

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5

Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Ward 3

Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1

Greg Barnes, Ward 1

Danny Schaible, Ward 2

Emily Strab, Ward 2

Gopi Dhokai, Ward 3

Edouard Haba, Ward 4

Michelle Lee, Ward 4

Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator

Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **The meeting came to order at 7:02 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Moment of Silence for Sam Gorham**
4. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimously.**
5. **Approval of Minutes** **Approved, Unanimously.**

4.a. 2026-273 Approval of Minutes

I move the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- April 22, 2026

- April 27, 2026

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Minutes_April 27 2026, Minutes_April 22 2026

5. **Public Comment (7:10 PM - 7:20 PM) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**

Public comments sent electronically can be found at the end of this summary.

6. **City Administrator Update (7:20 PM - 7:40 PM)**

7. **Presentations (7:40 PM - 8:10 PM)**

7.a. **2026-258 Formula 2040: Function Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space (M-NCPPC)**

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments: Hyattsville Community Meeting_Formula 2040

8. **Proclamations Approved, Unanimously.**

8.a. **2026-276 National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation**

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing June 5, 2026 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM 0526 National Gun Violence Awareness Day 2026

9. **Appointments Approved, Unanimously.**

9.a. **2026-274 Appointments to the Common Ownership Community Advisory Committee**

I move the Mayor and Council approve the appointments of Council President Joseph Solomon and Council Vice President Kareem Redmond as Council Liaisons to the Common Ownership Community Advisory Committee and appoint Mikhail Flom (Ward 2), Saswathi Natta (Ward 3), Kristan Skendall (Ward 2), Kaitlyn Kyle (Ward 5), Leonard Peacock (Ward 3), Diasia Ellerbee (Ward 3), and Zaneeta Daver (Ward 3) as members to the Common Ownership Community Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to end on May 26,

2028.

Sponsors: Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Daver Redac Application, Ellerbee Redac Application, Flom Redac Application, Kyle W5 Redac 5.19.26 Application, Natta Redac Application, Peacock Redac Application, Skendall Redac Application

10. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.) Approved, Unanimously.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature, and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Mayor/Council request specific items be removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

10.a. 2026-253 Second Agreement between WMATA and HPD for Overtime

I move Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a second agreement between the City of Hyattsville and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for secondary employment for HPD officers, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police

Attachments: WMATA and hyattsville2026

10.b. 2026-262 Award of Stormwater Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Contract

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with NZI Construction, Inc. for stormwater infrastructure improvements throughout the City, utilizing a rider on Prince George's County contract 965-H(G)C. The agreement amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 dollars will be for the same terms, conditions, and period of performance, including all extensions as issued by Prince George's County, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: 965-H(G)C NZI Construction Stormwater Repair and Replacement Program, Bid Tabulation 965, 965 NOI NZI Construction_ (part 1) - signed

10.c. 2026-272 Disbursement of Mayor Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$200 of FY26 Mayoral discretionary funds to support the City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council's initiative to

install "988" signage throughout the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Prioritized YAC Recommendations 988 Signage

10.d. 2026-255 Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 of FY26 Ward 1 discretionary funds to support a Pride event hosted by the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA.

Sponsors: Joanne Waszczak, Councilmember, Greg Barnes, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.e. 2026-256 Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$300 of FY26 Ward 1 discretionary funds to Arrow Bicycle to support the purchase of bike helmets for the Bike Rodeo.

Sponsors: Joanne Waszczak, Councilmember, Greg Barnes, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.f. 2026-257 Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of FY26 Ward 1 discretionary funds to support the City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council's initiative to install "988" signage throughout the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Joanne Waszczak, Councilmember, Greg Barnes, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Prioritized YAC Recommendations 988 Signage

10.g. 2026-277 Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 of FY26 Ward 2 discretionary funds to support the City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council's initiative to install "988" signage throughout the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Emily Strab, Councilmember, Danny Schaible, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Prioritized YAC Recommendations 988 Signage

10.h. 2026-278 Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$1,000 of FY26 Ward 2 discretionary funds to Councilmember Danny Schaible to support community World Cup events at Streetcar 82 and Franklins.

Sponsors: Danny Schaible, Councilmember, Emily Strab, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.i. 2026-263 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to support the City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council's initiative to install "988" signage throughout the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.j. 2026-264 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to support the Ward 3 community meeting on June 4, 2026, at University Hills Duck Pond Park.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.k. 2026-265 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to Jonah Gulthrie to support a community event in the Gateway West community.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:**10.l. 2026-266 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds**

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to Leonard Peacock to support a beautification project in the Editor's Park neighborhood.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:**10.m. 2026-267 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds**

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$150 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to Council Vice President Kareem Redmond to support a community event at the University Town Center Apartments.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:**10.n. 2026-268 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds**

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$501.73 of FY26 Ward 3 discretionary funds to reimburse Councilmember Gopi Dhokai for supplies purchased to support PGCC Owl Pantry, an on-site food/supply pantry and closet on the Prince George's County Community College Campus.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Order Details for Owl Pantry

10.o. 2026-269 Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 of FY26 Ward 4 discretionary funds to support the City of Hyattsville Youth Advisory Council's initiative to install "988" signage throughout the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Michelle Lee, Councilmember, Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Prioritized YAC Recommendations 988 Signage

10.p. 2026-270 Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$638.33 of FY26 Ward 4 discretionary funds to Councilmember Michelle Lee to support the Ward 4 Spring Meet and Greet community outreach event on June 20, 2026.

Sponsors: Michelle Lee, Councilmember, Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

10.q. 2026-271 Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$1350 of FY26 Ward 4 discretionary funds to Councilmember Edouard Haba to support Ward 4 Community Day.

Sponsors: Michelle Lee, Councilmember, Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

11. Action Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.) Approved, Unanimously.**11.a. 2026-275 Hyattsville Ordinance 2026-01: Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (Introduction and First Reading)**

I move the Mayor and Council introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for the general purpose, fixing the tax rates for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026; authorizing collection of taxes herein levied, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year (INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING).

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments: HO_2026-01_FY27Budget

12. Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)**12.a. 2026-245 Establishing New Rules Related to the Registration, Maintenance, Security, and Monitoring of Vacant Properties Located in the City of Hyattsville.**

For discussion.

CM Barnes made a motion that was seconded by Council President Solomon, that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance whereby owners of vacant buildings would be required to register such properties with the City of Hyattsville for purposes of reducing blight and to ensure that the owners of those properties abide by a minimum standard of safety and security standards. The motion passed unanimously.

Sponsors: Greg Barnes, Councilmember, Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: Legislative

Attachments: College Park Ordinance, Mt Rainer Ordinance, Seat Pleasant Ordinance, Takoma Park Ordinance

- 13. Council Dialogue (9:15 p.m. - 9:25 p.m.)
- 14. Motion to Adjourn **Approved, Unanimously.**
The meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM.

Attest: May 27, 2026



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



Hyattsville FY27 budget overview with further questions Important because you marked it as important Click to teach Gmail this conversation is not important

From Chuck Perry [REDACTED]

Date Tue 5/26/2026 4:15 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

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Hyattsville FY27 budget overview - charts.pdf;

Hello Mr.Groenendyk,

Please add this to the City of Hyattsville meeting agenda for may 26, 2026. These questions were asked directly to my Ward 3 council members and Mike Bonds on May 21st (person who wrote the op-ed: ***From Where I Stand: Let's push for a financially stronger Hyattsville***) and none of the recipients have ever responded to the questions.

1) Has Mike Bonds aggregated all the expenses of the Hyattsville Police Department from FY19 to FY25? Have the expenses increased over this time period? Please provide details.

2) Does the attached sheet exclude the new police headquarters?

3) Mike Bonds made the following statement:

"The city regularly underestimates the amount of tax revenue it expects to receive and overestimates expenditures, leading to budgeted deficits turning into surpluses by the end of the fiscal year. But the city could instead anticipate this based on past years' trends, bringing budgeting accuracy to levels matching or exceeding those of our neighbors in cities such as College Park and Greenbelt."

<https://streetcarsuburbs.news/from-where-i-stand-lets-push-for-a-financially-stronger-hyattsville-starting-with-the-small-steps/>

Please provide examples regarding the above statement in regard to the Hyattsville Police Department.

Best regards,
Chuck Ward 3