

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025

7:00 PM

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Virtual

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Danny Schaible, Ward 2
Emily Strab, Ward 2
Kareem Redmond, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Michelle Lee, Ward 4
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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

AGENDA/PACKET: The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at www.hyattsville.org prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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Meeting Notice:

The Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

Call to Order at 7:05 PM.

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams

Interim Director of Community Business and Economic Development Jeff Ulysse

City Treasurer Ron Brooks

Deputy Chief of Police Laura Lanham

Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler

Deputy Director of Public Works Priyanka Joshi

Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard

Director of Human Resources Jay Joyner

City Clerk Nate Groenendyk

Deputy City Clerk Quianna Taylor

Emergency Services Manager Reggie Bagley

ARPA Funds Manager Patrick Paschall

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**3. Approval of Agenda**

CM Schaible made a motion, seconded by CM Denes to add a motion, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for the "Bottle Bill" HB232/SB346 to the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Denes, that this item was Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

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Absent: Waszczak

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4. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that this item was Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak

4.a. Approval of the Minutes

[HCC-236-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2024 and the Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024 and January 13, 2025.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Minutes December 16 2024](#)

[Minutes June 3 2024](#)

[Minutes Jan 13](#)

5. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Chuck Perry spoke in support of ranked choice voting.

Sarah Bendoratis (Nicholson St) thanked the Mayor for his letter stating Hyattsville is a welcoming city to all residents. She also advised that she was awaiting a response from City staff about her request for speed calming devices on her block.

Nancy Meyer (Ward 2) spoke in favor of sending a letter of support for the Bottle Bill (HB232/SB346).

David Lampen (Ward 3) spoke in support of ranked-choice voting, acquiring the Gateway West/Landy property, and sending a letter of support for the Bottle Bill (HB232/SB346).

Greg Smith spoke in support of ranked-choice voting and sending a letter of support for the Bottle Bill (HB232/SB346).

Daniel Broder spoke in support of ranked-choice voting, sending a letter of support for the Bottle Bill (HB232/SB346), and asked City to divest from any supporting entities and businesses that support Pres. Trump.

6. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)

The City Administrator provided updates on City related events and programming.

The City Administrator and Council discussed financial planning for large purchases such as vehicles.

7. Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)**7.a. ARPA and General Fund Savings Project Updates**[HCC-238-FY25](#)

Staff will provide report on the recently submitted ARPA Quarterly Report and updates for General Fund Savings Projects.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [ARPA Council Presentation 01.29.2025](#)

ARPA Funds Manager Patrick Paschall provided an APRA Quarterly Report update. All remaining funds have been legally obligated and must be spent by Dec 31, 2026.

Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler provided updates on Public Works Projects that are being funded within ARPA funds.

8. Proclamations

A motion was made by Councilmember Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that this item was Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak

8.a. Proclamation Celebrating February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Hyattsville[HCC-235-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation celebrating February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0203 Black History Month 2025](#)

9. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.)

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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Denes, that the Consent Agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak

9.a. 25 Cubic Yard Trash Truck Purchase

[HCC-234-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to purchase a 25CY trash truck from GranTurk Equipment, for an expenditure not to exceed \$285,000.00.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [25CY Trash Truck GranTurk Quote 12-17-2024](#)
[Sourcewell Waste Collection Vehicles Contract 000223-LEG 12-22-2023](#)

10. Discussion Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)

10.a. City of Hyattsville Property Tax Relief Programs: Administrative Recommendations

[HCC-237-FY25](#)

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Hyattsville Property Tax Relief_Council Presentation.pdf](#)

Treasurer Brooks provided an overview of the Property Tax Relief and Homestead Tax Credit Programs and recommended changes.

Councilmembers and the Treasurer discussed expanding community outreach to inform residents of the programs and methods to make the programs more impactful for residents.

10.b. Letter of Support for the "Bottle Bill" HB232/SB346

CM Schaible provided an overview of the Bottle Rebate Bill and asked the Council to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of Support.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter of support to the House Environment and Transportation Committee and the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee for HB232/SB346 Maryland Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Denes, that this item was Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, and Haba

Absent: Waszczak, and Sandino

11. Council Dialogue (8:45 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)

12. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Denes, that this item was Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, Redmond, Lee, and Haba

Absent: Waszczak, and Sandino