

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Regular Meeting

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Monday, August 4, 2025

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

Staff in Attendance Includes:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams

City Treasurer Ron Brooks

Chief of Police Jarod Towers

Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle

Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler

Director of Community Business & Economic Development Jeff Ulysse

Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard

Director of Human Resources Jay Joyner

City Clerk Nate Groenendyk

Deputy City Clerk Quianna Taylor

Emergency Services Manager Reginald Bagley

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Waszczak, seconded by Councilmember Dhokai, to move agenda items 9.a. and 9.g. to the action agenda.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

Motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to approve the amended agenda.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

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

Nina Faye (Ward 2) spoke in opposition to raising the fine for illegal parking in handicapped spaces to \$500. She also spoke about the Canvas parking garage, stating it has been closed and is inaccessible, which is a serious issue for seniors and new residents, and businesses. She requested the Jefferson St entrance to be opened for access when the garage opens.

Mr. Marshall (Ward 4) asked about the construction hours at Hyattsville Elementary School, stating that they are too long in a residential neighborhood.

Dan Broder (Ward 2) thanked CM Waszczak for moving agenda items 9.a. and 9.g. to the action agenda. He added that he supports agenda item 10.a. and thanked PGCPs for coming to their presentation and for community engagement. Lastly, he spoke in support of ranked choice voting.

Sarah Harper spoke in opposition to raising the fine for illegal parking in handicapped spaces to \$500 and expressed concerns about the Canvas parking garage.

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

The City Administrator gave updates about City events, department initiatives, construction projects, and programming. She also provided updates on personnel changes.

The Council and staff discussed concerns about the Canvas parking garage and ongoing parking issues in Ward 4.

6. Presentations (7:40 PM - 8:15 PM)

6.a. Hyattsville Elementary School Construction Update

Presentation Only

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments:

Jeff Ulysse introduced Taylor Powell (MCN Build, Inc.), Shawn Matlock (Prince George's County Public Schools), and Roger Prince (Prince George's County Public Schools). The presentation included an update on construction, records relocation, and traffic mitigation.

The Council and staff discussed securing sensitive student information, construction hours, impacts on local organizations, and traffic management.

7. Proclamations

Motion made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Council President Solomon to adopt the proclamations.

The motion by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

7.a. Proclamation Recognizing Women's Equality Day

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing August 26, 2025, as Women's Equality Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0804 Women's Equality Day Proclamation

7.b. Proclamation Celebrating August as National Black Business Month

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation celebrating August, 2025 as National Black Business Month in the City of the Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM0804 Black Business Month Proclamation Draft

8. Appointments

Motion made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Lee, to approve the appointments.

The motion by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember

Dhokai
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

8.a. Appointment to the Education Advisory Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Cynthia Totten (Ward 4) to the Education Advisory Committee for a term of two years to expire on August 4, 2027.

Sponsors: Emily Strab, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Cynthia Totten W4 reappoint May 25 redac

9. Consent Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:20 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 Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Waszczak that the consent agenda be approved.

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Passed by the following vote:
AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

9.a. Award of Contract for FY26 Tutoring and Mentoring Services

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a one-year contract with Northstar Tutoring to provide Tutoring and Mentoring Services for the City's children and youth in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. The Contract is subject to approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community Services

Attachments: Northstar Tutoring Contract 7.23.2025 FY26

9.b. Hyattsville Ordinance 2025-02: Parking Violation Fine Increase (Second Reading

and Adoption)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2025-02, an ordinance whereby the City Council amends the City Code to increase the fine for parking unlawfully in a handicapped parking space (SECOND READING & ADOPTION).

Sponsors: Edouard Haba, Councilmember, Joanne Waszczak,
Councilmember, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: 2025-02 Handicapped Parking Fine Increase Ordinance Draft
5.1.25 4916-2205-3949 v.3

9.c. Contract Award - Stormwater Management Unit Maintenance

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Environmental Quality Resources, LLC for maintenance of the City's existing stormwater management units. The contract will be for one year with four optional renewal years, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 per year.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Env Quality Resources Proposal 06-10-2025_

9.d. FY26 Expenditure - Big Belly

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to Big Belly Solar for the FY26 service agreement.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Big Belly Quote Q20879-2, Big Belly Quote W38105-1, Big Belly Efficiency & Cost Savings Summary

9.e. Traffic Calming Decision: 5500-5600 Block of 42nd Avenue Traffic Petition

I move the Mayor and Council approve the request for the installation of traffic calming measures for the 5500-5600 block of 42nd Avenue and accept the staff recommendation to install a raised intersection at the intersection of 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Traffic Calming Petition - 42nd Ave 5500 5600 Staff
Recommendation 20250804, Traffic Petition PPT 20250721 v2,
Multimodal-Toolkit_Speed Cushion Raised Crossing,
FHWA_Module 3_ Toolbox of Individual Traffic Calming Measures
Part 2 _ Raised Intersection

9.f. Schedule Public Hearing for Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution: 2025-01

I move the Mayor and Council schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM to hear public testimony regarding proposed Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2025-01 which proposes to remove the requirement that Council Meetings start at 8:00 p.m. and occur twice monthly, and add the requirement for Council to adopt an annual meeting schedule via Resolution.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments:

9.g. Grant Application to the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Non-Capital Grant Program

I move the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Administrator to prepare an application to the County for grant funds to support the Hamilton Square Partners and provide any needed documentation required.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments: 2025-07-28_Memo_Historic Preservation Noncapital grant.ju,
Non-Cap-Grant-Guidelines_2021-Revision

10. Action Items

10.a. Agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions

I move Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Accurint/Lexis Nexis for access to their records database.

Sponsors:

Department: Police

Attachments: Hyattsville Police Department - addAccurintCrimeConsortiumSub,
Hyattsville Police Department - InrsAppAgreeGovtNonFCRA

The Council expressed concerns about other government agencies gaining access to data in the database.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, to table this agenda item until September 15, 2025.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

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

NAY: Councilmember Nisbett

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

**10.b. Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County Police Department
For FUSUS Access**

I move Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County Police Department for FUSUS access.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police

Attachments: Brochure, PGPD Fusus MOU-Blank .2

Chief Towers advised that the Prince George's County Police Department has a contract with AXION (formerly Taser) which is being extended to the Hyattsville Police Department to import videos into the City's CCTV system. Councilmembers inquired about the ability to import videos from home Ring cameras.

I move Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George's County Police Department for FUSUS access. Motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

11. Discussion Items (8:20 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.)

11.a. Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2025-01: Removing the Requirement that Council Meetings Start at 8:00 PM & Occur Twice Monthly

For Discussion Only.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: 2025- 01 Charter Amendment Resolution_Meeting Time City Attorney To Staff 5.1.25 .2, Hyattsville Charter Amendment 2025-01_Presentation

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams discussed a proposed change to the Charter, which governs the frequency and time of Council meetings. The changes would reduce the meeting requirements and adjust the meeting time as prescribed in the Charter. The Charter amendment would also require that the Council meeting schedule be set by resolution.

The Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of changing the required number of minutes per month.

12. Council Dialogue (8:50 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

13. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba