

City of Hyattsville

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Agenda Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

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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

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Public Comment (7:10 PM - 7:20 PM) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
- 5. Presentations (7:20 PM - 7:45 PM)**
 - 5.a. 2026-261 Presentation - Traffic Calming**
Presentation

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Traffic Calming Presentation

6. Discussion Items (7:45 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)

6.a. 2026-259 Council FY27 Budget Amendment: COLA Increase

Proposed Motion: I move the Mayor and Council increase the cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the FY27 budget for City employees from 2% to 2.5%.

Sponsors: Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Michelle Lee, Councilmember, Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember

Department: Legislative

Attachments:

7. Council Dialogue (8:10 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

8. Closed Session

8.a. 2026-260 Motion to Close-Note: Council will Not Return to Open Session

I move the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of May 20, 2026 to discuss the performance evaluation and compensation of an employee over whom this public body has jurisdiction.

This session will be closed under the authority of the Annotated Code of Maryland State Government General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b)(1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Human Resources

Attachments:

City Council
May 20, 2026

Submitted by: Dealon Lacroix

Submitting Department: Department of Public Works

Agenda Section: Presentations

Item Title:

Presentation - Traffic Calming

Suggested Action:

Presentation

Legal Review Required?

N/A

Summary Background:

Staff will provide updates for the following traffic calming and streets projects:

- 41st Place and Decatur
- Lancer & Longfellow
- 4000 block of Nicholson
- Standford and Gumwood
- 42nd and Kennedy
- 43rd St / Oglethorpe / 43rd Ave
- Nicholson St Connection

Additionally, staff will provide updates on Lower Ward 1 and Kennedy Street stormwater work.

Next Steps:

Continue working through and completing traffic calming projects.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

For presentation.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 – Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

City of Hyattsville



Traffic Calming & Streets
Projects Update Spring 2026



Traffic Calming & Streets

41st Place & Decatur

Lancer & Longfellow

4000 Nicholson

Stanford and Gumwood

42nd and Kennedy

43rd St / Oglethorpe 43rd Ave

Nicholson St Connection

Funding Summary

41st Pl & Decatur



DPW Updates

A new sidewalk was added in 2025 in response to a community petition.

Post-installation Survey Results

Pending. Survey closed May 15.

Question for Community

Should Emerson and 41st Place become one-way streets?



Installed sidewalk, spring 2026

**Community
Meeting:**

May 21, 2026



Lancer & Longfellow

Between 36th Ave & Queens Chapel Rd.

Survey & Community Meeting Feedback

- Community members are not interested in bumpouts on either street. On Lancer, there is no interest in chicanes that reduce parking.
- Speed humps were very much supported.

DPW & Community Recommendation

1. Install speed humps on both blocks. *PRIORITY*
2. Quick curb chicanes on Longfellow should be revisited with the community after speed hump installation.

Approved in a separate PO

Cost: \$19,896.91

4000 Nicholson



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Survey Results

Average satisfaction rating for temporary speed cushion: **3 satisfied**

Traffic Counter Data

	Before	After
Average Speed (mph)	23.47	20.15
85 th percentile speed (mph)	27.85	23.6

DPW & Community Recommendation

Replace temporary speed cushion with permanent speed cushion



Apr 28, 2026 community meeting

Cost: \$7,298.87

Stanford St & Gumwood Dr



Traffic Counter Data- Stanford St

	Feb 25	Oct 25	Nov 25
Average Speed (mph)	25.03	27.98	23.9
85 th percentile speed (mph)	29.98	32.77	29.52
Maximum Speed (mph)	46	58	51

DPW Recommendation

Install (4) permanent speed humps with signs, contingent upon community approval

Community Meeting May 19, 2026

Cost: \$28,402.00

Traffic Counter Data- Gumwood Dr

	Nov 25
Average Speed (mph)	15.46
85 th percentile speed (mph)	21.7
Maximum Speed (mph)	39

DPW Recommendation

Mobile camera installation to monitor driver behavior

Cost: \$0.00



42nd & Kennedy

Data & Design

DPW's on-call engineer has been tasked with design. The process will take 4-6 weeks and will yield a design concept for community members to react to.

Recommendation

Engineering is needed to account for slope as well as to manage stormwater so as not to exacerbate flooding on Kennedy Street.

Cost: Engineering \$29,300.00
 Construction \$65,000 (estimate)

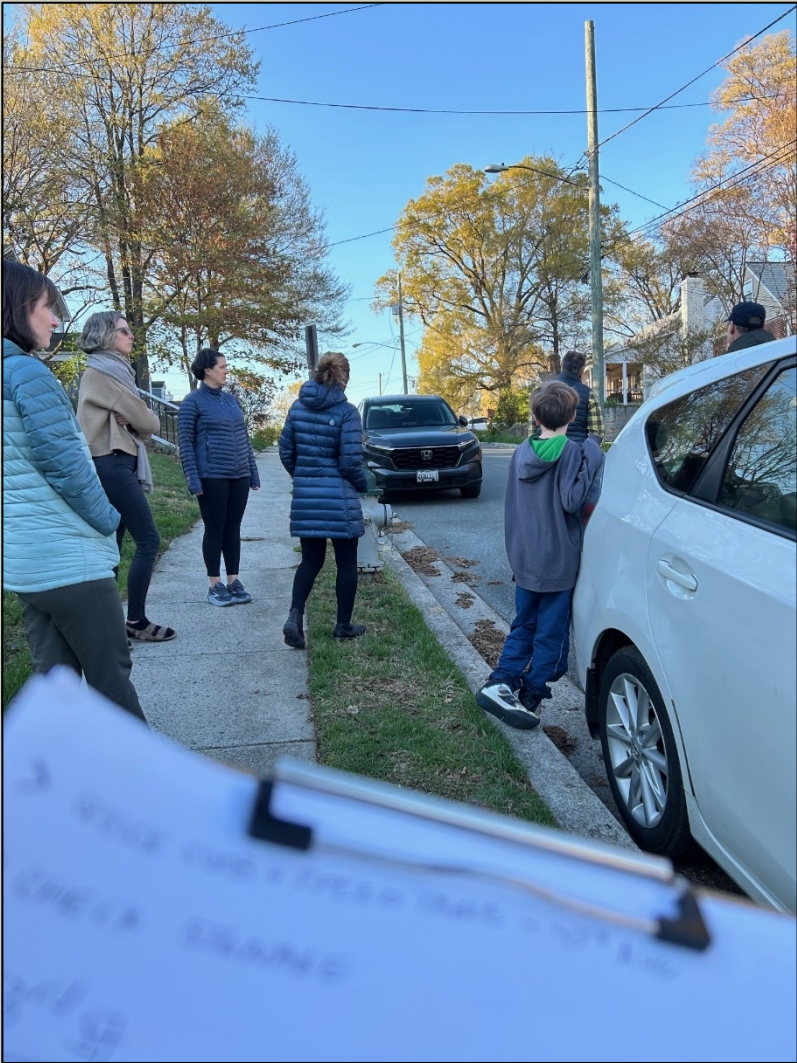
43rd St / Oglethorpe / 43rd Ave



Combining of a petition with work prioritized by DPW staff.

43rd St Traffic Counter Data

	Jun 24 NB	Jun 24 SB	Apr 26 NB	Apr 26 SB
Average Speed (mph)	18.96	18.59	19.47	18.48
85 th percentile speed (mph)	21.18	20.92	21.59	20.39
Maximum speed (mph)	42	46	47	44



