

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Regular Meeting

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Monday, November 17, 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 7:02 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab
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 Hal Metzler
Transportation Manager Taylor Robey
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

The City Clerk requested adding the appointment of Colin Hendy (Ward 3) to the Educational Facilities Task Force to the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Waszczak, seconded by Councilmember

Schaible, 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. Approval of Minutes

4.a. 2026-105 Approval of the Minutes

I move the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the following minutes:

- October 6, 2025
- October 20, 2025

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Minutes_Oct 6, Minutes_Oct 20 2025

Motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, to approve the following minutes:

- October 6, 2025
- October 20, 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 Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

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

- Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) thanked the staff for the gift basket awarded for

the pet costume contest. She also asked for increased bike and pedestrian safety when traffic calming plans are implemented.

- Dan Broder (Ward 2) asked that the Council continue to work to make the City affordable and accessible. Lastly, he spoke in favor of ranked choice voting and zero-waste legislation.

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

The City Administrator provided updates on City events, planning, and construction projects.

The Director of Community Business and Economic Development, Jeff Ulysse, gave an overview of an open rewards program, which is designed to support local businesses and encourage shopping within the City. Launched in partnership with Blue Dot. The program is offered at no cost to any of the participating businesses.

The Council and staff talked about Thanksgiving meal distribution, volunteer opportunities, and the open rewards program. Councilmembers also thanked the staff for their assistance with parents at the Greenwood School and the Gaines Alley project.

6.a. 2026-113 Community, Business, and Economic Development Department Update

Sponsors:

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments:

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

7.a. 2026-102 Streets Projects Presentation

Presentation Only

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Presentation - DPW - Streets Projects

Director of the Department of Public Works Lesley Riddle, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works Hal Metzler, and Transportation Manager Taylor Robey, gave a presentation listing updates of street projects in the City of Hyattsville. The projects are listed below:

- Lancer Street & Longfellow Street
- Driskell Park Intersection Study

- Oliver Green Alley
- West Hyattsville Roads Projects
- Jamestown Road between Ager and 35th Street
- West Hyattsville Green Alley

The Council and staff discussed lower Ward 1 sidewalk installation and stormwater management projects, the Jamestown Rd conceptual design, needed sidewalk repairs, and community outreach. The Council also discussed the transfer of Hamilton Street between Queens Chapel Road and the Driskell Park intersection.

8. Proclamations

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, 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:

8.a. 2026-112 Small Business Saturday

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing November 29th as Small Business Saturday.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM1117 Small Business Saturday 2025

8.b. 2026-111 Proclamation for American Education Week

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation recognizing the week of November 17-25 as American Education Week.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: CM 1117 American Education Week 2025

9. Appointments

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, 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:

9.a. 2026-107 Appointment to the Racial Equity Task Force

I move the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Daniel Amador (Ward 5) to the Racial Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years, ending on November 17, 2027.

Sponsors: Michelle Lee, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Amador Renard Redac Re-Appointment Application Nov 2025

9.b. 2026-108 Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Thaddeus Waterman (Ward 5) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years, ending on November 17, 2027.

Sponsors: Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Waterman Redac Application

9.c. 2026-130 Appointment to the Educational Facilities Task Force

I move the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Colin Hendry (Ward 3) to the Educational Facilities Task Force for a term of two (2) years, ending on November 17, 2027.

Sponsors: Joanne Waszczak, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Colin Hendy_EFTF_Application_Redac

10. 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 Barnes, 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:

10.a. 2026-106 Race and Equity Task Force - Equity Vision Statement

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the equity vision statement.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: Race_and_Equity_Task_Force_Committee_Equity_Vision_Statement

10.b. 2026-109 Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 4 discretionary funds in the amount of \$461.67 to Councilmember Michelle Lee as reimbursement for the purchase of refreshments and supplies for the Ward 4 Fall Community Event on October 4, 2025.

Sponsors:

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Reimbursement Receipts for CM Lee

11. Council Dialogue (8:20 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

12. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 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: