

APPROVED: MEETING NO. 33-86

ATTEST: *Carol A. Kachadoorian*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 23-86

May 27, 1986

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, May 27, 1986, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Steven Van Grack

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James F. Coyle

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Richard V. Robinson; City Clerk Helen M. Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Certificate of Appreciation to Helen Heneghan

On motion of Councilman Hartogensis, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Mayor and Council presented to Helen Heneghan, City Clerk for the City of Rockville for the past 12 1/2 years, a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding services and contribution to the City.

Re: Appointment of City Clerk

Councilman Hartogensis moved, duly seconded by Councilman Coyle, to appoint Carol A. Kachadoorian as City Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilman Duncan stated his disagreement with the process used to hire the new City Clerk. He also disagreed with having the City Clerk

report to the City Manager rather than the Mayor and Council. He felt the Mayor and Council in using the process that they did, abdicated their responsibilities to provide for checks and balance of powers between the City Manager, the Mayor and Council and the Clerk. He questioned whether a charter change granting the City Manager the power to hire and fire the Clerk would be necessary. Paul Glasgow, City Attorney, verified a Charter change would be necessary for the City Manager to have the powers to hire and fire the Clerk. Councilman Abrams felt that Councilman Duncan's interpretation of the Charter was overly ridged and stated that he expected the Clerk to be an independent voice to the Mayor and Council. Councilman Coyle stated he felt that the change presented an opportunity to reorganize the work of the City Clerk's office and he therefore expressed his support for the approach. Mayor Van Grack noted that each member of the Mayor and Council has a right to express disagreement with decisions made by that body. He further noted that the City Manager reports to the Mayor and Council and thus all staff are responsible to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Hartogensis' motion passed, with Mayor Van Grack and Councilmembers Abrams, Coyle and Hartogensis voting aye and Councilman Duncan abstaining.

Re: Public Hearing:
Proposed Operating
Budget, Capital
Improvements Program and
Use of Federal Revenue
Sharing Funds

The Mayor and Council continued the Public Hearing on the FY 1987 Budget which was begun on Monday, May 12 and reconvened on Tuesday, May 27, 1986. The City Clerk verified that the hearing had been properly

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advertised. The City Attorney noted for the record that adoption of the budget ordinance would take place no earlier than 9 p.m. on June 9, 1986.

The Mayor and Council continued the public hearing on the FY 1987 Operating Budget and heard those persons, as will be found in official stenographic transcript of the hearing with the record to be held open until June 6, 1986.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in general session, the meeting was closed for executive session in order to consult with legal counsel.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, June 2, 1986, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.