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## Mayor &amp; Council Action Report

Ref. #	Meeting Date	Staff/ Dep	Response Method	Direction to Staff / Action Taken / Status	Estimated Completion date
MC-2014-1 (formerly MC-2013-31)	1/27/14	CMO	Memo	<b>Neighborhood Communication Initiative</b> Work with Councilmember Moore to proceed with the initiative funded in the FY14 budget. <b>Status: Staff provided information to the Mayor and Council in May and discussed with Councilmember Moore in August. Staff will prepare follow up material for the Mayor and Council based on Councilmember Moore's feedback.</b>	November 2014
MC-2014-4 (formerly FA-2013-3)	2/24/14	DPW / Police	Email	<b>Pedestrian and Traffic Safety</b> Work with the State to address resident concerns about pedestrian and traffic safety at Maryland Avenue and Great Falls Road and at the Falls Road interchange of I-270. <b>Status: The Mayor and Council discussed a staff presentation about safety at the two areas on February 24, 2014. Staff will continue to coordinate with SHA and report back to the Mayor and Council on progress made on the following items:</b> 1) SHA study of improvements to the Falls Road lanes at its signal with the I-270 interchange to reduce confusion, <b>Status: As of October 8, 2014, SHA has agreed to go ahead and refresh the existing lane marking as an interim step before the end of the year.</b> 2) SHA consultant review of improvements to the I-270 northbound exit ramp on Falls Road toward Rockville, <b>Status: The study for the realignment of the northbound I-270 off ramp is due from the consultant at the end of October 2014. On November 10, 2014, SHA advised that the consultant hopes to complete the study by the end of November.</b>	TBD  TBD
MC-2014-6	5/19/14	HR	Memo and report	<b>Vacancy Report</b> Design a report on vacancies to be shared with the Mayor and Council quarterly. <b>Status: The first quarter FY2015 Vacancy Report was discussed by the Mayor and Council on October 27, 2014. The second quarter report will be scheduled for a Mayor and Council meeting in late January.</b>	1/26/15
MC-2014-14 (formerly FA-2014-19)	8/11/14	R&P / DPW	Future agenda	<b>Discussion of Deer Management in the City</b> <b>Status: A presentation was provided at the Mayor and Council meeting on September 22, 2014. Staff will provide more information on the results of the two spaying programs underway in this region as soon as they are available. Education for the public on protecting themselves from Lyme Disease will continue and Dr. Becker will be invited to share information with the City about deer management.</b>	TBD
MC-2014-15	10/20/14	DPW	Email / TWTW	<b>Street Configurations</b> Provide information on the decision-making process for street parking and bike lanes, with specific reference to N. Washington Street, north of Beall Avenue.	11/21/14

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ref. #	Meeting Date	Staff/ Dep	Response Method	Direction to Staff / Action Taken / Status	Estimated Agenda Item date
FA-2013-2	4/8/13	CPDS	Future Agendas	<b>Zoning Ordinance, Mansionization and Master Plan Discussion (formerly FA-2013-10). Status: Mansionization was discussed by the Mayor and Council on October 20, 2014, and staff will schedule an agenda item in the near future to continue this conversation.</b>	1/5/15
FA-2013-7	4/22/13	CMO / CPDS	Agenda item	<b>Town Center Parking</b> Brief the Mayor and Council on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends in parking requirements and practices in development projects in downtowns similar to Rockville</li> <li>• Usage and management of parking garages and lots in Town Center</li> <li>• Information sharing with the public about parking options in Town Center, including wayfinding</li> <li>• Availability of Handicap Parking</li> <li>• Expand discussion to include Transit Area parking (to include areas such as Twinbrook)</li> </ul>	TBD
FA-2013-9	5/6/13	Finance	Agenda item	<b>Discussion of Supplemental Employee Contributions (SEC)</b> <b>Status: At the meeting on September 15, 2014, the Mayor and Council directed staff to schedule a discussion of SEC, to include a briefing from the Financial Advisory Board, on the agenda preferably before the start of the FY2016 budget process.</b>	12/15/14
FA-2013-11	6/10/13	R&P	Agenda item	<b>Discuss the City's Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance</b> <b>Status: Forestry staff drafted amendments to the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance (FTPO) and is sharing them internally for review and comments. Proposed amendments to the FTPO will be included on a Mayor and Council agenda after the new year.</b>	January / February 2015
FA-2013-12 (formerly MC-2013-28)	7/15/13	CPDS	Agenda item	<b>Historic Designation Procedures</b> Discuss potential changes to the City's approach to the historic designation of properties. Consider cataloging and ranking the City's undesignated properties; designating several highest ranked properties per year; and using the ranking in evaluating proposals for designation and reviewing demolition permits. <b>Status: On November 3, the Mayor and Council supported the recommendation to remove the procedural step called the "Authorization to File." A Zoning Text Amendment to make that change is on the Mayor and Council's January 5, 2015 agenda. The Mayor and Council also supported the recommendation to establish a proactive historic designation program. Staff will provide a memo with more information about a proposed program by December 5, to be followed by a discussion at a Mayor and Council meeting with Peerless Rockville and the Historic District Commission.</b>	1/5/15

