

City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 19, 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, October 19, 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 October 19, 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_wTnnZELjQreL698DTbNZoA

1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call – *The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.***
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda – *APPROVED, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS.***

AMENDMENT

1) **AMEND** the title and motion language of item HCC-103-FY21, consent item 9.c), to read:

FY21 Budget Appropriation: Pedestrian **Safety Grant Award**

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY21 Special Revenues Fund Budget and to accept and appropriate the FY21 Pedestrian **Safety** Enforcement Safety grant award in the amount of \$1,500 from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

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4. Approval of the Minutes

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

[HCC-112-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Minutes_Oct 5, 2020 CM FINAL](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 5, 2020.

5. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

6. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

7. City Treasurer Update (7:30 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.)

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

8.a) Lower Ward 1 Community Resiliency Grant Study

[HCC-101-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Ward 1 Study Presentation 10-5-20](#)

[Hyattsville CS Study 093019 FINAL](#)

8.b) Hyattsville Urban Tree Canopy Study

[HCC-102-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Hyattsville MD UTC 2019 Canopy Study PPT](#)

[Hyattsville MD UTC Factsheet 8-2020](#)

[2020 Hyattsville MD UTC Assessment Change Analysis FINAL](#)

Mayor Candace Hollingsworth departed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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9. Consent Items (8:05 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.)

9.a) Schedule Public Hearing for Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-01: Election Day, Certification of Election, and Council Organizational Meeting – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.
[HCC-96-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Charter Resolution - Changing Day of Election 10.14.20](#)

[Election Presentation July 20](#)

[Election Calendar 2021](#)

[2018 VBM Motion](#)

I move the Mayor and Council schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, November 16 at 6:30 PM for Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2020-01, a resolution amending Article II of the City of Hyattsville's Charter to alter the day in which the newly elected Mayor and Council take office and alter the day of the Mayor and Council's organizational meeting; amending Article 4 IV of the City's Charter to alter Election Day, change the time by which certification of the Election must take place and include related clarifying language.

9.b) Big Belly - 5th and Final Year of Current Contract – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.
[HCC-100-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$73,000 for the 5th year of the Big Belly Solar contract.

9.c) FY21 Budget Appropriation: Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant Award – APPROVED, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS.
[HCC-103-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY21 Special Revenues Fund Budget and to accept and appropriate the FY21 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement grant award in the amount of \$1,500 from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

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9.d) FY21 Budget Appropriation: Aggressive Driving Enforcement Grant Award – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.*

[HCC-104-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY21 Special Revenues Budget and to accept and appropriate the FY21 Aggressive Driving Enforcement grant award in the amount \$2,000 from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

9.e) FY21 Budget Appropriation: Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant Award – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.*

[HCC-105-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY21 Special Revenues Fund Budget and to accept and appropriate the FY21 Distracted Driving Enforcement grant award in the amount of \$2,000 from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

9.f) FY21 Budget Appropriation: Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.*

[HCC-106-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY21 Special Revenues Fund Budget and accept and appropriate the FY21 Impaired Driving Enforcement grant award in the amount of \$4,500 from the Maryland Highway safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.

9.g) FY21 Budget Amendment: Special Revenues Budget and Appropriation of Unencumbered FY20 COVID-19 Funds – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.*

[HCC-109-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY21 Special Revenues Fund Budget and appropriate \$303,500 in unencumbered FY20 COVID-19 Funds.

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

10.a) Hyattsville Ordinance 2020-06: Vote-by-Mail Election Procedures – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.

[HCC-97-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Chapter 8 Revisions 10.14.20 SC](#)

[Election Presentation July 20](#)

[Election Calendar 2021](#)

[2018 VBM Motion](#)

I move the Mayor and Council introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2020-06, an ordinance whereby the City Council amends Chapter 8 of the Hyattsville Code to change the day of the election, provide for an all Vote-by-Mail election, update, reorganize, and refine Chapter 8 to improve its overall clarity and better define the City's election policies and procedures (INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING)

10.b) Lease Finance Funding for Six FY20 Police Vehicles and Related Equipment – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.

[HCC-110-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[FY20 Lease Financing Police Cars and Equipment NTE 331,311 10-13-20 Update 10-13-20](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a lease finance agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$331,311 at a rate of 3.78% for five (5) years to finance the lease purchase of six (6) police vehicles and related equipment approved in the FY-2020 Capital Improvement Plan and upon legal review and approval by the City Attorney.

11. Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

This item was removed from the agenda.

~~11.a) Implementing Participatory Budgeting~~

~~[HCC-99-FY21](#)~~

~~**Sponsor:** Hollingsworth~~

~~**Co-Sponsor(s):** N/A~~

~~I move that the Mayor and Council establish an ad hoc advisory committee to develop recommendations for a plan to establish a participatory budgeting process beginning with the FY23 budget.~~

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

13. Community Notices and Meetings

13.a) Main City Calendar October 20 - November 2, 2020

[HCC-111-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Main City Calendar Oct 20 - Nov 2 2020 FINAL](#)

14. Motion to Adjourn – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

ATTEST:

October 20, 2020



Laura Reams, City Clerk



Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk