

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Public Hearing

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Monday, July 21, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5

Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1

Greg Barnes, Ward 1

Danny Schaible, Ward 2

Emily Strab, Ward 2

Kareem Redmond, Ward 3

Gopi Dhokai, Ward 3

Michelle Lee, Ward 4

Edouard Haba, Ward 4

Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM.

PRESENT:

Council President Joseph Solomon
Council Vice President Joanne Waszczak
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Gopi Dhokai

ABSENT:

Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas
Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle
Chief of Police Jarod Towers
City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
Transportation Manager Taylor Robey

2. Presentations (7:20 PM - 7:35 PM)

Transportation Manager Taylor Robey presented the data from the study of the intersection and provided staff recommendations for traffic calming.

2.a. Traffic Calming Petition Presentation: 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street

For presentation

Sponsors:

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Traffic Petition PPT 20250721 v2

Director Lesley Riddle (DPW) and Transportation Manager Taylor Robey (DPW) gave a presentation on proposed traffic calming measures at 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street. The presentation covered evaluation guidelines, the City's definition of areas with excessive speeding, and speed and traffic volume data. The Department of Public Works is recommending a raised intersection due to the roadway's characteristics. The City Council will be presented with this information at the August 4th Council meeting to vote on this action, and community members will be notified thereafter.

The Council discussed the locations used to aggregate traffic data, information related to accidents and crashes at this intersection, the data for speeds in the higher range, and the potential for stop sign cameras and lighted stop signs at this intersection. The Council also asked if the staff recommendations for the intersection could change based on resident and Council feedback. Director Riddle advised that the Department of Public Works is looking to review the petition process for traffic calming to make it more effective.

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

- Laura Brewer Heilig (Ward 2) reiterated that there is a speeding issue at that intersection and asked if a non-marked police car could park at random times at the intersection to observe traffic.
- Michael Derry (Ward 2) reiterated that there is a speeding issue as well as drivers who disregard the stop sign at this intersection. He noted that cyclists also disregard the stop signs.
- Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) requested that the range of speed be provided when traffic data is presented. She also inquired about how the number of tickets issued by the Hyattsville Police Department correlates to the data.
- Phillip Clark expressed concerns about the way speed is represented in the charts. He also noted that there is a disregard for the stop sign at the intersection and remarked that the police often speed through that intersection while responding to calls.
- Jessica Grimmer commented on the speeding on this street, as well as the disregard for the stop sign and the danger it causes for pedestrians crossing the street.
- Jessica Kline reiterated concerns about speeding and disregard for the stop sign.

4. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Vice President Waszczak, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 PM.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Croslin, Councilmember Nisbett