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FA-2013-17	11/18/13	City Clerk	Future agenda	<p><b>Proposal for a Voting Task Force</b> Prepare a proposal for a new Task Force to explore increasing voter turn out. Include a discussion on possible benefits of holding open primaries for County and State elections, as a means to increase voter turnout.</p> <p><b>Status: The Mayor and Council requested that this be scheduled in September. Due to the City Clerk vacancy, staff suggests that this item be delayed until the Clerk's office is at full staffing again. As a first step, the Montgomery County Task Force on Voting Rights just completed its report. The full report is available on line at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/132p4xj">http://tinyurl.com/132p4xj</a>. The summary of 59 recommendations in the Task Force Report has been provided.</b></p>	TBD
FA-2014-1	2/10/14	CMO	Future agenda	<p><b>Guidelines for Supporting Events</b> Discuss guidelines for decisions about using City funds to support events (e.g., purchase a table at a fund raising event).</p> <p><b>Status: This was discussed by the Mayor and Council on November 10, 2014, and no follow up was requested.</b></p>	Complete
FA-2014-2	2/10/14	Finance	Future Agenda	<p><b>MFD Purchasing Programs</b> Receive a presentation on purchasing programs that support women, disabled and minority-owned businesses.</p> <p><b>Status: At the Mayor and Council meeting on October 20, 2014, staff was directed to establish a framework for an informal MFD program with specific program goals, objectives and strategies, including a schedule of events to participate in, to be submitted to the Mayor and Council by February 1, 2015.</b></p>	2/1/15
FA-2014-4	2/24/14	CMO	Future agenda	<p><b>Ombudsman/Citizen Advocate</b> The Communication Task Force and Citizen Implementation Committee reports referenced an ombudsman/inspector general in the context of the development review process. Staff provided information about previous discussions to the Mayor and Council on September 15, 2014. The Mayor and Council discussed an ombudsman/citizen advocate role on November 3, 2014. As a next step, Mayor Newton will share with the Councilmembers examples of this type of role from other local governments. The Mayor and Council will advise staff if another agenda item should be scheduled at a future date.</p>	TBD
FA-2014-10	5/5/14	CPDS	TWTW	<p><b>Rockville Pike Plan</b> Incorporate Mayor and Council review into future agendas</p> <p><b>Status: The Mayor and Council confirmed dates for public hearings and worksessions which appear in the Future Agendas. Staff is looking for a date for an additional non-Monday public hearing. The Mayor and Council held a walking town meeting on November 1, 2014. Once the currently scheduled public hearings are complete, staff will check with the Mayor and Council on whether they want to have one more public hearing on a non-Monday evening.</b></p>	Fall 2014
FA-2014-13	6/21/14	CPDS	Future agenda	<p><b>Adequate Public Facilities Standards (APFS)</b> Schedule an agenda item to discuss the APFS.</p> <p><b>Status: The Mayor and Council will discuss this topic on November 17, 2014. A public</b></p>	11/17/14

