

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Public Hearing

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Monday, May 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Ward 1
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 6:32 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Emily Strab
Councilmember Gopi Dhokai
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett

ABSENT:

Councilmember Danny Schaible
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
Deputy Chief of Police Laura Lanham
Acting Director of the Department of Public Works Hal Metzler
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. Presentations

2.a. 2026-252 FY27 Budget Overview

For presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: FY27 Proposed Budget Publication_updated (1)

Treasurer Ron Brooks and Deputy Budget Director Ben Brosch gave an overview of the FY27 Budget.

The Council and staff discussed a future presentation of the budget reflecting a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment, the cost of the volunteer shovel budget initiative, and the Paygo program.

3. Public Comment

- Alex Koch (Ward 5) opposes the contract with Flock Safety, citing concerns about privacy and data safety.
- Tim Schwedes (Ward 5) opposes the contract with Flock Safety, citing concerns about data breaches.
- Jacob Moschler opposes the contact with Flock Safety, citing lawsuits the company is currently engaged in.
- Luis Walters (Ward 2) opposes the contract with Flock Safety, citing concerns about constitutional violations and mass surveillance.
- Alison Mendoza-Walters opposes the contract with Flock Safety, citing residential privacy concerns.
- Mr. Marshall (Ward 4) expressed concerns about tax increases.
- Mike Bonds (Ward 3) thanked the staff for reducing the budget deficit compared to previous years.

4. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Council Vice President Redmond, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 PM.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Haba