

City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM

MEETING NOTICE:

As we continue to take precautions due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely, there will be no in person meeting attendance.

The meeting will be broadcast live on cable television channel 71 (Comcast), channel 12 (Verizon) and available via live stream at hyattsville.org/meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Comment may be made using the e-comment feature at hyattsville.org/meetings or emailing cityclerk@hyattsville.org. All electronic comments must be submitted by 5 PM on June 1, 2020. Comments received will be read by City staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to attend the virtual council meeting must register in advance using the link below.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ccWP0AMRRfmhCDe3O7Cbgw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- 1. Call to Order – *the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.; Council Vice President Carrianna Suiter arrived at 7:08 p.m. and Councilmember Daniel Peabody arrived at 7:37 p.m.; all other members were present.***
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda – *APPROVED, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS***

AMENDMENTS

1) **ADD** Resolution 2020-05 to Action:

HCC-386-FY20

Lead Sponsor: Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor(s): Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Haba, Solomon, Wolf

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2) **ADD** Authorization of Letter to Licensed Apartment Owners to Consent:

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6. Suspend sending any and all eviction suits to court for the rest of 2020

3) **ADD** Memorandum of Understanding with Doctor's Community Medical Center to support a COVID-19 Testing Site to Consent:

HCC-389-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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4. **Approval of the Minutes**

4.a) Approval of the Minutes – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-385-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Minutes Aug 5 2019 CM FINAL](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of August 5, 2019.

5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**

6. **City Administrator Update**

7. **City Treasurer Update**

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8. Presentations (7:35 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.)

8.a) Dewey Property Detailed Site Plan (DSP-19050-01) Presentation

[HCC-382-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Planning Commission Presentation DSP 19050 01 \(1\)](#)

9. Proclamations

9.a) Proclamation Declaring June 5, 2020 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day –

APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-359-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[2020 Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council declare June 5, 2020 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the City of Hyattsville.

9.b) Proclamation Designating June 20th as National Ask Day – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-360-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[National Ask Day Proclamation 2020](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council designate June 20, 2020 as National Ask Day in Hyattsville.

9.c) LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-372-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[LGBTQ Pride Month 2020](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council declare June 2020, LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Hyattsville.

9.d) Caribbean-American Heritage Month Proclamation – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-373-FY20](#)

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[Caribbean-American Heritage Month 2020](#)

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10. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)

10.a) Surplus of Police Department Equipment- Weapons and Ammunition – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-368-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Police Equipment Surplus](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Police Department to surplus 7 H&K UMP weapons, along with 40,000 rounds of .40 Caliber Ammunition, to Phoenix Distributors in exchange for \$11,530.00 in store credit.

10.b) One Year Renewal of the Maintenance Contract for Skyline Technology – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-369-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Skyline](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve a one-year renewal of the maintenance contract for Skyline Technology, LLC for the City's CCTV camera system at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

10.c) Purchase of Portable Message Boards – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-377-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[City of Hyattsville - Public Works - All Traffic Solutions Quote](#)

[InstAlert24 Portable Post and Hitch x6 3 Years TraffiCloud \(1\)](#)

[Sole source TraffiCloud Updated](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$60,000 to All Traffic Solutions for the purchase of portable electric message boards.

10.d) Hyatt Park Placemaking: Landscaping – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-378-FY20](#)

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[2020 05 11 SMC Task Order 7 - Hyatt Park Landscaping Phase 2 \(1\)](#)

[2020 03 17 Hyatt Park Topographic Survey Landscape Plan SMC 2008.01&.02](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$85,000 to SMC for the installation of landscaping to complete the Hyatt Park Placemaking Project.

10.e) Retrofit of Big Belly Trash and Recycling Cans: Touchless Operation – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
HCC-379-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[big belly touchless retrofit](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$55,000 to Big Belly Solar LLC to retrofit existing solar trash and recycling compacting cans to touchless operation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

10.f) Emerson Food Forest Water Station – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
HCC-380-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[mid atlantic emerson food forest
Wash Stations \(1\)](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into agreements with Mid-Atlantic Utilities for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and Charm County Home Improvement for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a WSSC water connection and installation of a hand washing station at Emerson Food Forest, pending review of the City Attorney.

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11. Action Items (8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

11.a) Hyattsville Ordinance 2020-03: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (ADOPTION) – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

HCC-376-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Revised Budget Memo, May 15 2020](#)

[Hyattsville Ordinance 2020-03 FY 2021 Budget \(1\) Revised 5 13 20](#)

[University Town Center Special Tax Report \(2020\) \(1\) 5 14 2020](#)

[RB Final Copy of Excel FTE FY 2021 5 27 20](#)

[RB Five Year Forecast 5 28 20](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve Hyattsville Ordinance 2020-03, adopting an annual budget for fiscal Year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for the General Purpose; fixing the tax rates for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020; authorizing collection of taxes herein levied; and appropriating funds for the Fiscal Year (SECOND READING & ADOPTION).

11.b) Hyattsville Crossing WMATA Metro Station – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

HCC-383-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Memo - Hyattsville Crossing WMATA Metro Station Naming](#)

[HVX Summary Document](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors requesting approval to replace the existing metro station name 'Prince George's Plaza' with the name 'Hyattsville Crossing' and to be

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included with WMATA's map and signage replacement project in advance of the opening of the Silver Line Phase II, scheduled for calendar year 2021.

11.c) Resolution 2020-05: A Resolution in Defense of Black Lives – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
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12. Council Dialogue (9:15 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.)

13. Community Notices and Meetings

13.a) Main City Calendar: June 1 - June 21, 2020

[HCC-384-FY20](#)

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Main City Calendar Jun 2-Jun 21](#)

14. Motion to Adjourn – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS; the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

ATTEST:

June 2, 2020



Laura Reams, City Clerk