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				<b>hearing is scheduled for January 5, 2015 and adoption of any agreed upon changes to the APFS is scheduled for January 26, 2015.</b>	
FA-2014-14	6/21/14	DPW / CPDS	Future agenda	<b>Reduction of Commercial Vacancies</b> Initiative to reduce long-term commercial vacancies by adjusting trip generation for vacant parcels. <b>Status: Staff is gathering information and will prepare a memorandum on this topic for the Mayor and Council.</b>	<b>12/5/14</b>
FA-2014-15	6/21/14	Police	Future agenda	<b>Animal Control Ordinance</b> Schedule a discussion on modifications and additions to the Animal Control Ordinance to include changes in the current fee structure, feral cat vaccinations, licensing of domestic cats, farm animal ownership and changes in dog tethering/leash rules and regulations. <b>Status: This was discussed at the Mayor and Council meeting on October 13, 2014 and will come back for further discussion at an upcoming meeting, including a Public Hearing. Councilmember Palakovich Carr hosted a Town Hall meeting on October 21, 2014 at City Hall. The Animal Matters Board reviewed the draft Ordinance on November 4, 2014. Staff anticipates that the Mayor and Council will introduce an Animal Control Ordinance before the end of the year.</b>	<b>12/15/14</b>
FA-2014-17	6/21/14	R&P	Future agenda	<b>Senior Initiative</b> Provide an update on the Inventory of Senior Services funded in the FY15 budget <b>Status: Staff is preparing an RFP for a firm to conduct a Senior Needs Assessment and Service Gap Analysis. Staff anticipates awarding a contract to a consulting firm by March 2015 and reporting results of the study to Mayor and Council in September 2015. An update on the status of the Mayor and Council's other priorities for the term was provided to the Mayor and Council on November 7, 2014, and a copy is attached to the Action Report as Attachment 1.</b>	<b>Complete</b>
FA-2014-18	8/11/14	Legal / City Clerk	Future agenda	<b>Mayor and Council Rules and Procedures</b> Review suggested changes to the Rules and Procedures <b>Status: The Mayor and Council began a discussion of Councilmember Moore's proposed changes on November 3, 2014, and will continue the discussion on January 5, 2015.</b>	<b>1/5/15</b>
FA-2014-21	8/11/14	DPW / CPDS	Future agenda	<b>Pumphrey Funeral Home – Parking Issues</b> Schedule an agenda item to discuss possible options to alleviate parking concerns for Pumphrey's and its neighbors.	<b>TBD</b>
FA-2014-22	Email	R&P	Future agenda	<b>Smoking in Outdoor Spaces</b> <b>Status: The City Manager shared a memo with the Mayor and Council by email on September 2, 2014. At the request of the Mayor and Council, this item will be scheduled for late 2014 or early 2015. This issue was discussed by the Recreation and Park Advisory Board at the meeting on September 25, 2014, and October 23, 2014. Staff will bring the Advisory Board's recommendations to the Mayor and Council for discussion.</b>	<b>January 2015</b>
FA-2014-23	9/8/11	R&P	Future agenda	<b>King Farm Farmstead – Next Steps</b> <b>Status: Repair to the ground hog damage on the property is underway and a firm is</b>	<b>11/24/14</b>

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				under contract for the hazardous materials survey. This topic will be included on the November 24, 2014 Mayor and Council agenda for another update and discussion of next steps. The HDC did not approve a staff request for demolition of the Hay Barn and Dairy Barn connectors on September 18, 2014. On October 16, 2014, HDC rejected our request to reconsider the request for demolition.	
FA-2014-24	9/8/11	CMO	Future agenda	Worksession on Bus Rapid Transit with Montgomery County and City of Gaithersburg <b>Status:</b> This worksession has been scheduled for December 3, 2014 at 7 pm at City Hall. An update on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was provided November 10, 2014.	12/3/14
FA-2014-25	9/8/11	CPDS	Future agenda	<b>East Rockville Neighborhood Plan</b> Examine the status of two recommendations from the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan to use landscape buffers and other means to transition between the neighborhood and industrial areas; and assess the feasibility of a mixed-use transitional industrial area in the Southlawn Industrial area of East Rockville. <b>Status:</b> At the meeting on October 27, 2014, the Mayor and Council directed staff to complete a detailed study of the Southlawn industrial area to assess the feasibility of implementing a mixed-use, transitional area in order to reduce the impacts of industrial properties on the East Rockville community. As a next step, staff will determine if the study will be conducted internally or by an outside consultant.	TBD
FA-2014-26	9/15/14	DPW	Future agenda	<b>Vision Zero</b> Discuss adopting a Vision Zero policy (no loss of life is acceptable) as a guideline for street design in the City, and consider as the City reviews Rockville's Pike Plan. This vision emphasizes priority of pedestrians over traffic.	TBD
FA-2014-27	9/15/14	R&P	Future agenda	<b>Senior Center Membership</b> Discussion on lowering the age requirement for Senior Center membership.	Winter 2015
FA-2014-28	9/22/14	Legal / DPW	Future agenda	<b>Styrofoam Ban</b> Monitor Montgomery County's consideration of Bill 41-14 to prohibit certain polystyrene food service products by food service businesses. If adopted, consider having it apply in the City of Rockville. <b>Status:</b> The County Council introduced Bill 41-14 on September 9, 2014. A public hearing was held on October 14, 2014. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee held a committee meeting on this bill on October 30, 2014.	TBD
FA-2014-29	9/22/14	CPDS	Future agenda	<b>Management Fee for Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE)</b> Discuss RHE receiving a fee for managing Fireside apartments that could assist with covering other financial needs of RHE. <b>Status:</b> RHE is preparing a formal request for a management fee to send to the Mayor and Council. Staff expects to receive this request by November 15, 2014. Upon receiving that request, staff will prepare information for a Mayor and Council discussion of the request.	TBD
FA-2014-30	9/22/14	City Clerk	Future agenda	<b>Boards and Commissions</b> Discuss term limits for Boards and Commission members	11/21/14

