

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Regular Meeting

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Monday, November 3, 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

Laura Reams, Deputy 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 7:03 PM.

PRESENT:

Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett
Councilmember Gopi Dhokai

ABSENT:

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas
Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams
City Treasurer Ron Brooks
Chief of Police Jarod Towers
Director of the Department of Public Works Lesley Riddle
Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works Priyanka Joshi
Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works Hal Metzler
Director of Community, Business, and 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 Operations Manager Reginald Bagley

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

City Clerk Groenendyk offered an amendment to agenda item 7.b. noting that Juan Pablo Madrid, new appointee to the Code Compliance Committee, resides in Ward 4.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Lee,

that the agenda be approved.

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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

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

- Erin Hogeboom (Ward 2) expressed concerns about newly installed stanchions at the Greenwood School, advising that they have had a negative impact on parents and students.
- Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) stated support for the stop sign camera program but expressed concerns about approving a contract that was not shared with the community to review. She asked the Council not to vote to approve the contract for JENOPTIK.
- Tatjana Hrubik Vulcanovic (Ward 5) expressed concerns about financial transparency, stating that multiple financial reports have not been published on the City website. She added that the Quarter 1 financial report and the Capital Improvement Plan do not match.
- Daniel Hunt (Ward 4) advised that the federal government is looking for office space in Hyattsville. He is concerned that ICE may be trying to set up an office in the City, which would increase ICE raids.
- Daniel Broder (Ward 2) spoke in support of the new provisions to protect data in the Accurint contract and asked for the inclusion of a termination clause if data is shared with ICE. He also echoed statements made by Melissa Schweisguth about sharing the stop sign camera contract before the Council votes to approve it. Lastly, he spoke in support of ranked choice voting.

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

The City Administrator provided updates on City programming, events, and construction projects, including the new teen center, environmental depot, public safety building, and the Hyattsville Climate Action Plan. The Council asked for updates on the following at the next meeting:

- The Portland Loo at Heurich Park
- An overflowing clothing bin near Kaiser
- The traffic light installation at Nicholson Street and Ager Road
- The West Hyattsville Traffic Plan

- Opening up Nicholson Street near Riverfront

The Mayor and Council also discussed hours of operation at the environmental depot, the Business Improvement District in Ward 3, the need for a sidewalk survey on America Boulevard, a damaged sign at Heurich Park, and community outreach for upcoming projects in Ward 4.

6. Proclamations

A motion was made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Council President Solomon, that the City Council adopt the proclamations.

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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

6.a. 2026-94 Proclamation for Native American Heritage Month

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing the month of November as Native American Heritage Month.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM 1103 Native American Heritage Month 2025

6.b. 2026-95 Proclamation for Veterans Day

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing November 11, 2025 as Veterans Day.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM 1103 Veterans Day Proclamation 2025

6.c. 2026-96 Proclamation for Municipal Government Works Month

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing November 2025 as Municipal Government Works Month.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM 1103 Municipal Government Works Month 2025

7. Appointments

A motion was made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Lee, that the appointments be approved.

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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

7.a. 2026-91 Appointment to the Planning Committee

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Alexander Houck (Ward 3) and reappointments of Todd Dengel (Ward 2) and Maureen Foster (Ward 2) to the Planning Committee for a term of two years, ending on November 3, 2027.

Sponsors: Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Greg Barnes, Councilmember, Danny Schaible, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Dengel Redac Application, Houck_Planning Redac, Foster Redac Application

7.b. 2026-97 Appointment to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Juan Pablo Madrid (Ward 4) to the Code Compliance Committee for a term of two (2) years to end on November 3, 2027.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Madrid Redac Application

8. Consent Items (7:40 p.m. - 7:45 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 Nisbett, that the consent agenda be approved.

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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

8.a. 2026-92 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 3 discretionary funds in the amount of \$93.31 to Council Vice President Redmond as reimbursement for the purchase of refreshments for a meeting with the Hyattsville Branch Library's Teen Action Group.

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

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: thumbnail_image0

8.b. 2026-93 Acceptance of Audit Committee Recommendations

I move the Mayor and Council accept the recommendations from the Audit Committee's review of the FY23 Audit presented to Council on October 6, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to present a corrective action plan to Council in January 2026.

Sponsors: Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Emily Strab, Councilmember, Danny Schaible, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Audit Committee Report FY23 Audit

9. Action Items (7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

9.a. 2026-131 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: Lexis Nexis Attachment

Chief Towers and Haywood Talcove (Lexis Nexis) provided an overview of the Lexis Nexis Virtual Crime Center.

The Council and staff discussed data safety, potential errors in the data set, and the inclusion of a termination clause and material breach clause by the City Attorney.

A motion was made by CM Waszczak, seconded by Council President Solomon, to amend the motion to send the contract to the City Attorney to add a clause that covers breach of confidentiality and includes the right to terminate in the case of a material breach.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

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

NAY: Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Strab, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

ABSTAIN: Mayor Robert S. Croslin

ABSENT:

9.b. 2026-90 Contract Award: Stop Sign Cameras

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with JENOPTIK Smart Mobility Solutions, LLC, for Hyattsville's Automated Stop Sign Enforcement Program, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police

Attachments: RFP HPD2025-001 Automated Stop Sign Enforcement (1)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with JENOPTIK Smart Mobility Solutions, LLC, for Hyattsville's Automated

Stop Sign Enforcement Program, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency. Motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab.

Chief Towers gave an overview of the stop sign camera award. Other presenters included Katherine Nash of Jenoptik.

The Council discussed information access, a citation warning period, data breaches and storage, privacy protection, vendor restrictions, and audit & accountability measures.

The Council also discussed getting feedback from the Educational Advisory Committee and the Police and Public Safety committee, contract pricing, and the parameters implemented to issue citations.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab to amend the motion to authorize the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a three (3) year contract with JENOPTIK Smart Mobility Solutions, LLC, for Hyattsville's automated stop sign enforcement program, subject to review and approval by the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney (for legal sufficiency).

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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

10. Council Dialogue (8:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)

11. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:43 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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: