

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 11, 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 7:02 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 Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett

ABSENT:

Councilmember Edouard Haba

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
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

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, 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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

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

- Justine Hayward (Ward 3) expressed concerns about the ICE expansion in the City and asked for increased opposition to it from the City Council.
- Mr. Marshall (Ward 4) thanked the Police Department and Department of Public Works for their hard work.
- Daniel Broder (Ward 2) spoke in support of ranked choice voting and stated his opposition to the contract with Flock Safety.

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

The City Administrator provided updates on street improvement projects, community events and programming, and updates to the City website. She also thanked the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for their hard work.

The Council and staff discussed the expansion of ICE near the Plaza at Prince George's. The staff advised that they are tracking this item and have received no new information about it from our county, state, or federal leaders. Council President Solomon also shared that the County Executive signed an executive order placing a temporary moratorium on the approval of use and occupancy permits for immigration detention infrastructure in the County.

6. Presentations (7:40 PM - 8:00 PM)

6.a. 2026-246 ATHA Presentation

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

Valerie Woodall, Associate Director with ATHA, gave a presentation on current and upcoming programming and initiatives they are involved in.

The Council thanked Valerie Woodall for her presentation and inquired about ATHA activities outside of Trolley Trail Day. They also discussed Bike to Work Day and extending the Trolley Trail down Route 1 into Mount Rainier.

7. Proclamations

A motion was made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Council President Solomon, that the City Council adopt the proclamations.

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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

7.a. 2026-234 Asian American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

I move the Mayor and Council to adopt the proclamation designating May as Asian American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0511 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Proclamation

7.b. 2026-235 Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

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

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0511 Jewish American Heritage Month 2026

7.c. 2026-236 Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0511 Mental Health Month 2026

7.d. 2026-238 National Public Works Week Proclamation

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation designating May 17–23 as National Public Works Week in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM 0511 National Public Works Week 2026

7.e. 2026-239 National Peace Officers Memorial Day & National Police Week Proclamation

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation designating May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through 16 as National Police Week in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: CM0511 National Police Week Proclamation

7.f. 2026-247 Proclamation Honoring Reverend Dr. Yvonne Wallace-Penn

I move the Mayor and Council adopt the proclamation honoring Reverend Dr. Yvonne Wallace-Penn for her years of service in the community.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: 05.11.26 Proclamation Honoring Pastor Penn

8. Appointments

A motion was made by Council Vice President Redmond, seconded by Council President Solomon, that the appointments 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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

8.a. 2026-233 Appointment to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee

I move the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Susan Zahran (Ward 1) to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to end on May 11, 2028.

Sponsors: Gopi Dhokai, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: Zahran Redac Application

9. Consent Items (8:00 p.m. - 8:05 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 request specific items be removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond, that the consent 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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

9.a. 2026-231 Disbursement of Mayoral Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of FY26 Mayoral Discretionary Funds to Hyattsville CDC to support the annual Trolley Trail event held on June 13, 2026

Sponsors: Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments:

9.b. 2026-232 Disbursement of Mayoral Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$700 from FY26

Mayoral discretionary funds to Hyattsville CDC to support the Summer Soccer Kick-off Watch Party held on June 27, 2026.

Sponsors: Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Department: Community, Business, and Economic Development

Attachments:

9.c. 2026-244 Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 from FY26 Ward 2 discretionary funds to support a Pride event hosted by the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA.

Sponsors: Danny Schaible, Councilmember, Emily Strab, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9.d. 2026-248 Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 from FY26 Ward 5 discretionary funds to support a Pride event hosted by the Hyattsville Elementary School PTA.

Sponsors: Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kelson Nisbett, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9.e. 2026-249 Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 from FY26 Ward 5 discretionary funds to support the purchase and installation of 988 signs in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kelson Nisbett, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9.f. 2026-250 Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$250 from FY26 Ward 5 discretionary funds to Ben Angeloni to support a Pride event in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kelson Nisbett, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9.g. 2026-251 Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$850 from FY26 Ward 5 discretionary funds to support the Ward 5 Budget and BBQ event on May 17, 2026.

Sponsors: Joseph Solomon, Council President, Kelson Nisbett, Councilmember

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9.h. 2026-218 MOU with MD Transit Administration Police Force, New Carrollton PD, Riverdale Park PD and HPD

I move Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an MOU with MD Transit Administration Police Force, New Carrollton PD, Riverdale Park PD and HPD for purposes of a police force at the Purple Line pending legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police

Attachments: Mutual Aid New Carrollton Riverdale Park Hyattsville and the Maryland Transit Administration Police DRAFT

9.i. Change Order - Adirondack Tree Experts Contract

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to issue a change order to the contract with Adirondack Tree Experts to increase the not to exceed amount for FY26 by \$55,000 to cover additional tree work and authorize an expenditure for the same amount.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Adirondack Tree Experts Contract DPW24-004 Tree Maintenance 10-01-2024, Adirondack Additional FY26 Tree Work Proposal 04-2026

9.j. Change Order - Environmental Quality Resources

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to issue a change order to the contract with Environmental Quality Resources (EQR) to increase the not to exceed amount by \$22,000 annually to cover additional maintenance.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: EQR Contract DPW25-006, EQR Proposal Gateway West , EQR Proposal DPW Bioswale

9.k. Change Order - Professional Lawn Maintenance Services

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to issue a change order to the contract with Professional Lawn Maintenance Services, LLC (PLMS) to increase the not to exceed amount by \$46,000 annually.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: PLMS Contract DPW25-001, PLMS Proposal SHA Mowing, PLMS Proposal Gateway West Park

10. Action Items (8:05 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.)

10.a. 2026-243 Funding for Community Services Caseworker to Support Resident Stability

I move the Mayor and Council include \$65,000 in the FY27 Budget to fund a full-time caseworker in the Department of Community Services.

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

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

I move the Mayor and Council include \$65,000 in the FY27 Budget to fund a full-time caseworker in the Department of Community Services. Motion made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond.

Director of Community Services Director Sandra Shephard gave an overview of the Case Manager position.

The Council thanked the staff and motion makers for their hard work in supporting the community.

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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba

11. Council Dialogue (8:25 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)

12. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 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 Lee, Councilmember Nisbett

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Haba