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				<b>Status: Staff compiled information from previous discussions to share with the Mayor and Council and is now researching the approach to Board and Commission term limits in Gaithersburg, Frederick and Takoma Park.</b>	
FA-2014-32	9/22/14	CPDS	Future agenda	<b>Maximum Expansion Limits (MEL)</b> Review and discuss the City's Maximum Expansion Limits.	TBD
FA-2014-33	9/22/14	DPW / HR	Memo	<b>Insurance for Water Line Breaks and Sewer Backups</b> Examine options for City-provided insurance to cover damage from water line breaks and sewer backups that are not covered by homeowners insurance. <b>Status: The City Manager provided information regarding insurance coverage for damage from water line breaks and sewer backups to the Mayor and Council on October 31, 2014. At the meeting on November 10, 2014, the Mayor and Council asked staff to follow up, as outlined below:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ask our State Delegation for a status update regarding the response to the 2011 Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) study related to the existence and scope of homeowner's insurance coverage for loss from the discharge of water from a plumbing system, including a discharge from a water main break.</b></li> <li>• <b>How many of the 57 sewer backups and 2 water main breaks were repeats at the same address?</b></li> <li>• <b>For those locations, what has the City done to repair or address any problems to avoid another re-occurrence?</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide more information about the criteria that LGIT uses in considering whether to deny or accept a claim.</b></li> <li>• <b>Consider increasing the maximum good-will payment from \$2,500 to \$10,000.</b></li> </ul>	TBD
FA-2014-34	9/22/14	DPW / CPDS	Future agenda	<b>Undergrounding Utilities</b> Discuss undergrounding of utilities in Rockville and include it in the discussion of the Rockville Pike Plan. <b>Status: At the meeting on October 27, 2014, the Mayor and Council directed staff to invite Jerry Pasternak, Vice President, Pepco Region to a Mayor and Council meeting in the context of discussion of the Rockville Pike Plan. Staff reached out to Mr. Pasternak on November 3, 2014 to invite him to a Mayor and Council meeting.</b>	November / December 2014
FA-2014-35	9/22/14	DPW	Future agenda	<b>Energy Rating</b> Discuss the feasibility of an energy score rating system for buildings that would encourage energy efficiency updates. As a first step, ask the Environment Commission to examine similar programs in other municipalities. <b>Status: A memorandum was attached to the October 20, 2014 Action Report. On November 6, 2014, the City is partnering with Montgomery County to co-host a free introductory workshop at Glenview Mansion on Montgomery County's new energy benchmarking legislation, including the tools available for energy benchmarking. The Mayor and Council directed staff to schedule a future agenda item. A Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection representative has agreed to make a</b>	TBD

