

# City of Hyattsville

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 1, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

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## City Council

**Kevin Ward, Mayor**

**Robert Croslin, Council President, Ward 2**

**Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 2**

**Sam Denes, Ward 1**

**Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1**

**Ben Simasek, Ward 3**

**Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3**

**Daniel Peabody, Ward 4**

**Edouard Haba, Ward 4**

**Joseph Solomon, Ward 5**

**Rommel Sandino, Ward 5**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator**

**~~Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org)~~**

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**1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Also Present:**

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

Assistant City Administrator-Jim Chandler

City Treasurer-Ron Brooks

Director of Human Resources-Vivian Snellman

Chief of Police-Jarod Towers

City Clerk-Laura Reams

This agenda item was Read into the Record.

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor Kevin Ward
	Council President Robert Croslin
	Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
	Councilmember Sam Denes
	Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
	Councilmember Ben Simasek
	Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
	Councilmember Edouard Haba
	Councilmember Daniel Peabody
	Councilmember Joseph Solomon
	Councilmember Rommel Sandino

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

This agenda item was Read into the Record.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Council President Croslin moved to amend the agenda to remove Consent Item 10.a and add Consent Item 10.i.

- 1) REMOVE Consent item 10.a) HCC-121-FY22, Repair and Replacement of DPW Facility Security Fence.
- 2) ADD Consent item 10.i) HCC-150-FY22, Allocation of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Haba, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**4. Approval of the Minutes****4.a) Approval of the Minutes**[HCC-131-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 2, 2021.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Minutes August 2, 2021 FINAL](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 2, 2021.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Peabody, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

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

Mr. Manor asked if we can have more street sweeping, can we take additional measures to prevent people from entering one way streets, homeowners with trash cans in the rear of their houses are blocking the streets, can we ask homeowners to stop doing this, can you update the plans regarding the development near the County Services Building.

Mr. Gembecki thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Zombie run.

Mr. Smith submitted a letter to the Mayor, Council and Planning Board to postpone Thursday's meeting regarding Suffrage Point South and the notification by 1st class mail for the subdivision along with documenting environmental violations.

Mr. Marshall asked if the City would fund the entire health care amount for 10.h. He encouraged the city to fully fund this.

Ms. Schweisguth stated she is appreciated of the Resolution recognizing Native American Heritage Month and she is requesting the City to promote more education on all heritages.

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

City Administrator Tracey Douglas provided updates on City related news and events.

Councilmember Simasek asked if the Anacostia Trail Heritage is in the works with Staff or should the Council bring this to a meeting. The City Administrator stated additional information will come at the next meeting.

Councilmember Denes asked if the See, Click, Fix is functioning properly. City Clerk Reams responded it is functioning properly, with additional training for city employees.

Councilmember Solomon asked if a question on the Neighborhood Watch signs requested in Ward 5 were answered and if there was an active neighborhood watch group in Ward 5. He also inquired on the status of a pedestrian accident at Ager Road and Lancer Drive. City Administrator Tracey Douglas needs to do additional research on the signs along with the police department requiring additional information for the accident.

**7. City Treasurer Update (7:30 p.m. - 7:40 p.m.)**

City Treasurer Ron Brooks provided updates on the Town's Audit, General Fund Revenues, Expenditures and ARPA Funds.

Councilmember Haba asked if there will be a completion of the FY20 Audit by the end of the fiscal year and will this affect our bond rating. Ron Brooks anticipates the FY20 will be finished in March and the FY21 completed in May, June, or July. The bond rating is always a challenge, and the City was rated an AA2 for the last bond based on the City's positive fund balance.

Councilmember Waszczak asked how the new staff member responsible for the ARPA funds will work with Council, City Staff, and residents. Mr. Brooks advised there will be a plan in place for the process of the monies and it will roll out to all interested parties along with compliance and audit responsibilities.

This agenda item was Read into the Record.

**8. Proclamations (7:40 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)**

**8.a) Proclamation Recognizing Native American Heritage Month** [HCC-127-FY22](#)

I move that Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation to declare November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1101 Native American Heritage Month 2021](#)

I move that Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation to declare November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**8.b) Proclamation Recognizing November 2021 as Municipal Government Works Month** [HCC-128-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing November 2021 as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1101 Municipal Government Works Month 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing November 2021 as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Hyattsville.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**8.c) Proclamation Recognizing American Education Week** [HCC-129-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation in honor of American Education Week, November 15 - 19, 2021.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1101 American Education Week 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation in honor of American Education Week, November 15 - 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**8.d) Proclamation Recognizing Veterans Day**[HCC-130-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council proclaim November 11, 2021, to be Veterans Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1101 Veterans Day Proclamation 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council proclaim November 11, 2021, to be Veterans Day in the City of Hyattsville.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**9. Appointments (7:45 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.)****9.a) Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee**[HCC-132-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of David Hiles to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Haba and Simasek

Attachments: [Hiles, David Russell Henning redacted](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of David Hiles to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member McClellan, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**9.b) Reappointment to the Shade Tree Board**[HCC-138-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Taylor Johnson to the Shade Tree Board for a term of three (3) years to expire on October 31, 2024.

Sponsors: Simasek and Schaible

Attachments: [Taylor Johnson Reappointment redac](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Taylor Johnson to the Shade Tree Board for a term of three (3) years to expire on October 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member McClellan, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**9.c) Appointments to the Race and Equity Task Force**

[HCC-145-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Daniel Amador, Alicia Freemyn, and the reappointment of Latoya Robinson to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023. Further, I move that the Mayor and Council approve an extension to the term of Rodrigo Blanco to expire on December 31, 2021.

Sponsors: Croslin and Sandino

Attachments: [Amador RETF redac](#)  
[Freemyn RETF redac](#)  
[Robinson, Latoya redacted](#)  
[Blanco RETF redac](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Daniel Amador, Alicia Freemyn, and the reappointment of Latoya Robinson to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023. Further, I move that the Mayor and Council approve an extension to the term of Rodrigo Blanco to expire on December 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member McClellan, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**9.d) Appointments to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee**

[HCC-148-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointments of Erica Thomas and Marylyn Presutti to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023.

Sponsors: Denes and Waszczak

Attachments: [Erica Thomas redac](#)  
[Maryln Presutti redac](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointments of Erica Thomas and Marylyn Presutti to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member McClellan, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10. Consent Items (7:50 p.m. - 8:00 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.

**10.b) HCPD Mental Wellness Check-in Initiative Grant Award**[HCC-134-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY22 Special Revenues Budget to accept and appropriate the DOJ/COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA) grant award in the amount of \$118,800 to support the Police Department's Mental Wellness Check-in Initiative Program.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: Wellness Check-Ins Award Letter- DOJ COPS Grant (1)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.c) Distribution Agreement with Capital Area Food Bank**[HCC-135-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Capital Area Food Bank for the weekly receipt and distribution of non-perishable food boxes through December 23, 2021, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency, in support of the City's efforts to provide food to families in need during COVID-19.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Distribution Agreement COVID-19 October-December 2021](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.d) Memorandum of Agreement between Prince George's County, Maryland, and the City of Hyattsville**[HCC-136-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Special Revenues Funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) grant. I further move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Prince George's County Police Department of the Hyattsville City Police Department for FY22.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memorandum of Agreement MCIN](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.e) Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) Grant Award**[HCC-137-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY22 Special Revenues Budget to accept and appropriate the DOJ/COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) Grant award in the amount of \$230,000 to support the Hyattsville Police Departments Joint CIT Mobile Crisis Program.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: CIT Award Letter- DOJ COPS Grant (1)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.f) FY22 Budget Appropriation: MNCPPC Grant for Recreation Activities**[HCC-139-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY22 Special Revenues Funds Budget to accept and appropriate the grant award in the amount of \$19,000 from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract, upon the review and approval by the City Attorney, for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [FY22 General Project Charge - 420175 CITY OF HYATTSVILLE](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.g) Declaration of Public Sidewalk Use Easement (Draft)**[HCC-140-FY22](#)

I move the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a 'Dedication of Public Sidewalk Use Easement' for the subject parcel at 5504 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, pending the review and approval for legal sufficiency by the City Attorney.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Action Memo - Federalist Pig - Dedication of ROW - 10.26.2021](#)  
[Declaration of Public Sidewalk Use Easement](#)  
[Sidewalk Easement - Exhibit](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.h) Health Care, Prescription Drug, and Dental Care Rates for CY22**[HCC-143-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the 2022 calendar year health insurance premium rates which have increased an average of 5% in all plans. To address the increase, the City will increase its flat rate contribution from \$411 to \$425 for individuals; from \$722 to \$746 for Individual plus one (1); and from \$933 to \$967 for individuals plus two (2) or more. This will result in the City absorbing 1/2 of the increase and the employees responsible for the remaining amount. Employees' increase per pay is approximately \$6 for single, \$11 for individual plus one (1), and \$16 for family. Prescription drug plans increased 9% on average and the City will continue to pay 80% and employees 20% of this cost. The increase in the Dental PPO and HMO Plans for employees per pay, is less than \$5 depending on their level of elected coverage and will be paid by the employees.

Sponsors: City Administrator

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.i) Appointment of Rommel Sandino to ATHA Governing Board**[HCC-144-FY22](#)

I move the Council accepts the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Rommel Sandino to the ATHA Governing Board as representative for the City of Hyattsville to serve a term of two (2) years.

Sponsors: Ward

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.j) Approval of Declarations of Covenants with Prince George's County for Various Stormwater Related Projects Throughout the City** [HCC-146-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into Declarations of Covenants with Prince George's County for various stormwater related projects throughout the City, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [211027 - 4633 Arundel Place - Declaration-of-Covenants-PDF](#)  
[211027 - armentrout sgw - Declaration-of-Covenants-PDF](#)  
[211027 - wells blvd - Declaration-of-Covenants-PDF](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.k) Maryland DHCD - SGIF Grant Extension Request** [HCC-147-FY22](#)

I move the City Council accept and appropriate the transfer of \$568,354 of Maryland Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund from the Prince George's Revenue Authority to the City of Hyattsville consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement with the State of Maryland and the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Revenue Authority, previously authorized by the City Council through Motion #HCC-157A-FY18.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memo - Maryland DHCD SGIF Transfer - 10.26.2021](#)

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**10.I) Allocation of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-150-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the allocation of \$265.00 from the Ward 5 Discretionary Fund balance to reimburse Patricia Page for expenses incurred for materials purchased in preparation for the Ward 5 Community Meeting and Harvest Festival scheduled for November 13, 2021.

Sponsors: Solomon and Sandino

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Vice-President Schaible, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**11. Action Items (8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.)**

**11.a) Transitioning Ownership of a Segment of MD 208**[HCC-149-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to begin negotiations with the Maryland State Highway Administration for the purpose of transitioning ownership of, and/or performing upgrades and repairs to, the segment of MD 208 (Hamilton Street) within the corporate limits of the City of Hyattsville (from 38th Avenue to Queens Chapel Road) to the City of Hyattsville. Any such negotiations are non-binding, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency and shall require final approval from the Hyattsville City Council.

**Summary Background:**

There have been numerous issues associated with the inability to perform maintenance on this high-traffic segment of MD 208 including inconsistency in quality of roadways, incomplete sidewalks, and minimal visibility of crosswalks. This segment has been specifically identified as an issue for cyclists and pedestrians in the citizen-led 2008 Pedestrian and Bicycle Study and the recent City-sponsored 2018 Hyattsville Transportation Study. Ward 5 Councilmembers and City staff have received reports of the danger in crossing this major street. Transition of ownership will increase connectivity in conjunction with the major upgrades to Hyatt Park and the new location of the Hyattsville Police Department (3505 Hamilton Street).

The updated language will allow the City to work with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to develop a comprehensive list of funding options for efficient use of tax payer dollars. These options include but are not limited to:

- Applying to SHA's Access Management Program (and providing supporting documentation)
- Applying to SHA's Transportation Alternative Program (and providing supporting documentation)
- Developing MOU's with SHA (subject to Council approval)
- Working with the SHA District office or required permits and approvals
- Working with SHA's Office of Real Estate on transfer process

**Next Steps:**

Enter into discussions with MD SHA citing the guidelines listed.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**City Administrator Comments:**

Recommend Support

**Community Engagement:**

N/A

**Strategic Goals:**

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

**Legal Review Required?**

Pending

Sponsors: Solomon, Sandino and Haba

Attachments:      [Attachment Memo - Hamilton Street Ownership 38th Avenue to Queensbury Road](#)

Councilmember Solomon gave an over view of the Hamilton Street Ownership from 38th Avenue to Queens Chapel Road.

Councilmember Schaible asked how long the transfer will take to process? Councilmember Solomon stated there is no estimate on a transfer, but it could take a long time.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:**                      Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

**12.      Discussion Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

**12.a) Employee COVID-19 Immunization Requirement**[HCC-141-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a policy requiring all current employees to be vaccinated and that those who desire to work for the City of Hyattsville show proof of vaccination against the COVID-19 virus with an FDA-authorized vaccine. Employed City staff must receive their first vaccination by December 1, 2021, and if utilizing a multi-dose vaccination, must be fully vaccinated by January 1, 2022.

Sponsors: McClellan

Attachments: [Council Motion Form Employee COVID 19 Vaccination Requirement, McClellan](#)

Councilmember McClellan advised on the COVID-19 vaccination and the importance for City employees to be fully vaccinated to protect all.

Councilmember Simasek is supportive of this motion and asked if the City had contractors who entered the building and if this motion can be amended to include contractors. City Administrator Tracey Douglas stated the draft plan does require any City contractor to be vaccinated.

Councilmember Denes asked if there are any other policies in place for vaccinations. Director of Human Resources Vivian Snellman stated there are no other vaccination requirements.

Councilmember Waszczak asked to ensure all contractors of the City are required to get the vaccination and asked how this will work since the requirements were not in the existing contract. Who pays for the testing and is it a rapid or PCR test and when is the testing done. Has there been a consideration or incentives for a booster shot. City Administrator Tracey Douglas stated she will need to discuss with legal regarding contract employees, the City would pay for the test, and she had not thought about an incentive for booster shots.

Councilmember Solomon asked if the City is ready to continue services if employees leave based on no vaccinations and what are the consequences for refusing the vaccination. Police Chief Towers stated the Police Department is already short-staffed and if this policy is passed the department would be critically low in employees.

City Administrator Tracey Douglas explained that staffing needs were considered in the timing of the roll-out, and it is now time to release the policy.

**13. Council Dialogue (8:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)****14. Community Notices and Meetings**

**14.a) Main City Calendar: November 2 - November 15, 2021**[HCC-133-FY22](#)

N/A

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The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Council President Croslin, seconded by Council Member Waszczak, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Ward, Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino