

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Monday, February 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Virtual

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1 (**Absent**)
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Danny Schaible, Ward 2
Emily Strab, Ward 2
Kareem Redmond, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Michelle Lee, Ward 4
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!
Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.

AGENDA/PACKET: The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at www.hyattsville.org prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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Meeting Notice:

The Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **Call to order at 7:05 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **CM Schaible made a motion, seconded by CM Denes, to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for HB232/SB346. Approved, Unanimous**

Council President Solomon made a motion, seconded by CM Denes to approve the agenda with amendments. Approved, Unanimous
4. **Approval of the Minutes** **Approved, Unanimous**

4.a. **Approval of the Minutes**

[HCC-236-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2024 and the Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024 and January 13, 2025.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Minutes_December 16 2024](#)

[Minutes_June 3 2024](#)

[Minutes_Jan 13](#)

5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
Public comments submitted electronically can be found at the end of the summary.

6. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)**

7. **Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)**

7.a. **ARPA and General Fund Savings Project Updates**

[HCC-238-FY25](#)

Staff will provide report on the recently submitted ARPA Quarterly Report and updates for General Fund Savings Projects.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments:

8. **Proclamations **Approved, Unanimous****

8.a. **Proclamation Celebrating February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Hyattsville**

[HCC-235-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation celebrating February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

9. **Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.) **Approved, Unanimous****

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.

9.a. **25 Cubic Yard Trash Truck Purchase**

[HCC-234-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to purchase a 25CY trash truck from GranTurk Equipment, for an expenditure not to exceed \$285,000.00.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [25CY Trash Truck GranTurk Quote 12-17-2024](#)

[Sourcewell Waste Collection Vehicles Contract 000223-LEG 12-22-2023](#)

10. **Discussion Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)**

10.a. **City of Hyattsville Property Tax Relief Programs: Administrative Recommendations**

[HCC-237-FY25](#)

For Discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments: [Hyattsville Property Tax Relief Council Presentation.pdf](#)

10.b. **Letter of Support for the "Bottle Bill" (HB232/SB346)**

For Discussion.

Sponsors: Schaible, Denes, Solomon

**Motion made by CM Redmond, seconded by CM Denes, to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter of support to the House Environment and Transportation Committee and the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee for HB232/SB346 Maryland Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program. Approved, Unanimous
CM Sandino was not present for the vote.**

11. **Council Dialogue (8:45 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)**

12. **Motion to Adjourn Approved, Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM**

Attest: February 4, 2024



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



Outlook

Public Comment - 2/3/25 Meeting

From Jessamyn Randall [REDACTED]**Date** Mon 2/3/2025 7:13 AM**To** cityclerk [REDACTED]

Good morning,

I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting in person, but wanted to share my thoughts with the city council. I recently attended a local event about ranked choice voting (RCV) with RCV Maryland and learned that Council Member Schaible has introduced a proposal for the city to adopt RCV. I am persuaded that this method of elections allows for a better representation of the will of the people. I hope the council will seriously consider moving forward with ranked choice voting for the city and set an example of meaningful participatory democracy.

Jessamyn Randall

Ward 3 (Carnaby St)