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				<b>presentation to the Mayor and Council on the County's energy benchmarking bill, including an analysis of properties affected if it were to apply in Rockville.</b>	
FA-2014-36	9/22/14	City Clerk	Future agenda	<b>Voter Guide</b> Discuss the feasibility of a City Voter Guide distributed to all households for City elections. <b>Status: The City Manager provided information about developing a Voter Guide to the Mayor and Council on October 31, 2014.</b>	<b>Complete</b>
FA-2014-37	10/13/14	Finance	Future agenda	<b>Utility Billing</b> Discussion of concerns regarding Govolution, the City's online utility billing system. <b>Status: Staff has identified an improved product for online utility billing and is preparing information to share with the Mayor and Council.</b>	<b>11/30/14</b>
FA-2014-38	10/13/14	Finance	Future agenda	<b>Purchasing Function</b> Draft a scope of services for a consultant to review the City's Purchasing function and schedule it on an upcoming agenda for Mayor and Council review. Work with Councilmember Feinberg to develop the content and format of an annual purchasing report to be provided within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year.	<b>TBD</b>
FA-2014-39 (formerly MC-2014-17)	11/10/14 (original 11/3/14)	R&P	Future agenda	<b>Naming Rights Policy</b> Schedule an agenda item to discuss a Naming Rights Policy proposed by the Recreation and Parks Board and discussed with Rockville Seniors, Inc.	<b>Winter 2015</b>
FA-2014-40	11/10/14	CMO	Future agenda	<b>Voting Policy</b> Schedule an agenda item to discuss a policy to require Mayor and Councilmembers to recuse themselves in votes associated with a business or organization that has provided them a campaign contribution.	<b>TBD</b>

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED / CLOSED OUT**

FA-2014-20	8/11/14	R&P / DPW	Future agenda	<b>Discussion of Mosquito Control in the City</b> <b>Status: Information was provided in The Week That Was on October 23, 2014 and was attached to the Action Report for November 3, 2014.</b>	<b>Complete</b>
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**Mayor and Council Priority Initiatives  
Status Update  
November 2014**

These items were identified at the Mayor and Council retreat as already underway or planned to be underway in the shorter term. They were categorized as “Make it so” and “It will happen” and appear on page 22 of the draft Mayor and Council Retreat report.

<b>“Make it so” Items</b>	<b>Status</b>
Calculate the impact of the City budget on average residents household as part of the budgeting process	Completed during the FY15 budget worksessions
Revise City ordinance on tethering, Require licensing of cats to ensure rabies vaccinations, Adopt a trap and return spaying program for feral cats	Proposed amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance discussed by Mayor and Council on October 6. A town hall meeting was held October 21. Animal Matters Board discussed it on 11/4/14. Introduction of amended ordinance is expected by the end of the calendar year.
<b>“It will happen” Items</b>	<b>Status</b>
Discuss moving elections to the presidential election	Completed during spring 2014 meetings
Decide what we might want to bond sooner rather than later	One bond ordinance was adopted on 8/11/14. Option of bonding King Farm Farmstead items was discussed on 8/11/14. Bonding of Capital projects was discussed during the FY15 budget worksessions and planned for discussion in upcoming FY16 budget worksessions.
Continue respect and agree to disagree	
One-on-one relationship building with County Councilmembers	Council President Craig Rice attended the May 5 Mayor and Council meeting. All County Councilmembers invited to a joint meeting with the Rockville and Gaithersburg Councils to discuss BRT on 12/3/14.
Advocate for MCPS to build RMES #5 at full size	Conducted during the 2014 state legislative session. Included on the City’s list of priorities for the 2015 State session and on City’s list of 2015 County legislative and policy priorities. Testimony preparation underway for the Board of Education FY16 budget hearings.
Have a Public Hearing/Town Meeting to hear resident input on potential Charter Changes	Completed spring 2014
Have some great fireworks	2014 event completed. Discussions underway with the King Farm neighborhood about potentially relocating to Mattie Stepanek Park for July 4, 2015.

<b>“It will happen” Items</b>	<b>Status</b>
Listservs	Memo on neighborhood listservs provided in June 2014. Follow up conversation held with CM Moore and additional work underway to share with the Mayor and Council in November.
Make Rockville Pool fixes and F. Scott fixes a priority	<p>Projects included in the CIP with funding provided through the bond ordinance approved on 8/11/14.</p> <p><u>Swim and Fitness Center</u></p> <p>1a) Design is complete for South Pool project. Preparing a project update and award of contract for Mayor and Council approval. Work planned from April 2015 through the 2015 summer season.</p> <p>1b) A comprehensive Facility Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Study is almost complete and will be distributed to the Mayor and Council. Information and funding plan will be incorporated into the CIP for discussion with Mayor and Council this spring.</p> <p><u>F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Improvements</u></p> <p>ADA Parking Lot – A firm was identified for design and construction. Next step is to complete parking lot design.</p>

These items were established as the Mayor and Council’s priority initiatives for the current term. They are summarized beginning on page 23 of the draft Mayor and Council Retreat report.

