**

The Mayor and Council held a budget public hearing. Residents and stakeholders attended the meeting and shared comments relating to City programs, services, and grants to caregivers and outside agencies. The budget public hearing record closed on April 12, 2024.

**April 15, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting**

**Public Hearing on Project Plan Application Rockshire Village Center Request to Amend the Rockshire Planned Development**

This project plan amendment application would construct a total of 60 dwelling units, including 31 single-unit detached dwellings and 29 townhouses, up to 5,200 square feet of commercial and office use, and a neighborhood park at 2401 Wootton Parkway. The Mayor and Council held a public hearing for this application. Staff and the applicant made presentations followed by public testimony. Four members of the public offered testimony. One person was supportive of the project, while the others sought clarification on the proposed electrical appliances, proposed Hurley Avenue streetscape, Rockshire HOA covenants, and the maintenance party responsible for the proposed public spaces including the neighborhood park, commercial/office building, parking lots, streets and alleys. At the public hearing, the applicant committed to working with City staff to include an electric vehicle (EV) charging station on-site and making each residential unit EV-ready. The Mayor and Council rescheduled the Discussion and Instruction for the project plan application to April 29, 2024. Possible adoption of this project plan application is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2024.

**FY25 Budget Worksession: Capital Improvements Program**

The Mayor and Council held an FY25 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) worksession. Staff provided an overview of the city's CIP, and the FY25 CIP budget, including highlights of capital projects by program area. Staff shared the recommended changes between the proposed and adopted budget. The Mayor and Council discussed the changes to the proposal. They approved the advancement of several large capital projects, including improvements to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, ongoing conversion to LED streetlights, improvements to the David Scull Park, renovation of the Maintenance and Emergency Operations Facility at 6 Taft Court, and implementation of the master plan for RedGate Park and Arboretum. This was the final of three worksessions. Budget adoption is scheduled for May 6, 2024.

## **Upcoming Mayor and Council Meeting:**

**April 29, 2024**

- Introduction and Discussion of an Ordinance to Retitle and Amend Chapter 5 of the Rockville City Code Entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations,” by Adopting with Certain Additions, Deletions and Amendments the ICC International Building Code.
- Presentation of the Climate Action Plan Update
- Discussion and Possible Approval of Recreation and Parks Sponsorship Policy