Apr 7, 2026 community meeting

43rd St / Oglethorpe / 43rd Ave



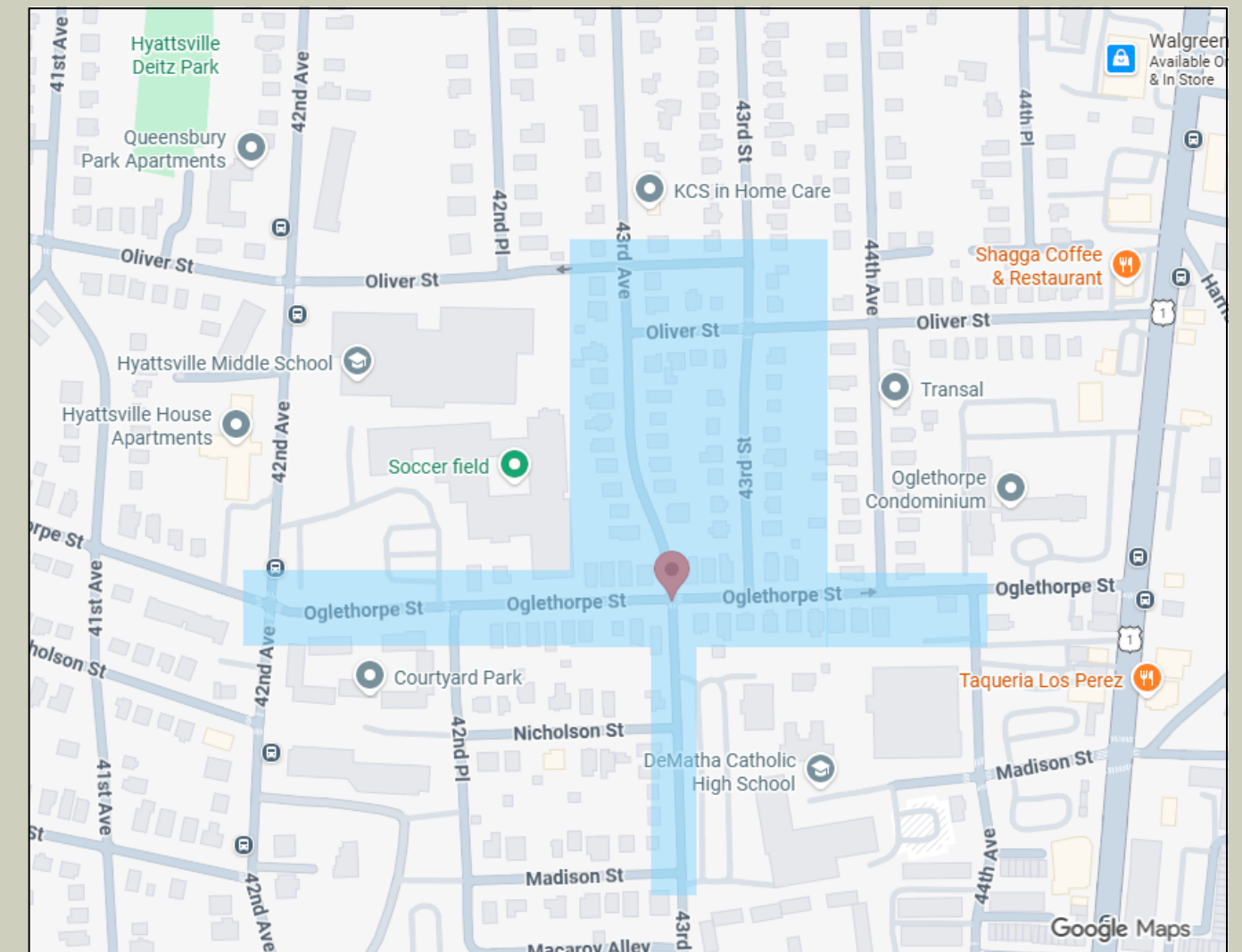
DPW Recommendation

Phase 1: Lower speed limit in a larger school zone project area

Phase 2: Install permanent speed table on 43rd St

Phase 3: In-street improvements on Oglethorpe & 43rd Ave (signage, quickcurb, possibly raised crossings)

Cost: \$20,000 (Phase 1)
\$8,000.00 (Phase 2)
\$135,000 (Phase 3*)



**planned funding through grants- SS4All- in 2027*

Nicholson St Connection



- Remove Fence Panels
- Remove Bollards
- Remove Curb and Gutter at existing roadways
- Install 6" of asphalt to create a continuous street connection

Cost: \$13,750.00



Funding Summary



LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST
41 st Place and Decatur	Signs (pending community decision)	\$ 3,000.00
4000 Nicholson	Replace temporary speed cushion with permanent	\$7,298.87
Stanford	Permanent Speed Humps	\$28,402.00
42 nd and Kennedy	Engineering & construction of raised intersection	\$94,300
43 rd St / Oglethorpe / 43 rd Ave	Phase 1 & Phase 2	\$28,000.00
Nicholson Connector	Temporary connection	\$13,750.00
	Subtotal	\$174,750.87
	Contingency	\$25,249.13
	Total Traffic Calming Funding Request	\$200,000.00



Projects

Lower Ward 1 Stormwater
Improvements

Kennedy Street

Lower Ward 1 Stormwater Improvements



- Final stages of construction contracts and compliance with EPA regulations

LOCATION	NEXT STEP
DPW bioswale maintenance and update	Pricing and construction
41 st Place culvert	Pricing and construction
Crittenden Rain Garden maintenance and update	Plant palette, pricing and construction
Lot 1 perimeter improvements	Design details
Lot 2 plantings and bioswales	Design refinement
Trolley Trail rain gardens	Soil perc testing, Design development

Kennedy Street

Community-led Stormwater

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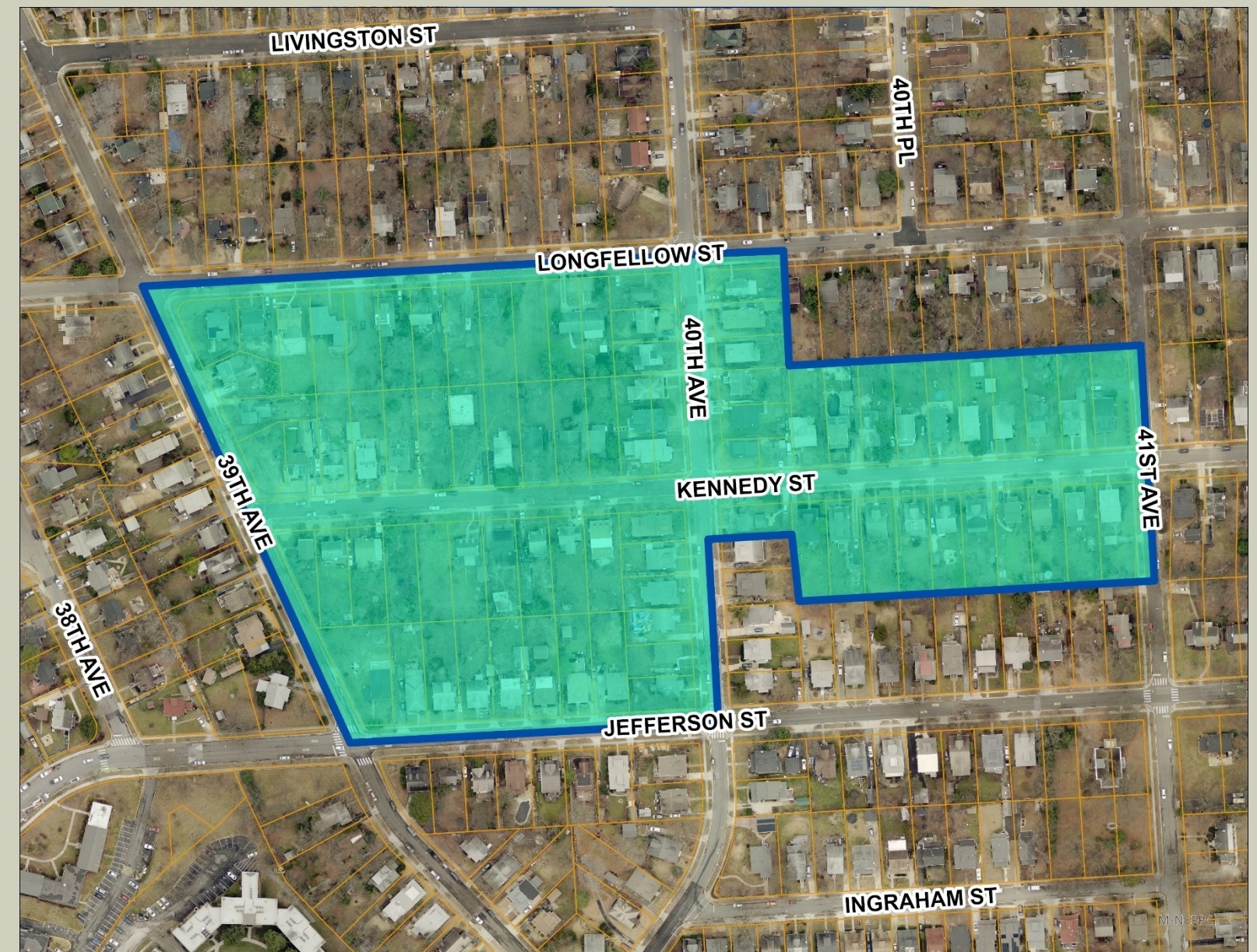


- Community Walk and Data Collection
- Community Conversations
- Design Conversations & Refinements

Community Presentation May 28, 2026

Next Steps

- Engineering and permit-ready drawings
- Funding Applications:
 - Earmark funding: \$525,000
 - FEMA funding application (May 22, 2026)



City Council
May 20, 2026

Submitted by: Nate Groenendyk
Submitting Department: Legislative
Agenda Section: Discussion Items

Item Title:
Council FY27 Budget Amendment: COLA Increase

Suggested Action:
Proposed Motion: I move the Mayor and Council increase the cost of living adjustment (COLA) in the FY27 budget for City employees from 2% to 2.5%.

Legal Review Required?
N/A

Summary Background:
The FY27 budget currently calls for a 2% COLA for staff. This motion would increase the proposed amount staff receives by .5%

Next Steps:

Fiscal Impact:
The .5% increase will increase the FY27 Budget by \$157,193.

City Administrator Comments:
Recommend support.

Community Engagement:

Strategic Goals:
Goal 4 – Foster Excellence in all City Operations