

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

6:30 PM

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Virtual

City Council Public Hearing

Robert S. Croslin, Interim Mayor
Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 1
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Joanne Waszczak, Ward 3
Ben Simasek, Ward 3
Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3
Daniel Peabody, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Joseph Solomon, Ward 5
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!
Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.

Present: Mayor Robert Croslin
Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
Councilmember Sam Denes
Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Daniel Peabody
Edouard Haba
Joseph Solomon
Ben Simasek

Absent: Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
Councilmember Rommel Sandino

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2. Call to Order

The hearing was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Also present:

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

Assistant City Administrator-Jim Chandler

City Clerk-Laura Reams

ARPA Fund Manager-Patrick Paschall

8. Presentations**Public Hearing on American Rescue Plan Emergency Relief Plans****[HCC-273-FY22](#)**

Background materials for public hearing.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [ARPA Emergency Relief Public Hearing Presentation 03.02.2022](#)
[COH Emergency Relief Submissions for Public Hearing v03.02.2022](#)

ARPA Funds Manager Patrick Paschall introduced the public hearing by providing an overview of ARPA program funding and the timeline for community engagement and program implementation.

9. Public Comment

Mr. Doug Jones submitted electronically requested consideration for the local food pantry funding.

Mr. James Groves stated he is the Greater Riverdale Cares Coordinator an organization which provides good healthy, hot meals to individuals in need. He requested the Council to consider the request submitted for funding.

Mr. Stuart Eisenburg thanked the Mayor and Council for the hearing and public forums that have been held. He stated there is still a need to continue pandemic relief to businesses and non-profits.

Ms. Yvonne Penn thanked the Mayor and Council for their good work for the city. She is one of the people who is interested in seeing the Town grow and taking care of its residents. A few programs she is involved in and is requesting support for are a) Distributing food on Tuesdays to individuals in the street; b) Would like to start back delivering food 4 days a week; c) monetary assistance is needed to add a meat/protein to food deliveries; and d) assistance to parents who do not qualify for childcare assistance from the State.

Ms. Melissa Schweisguth stated she likes the idea of providing direct assistance to residents monetarily so they can use the money on the items they need the most. She also would like to make sure the Mayor and Council are inclusive when providing money.

Ms. Jennifer Ridgway stated she is located within the arts district and is an artist. Artists fall between a small business and independent contractors. She was not able to receive previous funding that was offered, and their status increases the challenges they face when applying for funds.

Mr. Greg Smith stated he does not have a comment about a direct program but is asking for consideration to help refugee families reunite with other family members and find quality pre-k and childcare.

14. Motion to Adjourn

The hearing adjourned at 6:56 PM