

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Virtual

City Council

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
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, December 16, 2024, remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

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Members of the public who wish to comment during the virtual Council meeting must register in advance using the link below.

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **Call to order at 7:03 PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimous.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes** **Approved, Unanimous.**
 - 4.a. **Approval of the Minutes** [HCC-175-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 and November 4, 2024, City Council Meetings.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Minutes June 10 2024](#)
[Minutes Nov 4 2024](#)
5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
Electronically submitted public comments 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. Gallatin Street Intersection Study Preferred Alternative Presentation**[HCC-104-FY25](#)

Presentation Only

Sponsors: City Administrator**Department:** Public Works**Attachments:** [Gallatin St Intersection Existing Conditions Report](#)
[Gallatin Intersection CC Presentation](#)**8. Proclamations **Approved, Unanimous.******8.a. Proclamation Recognizing December 21, 2024, as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day**[HCC-179-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing December 21, 2024, as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator**Department:** City Clerk**Attachments:** [CM 1216 National Homeless Persons Memorial Day Proclamation](#)**9. Appointments **Approved, Unanimous.******9.a. Re-appointments to Board of Supervisors of Elections**[HCC-174-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor, with Council approval, re-appoint Greta Mosher (Ward 1) and Lisa Pineda (Ward 2) to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for a term of four (4) years beginning January 12, 2025 through January 12, 2029.

Sponsors: Croslin**Department:** City Clerk**Attachments:** [Greta Mosher W1 Oct 14 24 for Jan 12 25 appl redac.pdf](#)
[Lisa W2 Nov 27 25 for Jan 12 25 appl redac.pdf](#)

9.b. Council of Governments Policy Committee Appointments [HCC-178-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council make the following appointments to the Council of Governments (COG) Policy Committees for a term of one (1) year, beginning on January 1, 2025:

- Region Forward Coalition: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Tracey Douglas and Laura Reams
- Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Police Chief Jarod Towers and Sandra Shephard
- Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Lesley Riddle
- Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee: Mayor Robert Croslin, with staff alternate Lesley Riddle

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [MWCOG Policy Committees](#)

10. 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.

10.a. Purchase of Park and Playground Equipment for the Trolley Trailhead Park project [HCC-176-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Playground Specialist for the furnishing and installation of park and playground equipment for the Trolley Trailhead Park project, "The Spot", for an encumbrance of \$110,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [2024-03-11-Site Concept The SPOT.pdf](#)
[PlaySpec Sourcewell 010521-LTS The Spot Proposal 31631G 10-22-2024](#)

10.b. Hyattsville Ordinance 2024-05: Revisions to City Code Chapter 8, Elections (Second Reading and Adoption) [HCC-177-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2024-05, an ordinance whereby the City Council amends City Code, Chapter 8, Elections to change the requirements related to early voting day hours and election related mailings and update the language regarding the processing of mail-in ballots.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Hyattsville Ordinance 2024-05 - Election Code Revisions FOR PACKET.pdf](#)
[Election Code Changes](#)

11. Council Dialogue (8:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.)

12. Motion to Close **Approved, Unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned into closed session at 9:24 PM. The Council did not return to open session.

[HCC-180-FY25](#)

12.a. Motion to Close - Note: Council will Not Return to Open Session

I move the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of December 16, 2024, to discuss a personnel matter and to discuss negotiations related to the acquisition of real property. City staff will be consulted as to each.

This session will be closed under the authority of the Annotated Code of Maryland State Government General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b) (1) to discuss a “personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals” and Maryland State Government General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b) (3) to “consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.”

Sponsors: City Administrator

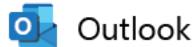
Department: City Clerk

Attest: December 17, 2024



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk

Electronically Submitted Comments



Public Comment for City Council Meeting 12/16/24

From Matt Gembecki [REDACTED]

Dear Hyattsville City Clerk,

I would like to submit the following public comment to be read by city staff at the Hyattsville City Council meeting scheduled for December 16, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your accommodation of this request.

Public Comment Regarding Proposed changes to Driskell Park Intersection:

Dear Mayor Croslin, Hyattsville City Council Members and City Staff. Thank you for your commitment to mitigating traffic concerns in the city of Hyattsville. After reviewing the three proposed redesign options for the Driskell Park intersection I would like to publicly request the City of Hyattsville, and the contractors who have been hired for the redesign, to explore additional options. In my view none of the three options that are currently proposed adequately address the traffic concerns in a way that would result in safer outcomes for drivers, bikers and pedestrians. In particular, option 2, which has been deemed the preferred option, simply changes the direction of potential traffic conflicts, but does not mitigate the risk. This option will also reduce options for residents on the 40th block of Hamilton street to reach their homes, reduce parking spaces for residents, and create new traffic concerns at the intersections at Hamilton Street and 41st and 42nd avenues. I recommend that city staff and contractors explore a roundabout option that maintains the current traffic pattern on Hamilton and Gallatin streets and includes stop signs at each entry point to the Driskill intersection to ensure biker and pedestrian safety. Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Gembecki
[REDACTED]