<b>Priority Initiative</b>	<b>Status</b>
Finalize Rockville Pike Plan	The Planning Commission told the Mayor and Council that it would welcome comments to assist the Planning Commission in completing its draft. The final draft and a briefing were provided to Mayor and Council. Town hall meeting/open house, walking town meeting, two worksessions and two public hearings completed. Next worksessions and public hearings scheduled for Nov. 17 and Dec 8. A non-Monday public hearing may be added at the end.
Begin Work on Town Center Phase Two	MOU signed between City and property owners to provide support for addressing sewer capacity. Redevelopment of 275 N. Wash. St underway (Bank of America). Site Plan application for 285 N. Wash. St approved (Brightview – Town Center). Site Plan application for 255 N. Wash. St approved (Kettler). Update on the Maryland/Dawson Ave Extended CIP project was shared with Mayor and Council the week of 10/27/14.

Priority Initiative	Status
Streamline the Development Review Process	Convened a Site Plan Improvement Group (SPIG) that submitted a final report to City Manager outlining a new unified and simplified approach to development review. Focus groups to get input from development review process users are scheduled for the first week of November. Next steps are to develop a plan for implementation and brief Mayor and Council.
Evaluate Senior Services	Preparing an RFP for a firm to conduct a Senior Needs Assessment and Service Gap Analysis. Anticipate award to consulting firm by March 2015 and report to Mayor and Council in September 2015.
Settle King Farm Farmstead	Comprehensive condition assessment completed and presented to Mayor and Council and Historic District Commission. Work to address the groundhog infestation and to assess hazardous materials in all the buildings underway. Update to the Mayor and Council scheduled for 11/24/14.
Streamline the Forestry Ordinance	Streamlining of the development review processes was addressed in the Site Plan Improvement Group (SPIG) report. Staff is outlining recommended changes to the FTPO in order to help further streamline the process for discussion with Mayor and Council this winter.
Accelerate tree trimming efforts	Additional \$47,000 included in the FY15 adopted budget. Brings the estimated pruning cycle from 19 yrs in FY14 down to 17 yrs in FY15. Four tree care contractors have been pruning since July 1. Approximately 13 streets have been completed to date. Pruning is planned in the Fallsmead, Glenora Hills and Montrose neighborhoods through the remainder of the calendar year.
Expand use of renewable energy	<p>The City is now at 100% renewable energy through the purchase of wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). City was No. 26 on the U.S. EPA's top 30 Local Government list of the largest green power users in July.</p> <p>Received a COG leadership award for the City's Energy and Green Building initiatives in October.</p> <p>Co-hosting an Introductory Forum on Montgomery County's Energy Benchmarking Law on 11/6/14.</p> <p>The FY15/FY16 electricity supply contract was awarded and is estimated to provide a cost reduction of \$41,943 per year or \$87,000 over the life of the contract, depending on the actual kWh usage.</p>

<b>Priority Initiative</b>	<b>Status</b>
Expand use of renewable energy (cont.)	When Montgomery County completes contract negotiations for the purchase of electricity from solar photovoltaic systems hosted on County facilities, City staff will work with contractor and County staff on feasibility of solar canopies at City facilities.
Reinstate walking town meetings	Walking town meeting held in the North Farm neighborhood on June 30 and in Potomac Woods on Oct. 18. First spring 2015 meeting tentatively planned for Twinbrook. This winter staff will get from Mayor and Council other neighborhoods to target in 2015 and begin scheduling.
Discuss term limits for Boards and Commissions	Staff is compiling information on previous discussions of this topic for Mayor and Council as a first step.
Update Charter language regarding GLBT non-discrimination	Completed. Mayor and Council amended the City Charter to add several prohibitions against discrimination in employment effective July 22, 2014.
Implement an award program for saving money in the delivery of City services	Summer intern conducted research on awards and held focus groups with employees. Next step is to use the research and input to design a program to implement in calendar 2015.
Examine maximum expansion limits and annexations	This will be discussed with the Planning Commission in the context of the overall master plan update process.
Explore pilot trolley/streetcar program	Mayor Newton and staff discussed programs with Rich Gold and Jeff Boothe from Holland & Knight. Conversation continued in the context of the BRT update at the Sept. 8 Mayor and Council meeting
Develop a small business grant program	Mayor and Council discussed during FY15 budget worksessions. No funds were included in the adopted budget. Discussed the value of clearly identifying the specific goals of the grant program before funding and designing a program.