

City of Hyattsville

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**Minutes Council Work Session
First Floor Multi Purpose Room
4310 Gallatin Street
Hyattsville, MD 20781**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025
11:30 AM**

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 11:38 AM.

PRESENT:

Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab (Left the meeting at 12:06 PM.)
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett
Councilmember Gopi Dhokai

ABSENT:

Also Present:

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams
Director of Community, Business, and Economic Development Jeff Ulysse
City Planner Chloe Kauffman
Community, Business, and Economic Development Intern Danny Mears
Strategic Planner Suzanne Ludlow
City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
Deputy City Clerk Quianna Taylor

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Council President Solomon, 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 (11:35 PM - 11:40 PM) Limit 2 minutes per speaker

5. Discussion Items (11:40 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

5.a. 2026-99 Council Rules of Procedure Discussion

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Legislative

Attachments: Resolution 2025-05_draft

Council President Solomon gave an overview of the changes to the Council Rules and Procedures.

The Council discussed agenda submission timelines, the introduction of Council workgroups, Council discretionary funds, allotted time for Council to speak at the meetings, submission of budget items, and the inclusion of graphics during Council presentations.

5.b. 2026-101 2026 Council Meeting Calendar Discussion

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Legislative

Attachments: 2026 Draft Calendar

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams and City Clerk Nate Groenendyk presented the draft of the 2026 Council meeting calendar.

The Council discussed reducing regular Council meetings, increasing budget meetings, and the proposed meeting schedule for the upcoming fiscal year budget.

5.c. 2026-98 FY26 Legislative Priorities Discussion

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Legislative

Attachments:

Council President Joseph Solomon gave an overview of the FY26 Legislative Priorities.

The Council discussed including greater clarity on priorities, such as housing affordability and mental health. Deputy Administrator Reams and Economic Development Director Ulysse discussed the creation of a small business incubator program on the second floor of the City Building.

6. Presentations (1:00 PM - 1:55 PM)

6.a. 2026-100 2026-2031 Draft Strategic Plan Presentation

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments:

The draft of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan was presented by Community and Business Economic Director Jeff Ulysse, City Planner Chloe Kauffman, Strategic Planner Suzanne Ludlow, and Economic Development Intern Danny Mears.

Meetings will be scheduled at a later date to speak with the Council to get feedback and input before adoption.

7. Council Dialogue (1:55 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

8. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilmember Nisbett, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 PM.

The motion by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Strab

