

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, April 22, 2026

7:00 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor **Absent**

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 **Arrived at 8:30 PM**

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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Meeting Notice:

The Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimously.**
4. **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.
5. **Presentations (7:20 PM - 9:00 PM)**
 - 5.a. **2026-222 FY27 Budget and Department Presentations**
For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator
Department: Administration
Attachments: FY27 Proposed Budget Publication_updated

- 6. Council Dialogue (9:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.)
- 7. Motion to Adjourn **Approved, Unanimously.**
The meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Attest: April 23, 2026



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



The importance of the \$100,000 emergency allocation - Public Comment

From Atiba Pertilla [REDACTED]
Date Wed 4/22/2026 4:29 PM

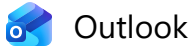
To [REDACTED]
Cc [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The biggest change we've seen in the last year is the massive increase in federal enforcement targeting our residents. Our city's budget should reflect the reality of the challenges we face. Please include the proposed \$100,000 fund for neighbors impacted by federal enforcement. It's a rounding error at 0.25% of our spending, but it addresses the most significant threat to our community stability today. I look forward to seeing your vote on this.

Thank you for your service and for considering this critical matter for our community.

Sincerely,
A.K. Pertilla
[REDACTED] Ward 2



Support for \$100K for ICE impacted Families

From Camy Clough [REDACTED]
Date Wed 4/22/2026 4:57 PM
To [REDACTED]

My name is Camy Clough. I live in Ward One. I moved to Hyattsville in 1976 and raised my family here.

I write in support of the motion to provide \$100K in grants in coordination with appropriate non-profit organizations for ICE impacted families in Hyattsville.

The recent article on page 2 of Hyattsville Life & Times explains the need and justification for providing resources to help ICE impacted families. I need not repeat these points.

I write more from the perspective of who we are as Hyattsville neighbors. Hyattsville is a community of inclusive, caring and empathetic people who help each other out when a need arises. We are neighbors helping neighbors. It can be as simple as shoveling snow for seniors, coaching youth sport teams, participation in PTA and local non-profits. On a larger level, Hyattsville neighbors come together to create solutions to systemic problems. Examples include Hyattsville Aging in Place, Welcome Home Neighbors, Hyattsville-Swap, Rt 1 Mutual Aid, and Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance. Our city services include food assistance and diaper give-aways, services for seniors and youth, and vaccine locations during the pandemic.

Many Hyattsville residents are distressed by the ICE kidnappings in our area. Families are being torn apart. Breadwinners are removed, leaving families in dire economic situations. Children fear going to school. The trauma to these families is deep and will be long lasting.

The community of Hyattsville must protect decent and hardworking members of our community who are most vulnerable. I and many of my neighbors strongly support the initial allocation of \$100K to be administered by trusted non-profits closest to the ICE impacted families.

Sincerely,
Camy Clough

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hyattsville MD 20781

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Public Comment for Today's Meeting

From Lindsey Mendelson Iankova [REDACTED]

Date Wed 4/22/2026 4:50 PM

To [REDACTED]

Dear City Clerk,

Below is my written comment for the 4/22 Hyattsville City Council Meeting Today.

Dear Coucilmembers,

I urge you to support the creation of a \$100,000 emergency relief fund for families impacted by ICE in the budget. I've been volunteering to support food donations for families since November. Every week the need keeps growing and more families don't know where their next meal is going to come from or how they will be able to pay the bills to keep the lights on.

This is an emergency situation and the City government must find a way to support residents who are impacted by cruel and unjust federal policies terrorizing our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Mendelson
Hyattsville Ward 1 Resident