

City of Hyattsville

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Agenda Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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

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Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - 5.a. 2026-144 Approval of Minutes**

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of the following

meetings:

- December 1, 2025
- December 15, 2025

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Minutes_Dec 1 2025, Minutes_Dec 15 2025

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

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

8. Presentations (7:40 PM - 8:10 PM)

8.a. 2026-138 Treasurer Action Plan on Audit Committee Recommendations

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments: 2026.01.26 Audit Committee Recommendation CAP Presentation

9. Appointments

9.a. 2026-139 Council of Government Policy Committee Appointments

I move the Mayor and Council make the following appointments to the Council of Governments (COG) Policy Committees for the 2026 calendar year.

- Region Forward Coalition: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Tracey Douglas
- Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Police Chief Jarod Towers and Sandra Shephard
- Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Hal Metzler
- Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Hal Metzler

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: MWCOG_Policy_Committees

9.b. 2026-143 Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Bradley Phelps (Ward 2) and Ross van Dongen (Ward 5) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years, ending on January 26, 2028.

Sponsors: Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: van Dongen Redac Application (1), Phelps Redac Application (1)

10. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 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 requests specific items be removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

10.a. 2026-110 FY26 Budget Amendment: Special Revenues Funds Appropriations of FEMA Reimbursements Grant Funds

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY26 Special Revenues Funds Budget to appropriate the remaining grant funds of \$269,918 to close-out COVID-19 FEMA Reimbursement Grant Funds. These funds cover the remaining close-out costs for vaccines, equipment, and testing sites that are 100% reimbursed by FEMA for the period ending June 30, 2025.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments:

10.b. 2026-137 Renewal License Agreement with Friendship Arms, LLC

I move Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Renewal License Agreement with Friendship Arms, LLC for the City's use of an office at the Friendship Arms building for the Mental Wellness Check-in Initiative.

Sponsors:

Department: Police

Attachments: License Renewal COH and Friendship Arms (1) eic 12.2.25 .1

11. Action Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)

11.a. 2026-140 Hyattsville Resolution 2026-01: Adopting the Council Rules of Procedure

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2026-01 adopting the Council Rules of Procedure.

Sponsors: Robert S. Croslin, Mayor, Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: Legislative

Attachments: Draft Resolution 2026_01-Council Rules of Procedure

12. Discussion Items (8:35 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.)

12.a. 2026-145 Proposed Charter Amendment and Code Update: Approval of Personnel Manual

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: Draft Charter Amendment - Personnel Manual to City staff 10.24.25 , Ordinance - Repealing Council Approval of Personnel Manual to City 10.24.25 , Charter and Code Amendments_Personnel Manual

13. Council Dialogue (9:10 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.)

14. Motion to Adjourn