

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, April 8, 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

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 Gopi Dhokai
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett

ABSENT:

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas
Deputy City Administrator Debi Sandlin
City Treasurer Ron Brooks
Deputy Budget Director Ben Bosch
Chief of Police Jarod Towers
Acting Director of the Department of Public Works Hal Metzler
Director of Community, Business, and Economic Development Jeff Ulysse
Strategic Analyst Suzanne Ludlow
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
Communications Manager Cindy Zork

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the agenda be approved.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Waszczak, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Councilmember Dhokai, Councilmember Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:

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

- Mr. Marshall (Ward 4) advised that he is not in favor of the motion for \$100K for immigrant resident relief, and that, if the motion passes, the program should be facilitated through an organization neutral on immigration issues.
- L. Parikh (Ward 2) expressed concerns about the cost of the benefits package offered to employees.
- Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) advised that she supports the \$100K immigrant resident relief fund. She also expressed concerns about drawing down from the general fund in the FY27 budget and tracking PAYGO funds that will go towards offsetting the Capital Improvement Plan, asking for more clarity around that.

5. Presentations (7:20 PM - 9:00 PM)

5.a. 2026-196 Introduction of the FY27 Budget and Department Presentations

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: FY27 Proposed Budget Publication_updated

City Administrator Douglas, Treasurer Brooks, and Deputy Budget Director Brosch opened the presentation of the budget. Department presentations included:

- Administration (including Race and Equity, Emergency Operations, and Parking Enforcement)
- Finance (including IT and the Red Light Camera Program)
- City Clerk (including the City Council and the Election Board)
- Human Resources
- Economic Development (including GIS, Code Compliance, and Licensing and Permits)
- Grants

The Council and staff discussed the camera enforcement program, hours for parking

enforcement, and the stipend for the Hyattsville Life & Times. They also discussed capital expense items, staffing positions, the proposed hiring freeze for non-essential positions, expanding tax classifications, and the cost of living adjustment for the staff in the FY27 budget.

6. Council Dialogue (9:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.)

7. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Waszczak, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Councilmember Dhokai, Councilmember Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: