

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 13, 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 **Absent**

Michelle Lee, Ward 4

Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5 **Absent**

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator

Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

Welcome to the City of Hyattsville City Council Meeting!
Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.

AGENDA/PACKET: The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at www.hyattsville.org prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimously.**
4. **Approval of Minutes** **Approved, Unanimously.**
 - 4.a. **2026-210 Approval of Minutes**

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

- February 23, 2026

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Minutes_February 23 2026

5. **Public Comment (7:10 PM - 7:20 PM) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
Public comments submitted electronically can be found at the end of this summary.

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

7. **Presentations (7:40 PM - 8:25 PM)**

7.a. 2026-199 Climate Action Plan Presentation

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: FINAL Hyattsville CAP Council Presentation

7.b. 2026-213 Vehicle Replacement Plan

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: DRAFT_Vehicle_Replacement Policy_v.0

8. **Proclamations** **Approved, Unanimously.**

8.a. 2026-205 Arab American Heritage Month Proclamation

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation designating April as Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0413 Arab American Heritage Month 2026

9. **Appointments** **Approved, Unanimously.**

9.a. 2026-208 Appointment to the Race and Equity Task Force

I move the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Nykia Clemonts (Ward 3) to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years to end on April 13, 2028.

Sponsors: Michelle Lee, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Clemonts Redac Application

9.b. 2026-209 Appointment to the Education Advisory Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Vallorie Watson (Ward 1) to the Education Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to end on April 13, 2028.

Sponsors: Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Watson Redac Application

9.c. 2026-211 Appointment to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Peter Stockus (Ward 4) to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years ending on April 13, 2028.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember Michelle Lee, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Stockus Redac Application

9.d. 2026-212 Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years ending on April 13, 2028.

Sponsors: Edouard Haba, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Schweisguth Redac Application

10. Consent Items (8:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) Approved, Unanimously.

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.

10.a. 2026-197 Acceptance of the Maryland DHCD National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program Grant Agreement

I move the Mayor and Council accept the grant award of \$340,000 from the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to support The Sanctuary 9% Predevelopment project.

Sponsors: Jeff Ulysse, CBED Director

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments: NED-2026-Hyattsville Agreement

10.b. 2026-207 MDOT Bikeways Network Grant Program

I move the Mayor and Council to accept the grant award of \$64,000 from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program, to support the expansion of bicycle infrastructure.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments: Memo - MDOT Bikeways Grant, BW26 Hyattsville (Bike Racks) Grant Agreement

10.c. 2026-198 Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 3 discretionary funds in the amount of \$169.59 to Council Vice President Kareem Redmond as reimbursement for community outreach materials.

Sponsors: Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Redmond _ VistaPrint _ Receipt Ward 3 Banner _ Redacted

10.d. 2026-203 Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of Ward 1 discretionary funds to the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HyCDC) to support Trolley Trail Day engagement activities.

Sponsors: Greg Barnes, Councilmember, Joanne Waszczak, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

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

11.a. 2026-200 Installation of Portland Loo at Hyatt Park Approved, Unanimously.

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$195,000 to NZI Construction for the installation of a Portland Loo public restroom at Hyatt Park, pending the extension of the contract between NZI Construction and Prince George's County.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: NZI Proposal Portland Loo Hyatt Park 03-16-2026

12. Council Dialogue (8:45p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)

**13. Motion to Adjourn Approved, Unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.**

Attest: April 14, 2026



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



Driskell Park Lower Lot

From Amanda Eisen [REDACTED]

Date Mon 4/13/2026 3:58 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

Dear City Council Representatives,

Just wanted to drop you a quick line reiterating my support for the City to purchase the lower lot of the Werrlein Project and use it to add more open space to Driskell Park. In light of the city's new Climate Action Plan being considered tonight, increasing the amount of green space available for nature, recreation and stormwater management are high priorities for local residents. Further, in light of Sustainable Hyattsville's recent court victory on this project, the City should have an improved negotiating position to get Werrlein to agree to a more reasonable cost for the land acquisition. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Amanda Eisen, [REDACTED]



in support of HVL purchasing the Werrlein lower lot

From thejuliewolf [redacted]

Date Mon 4/13/2026 4:15 PM

To [redacted]

April 13, 2026

To City Clerk Mr. Nate Groenendyk and City Councilmembers:

From: Julie Wolf, Ward 2 resident, 4008 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville

Dear Hyattsville City Councilmembers and City Clerk Mr. Groenendyk:

As a Climate and Soil Scientist and Hyattsville resident, I am writing to encourage you to resume and/or complete purchase of the Werrlein lower lot adjacent to Driskell Park, and to ensure that the purchase price is reasonable. I recognize that the City has multiple demands on its finances, but I believe that this purchase will pay off in the long run as climate change makes stormwater management even more crucial. I also believe that i) this land's real estate value has been outlandishly inflated by Werrlein, given that its development is and will always be limited by its position in the floodplain, and that ii) restoring the parcel's function as a working floodplain is crucial to protect the surrounding existing residences, park, roads, river, and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The previous disturbances of this parcel and of the now-developed upper lot by Werrlein have damaged the flow of stormwater both above- and below-ground.

Werrlein has left the lower lot in a condition best described as "eyesore," with multiple construction hazards onsite, for YEARS, but the City of Hyattsville has failed to exert pressure on them to either remedy these burdens and/or to sell the lot. Werrlein acted similarly with the previous WSSC building on the upper parcel-- **Hyattsville allowed them** to neglect the site until residents were terrorized by its horrible condition. Why are we tolerating this next door to Driskell Park, the most important and valued green space in the city?

We have all observed the worsening feast-or-famine precipitation patterns that are our new normal. I hope to never again see cars inundated next to this parcel, but that will continue and worsen unless this land is dedicated to ecological stormwater storage and management to cope with these new patterns. Failure to do so jeopardizes public resources such as the Park and roads.

Thank you all for your work for us,

Julie Wolf, PhD [redacted]

[redacted] Hyattsville 20781

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.



To City Clerk Nate Groenendyk: Suffrage Pointe

From macaltman@verizon.net [REDACTED]

Date Mon 4/13/2026 4:57 PM

To [REDACTED]

To the Hyattsville City Council,

As a resident of Hyattsville my hope is that you will begin the process of buying the Suffrage Pointe Lower parcel. I feel this action is advisable for the following reasons:

- 1.) Provide more green space for city residents.
- 2.) Strengthen climate resilience by ensuring a designated flood plain is never developed into impervious surface.
- 3.) Extend green space to the abutting David Driskell Community Park property.
- 4.) Improve resident's public health.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Leigh Altman

[REDACTED]
Hyattsville, MD 20781