

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:30 PM

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Virtual

City Council Public Hearing

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

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!
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Meeting Notice:

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Also present:

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

City Treasurer-Ron Brooks

Director of Public Works-Lesley Riddle

City Clerk-Laura Reams

ARPA Funds Manager-Patrick Paschall

Present:

Mayor Robert Croslin

Council Vice-President Danny Schaible

Councilmember Sam Denes

Councilmember Joanne Waszczak

Councilmember Emily Strab

Councilmember Jimmy McClellan

Councilmember Rommel Sandino

Councilmember Daniel Peabody

Councilmember Edouard Haba

Council President Joseph Solomon

Councilmember Ben Simasek

2. Presentations (6:30 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.)

Public Hearing: American Rescue Plan Act Funds Allocation[HCC-397-FY23](#)

On May 1, 2023, the City Council authorized the allocation of a total of \$7,136,500 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the below projects and amounts. The intent of the public hearing is to receive feedback from residents on the spending plan.

Title of Project Proposal Amount

Ager Rd/Queens Chapel Alley Pedestrian Safety Improvements \$1,500,000
Driskell Park Community Building Renovation \$500,000
Public Wi-fi Study \$60,000
Beautify Alternate Route 1 \$200,000
Hyattsville Tree Canopy Restoration Budget \$331,000
City Facilities Security Upgrades \$200,000
Hyattsville Crossing BID \$150,000
Environmental Depot \$600,000
Circulator Study Update \$25,000
Mental Health Coordinator for Teen Center \$100,000
Expand Electronic Sign System \$120,000
Publish a Small Business Directory Online \$80,000
Public Restroom and Shower Facilities in City-Owned Parks \$850,000
SMART Waste Management Study \$60,000
PD Recruitment Advertising \$15,000
The Spot Placemaking Project \$250,000
Updates to City Building Restrooms \$280,000
VR Training Technology - PD \$110,000
City Building 2nd Floor Renovations \$800,000
Solar Community Message Boards \$71,500
IT Infrastructure Investment \$150,000
Scholarships for City Camps \$34,000
Roof Repair, Teen Center \$450,000
Treasurer Summer Emergency Flex Fund \$200,000

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [ARPA Final Budget Presentation 5-11-2023](#)

City Treasurer Ron Brooks provided an overview of the ARPA spending plan.

Council Vice President Schaible asked if ARPA funds could be used to shore up the budget deficit. Treasurer Brooks replied that at this time the answer is "no" because of the regulations surrounding the ARPA funds.

Councilmember Waszczak asked if the park restrooms and showers will be permanent. Director Riddle replied that the City is exploring a variety of options, which will be brought back to Council for additional discussion and approval. She also noted that the showers would likely be mobile. Councilmember Waszczak asked about the populations that will be served with this item. Director Riddle expressed that the driving force behind this initiative is to ensure there are accessible bathrooms in all City parks.

3. Public Comment (6:35 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Mr. Marshall expressed his opposition to money spent on The Spot. He also expressed safety concerns around the proposal for adding showers to public parks.

4. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Sandino, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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