

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 PM

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Virtual

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 2
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1
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~~

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Also Present:

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

Deputy City Administrator-Consuela Barbour

Assistant City Administrator-Jim Chandler

City Treasurer-Ron Brooks

Chief of Police-Jarod Towers

Director of Public Works-Lesley Riddle

Director of Community Services-Sandra Shepherd

Director of Human Resources-Jay Joyner

City Clerk-Laura Reams

Deputy City Clerk-Nate Groenendyk

City Planner-Holly Simmons

Present:

Mayor Robert Croslin

Council President Joseph Solomon

Council Vice-President Danny Schaible

Councilmember Emily Strab

Councilmember Sam Denes

Councilmember Joanne Waszczak

Councilmember Ben Simasek

Councilmember Jimmy McClellan

Councilmember Edouard Haba

Councilmember Daniel Peabody

Councilmember Rommel Sandino

Left the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Waszczak made a motion to move motion HCC-245-FY23 to the Action Agenda. Councilmember Simasek made a motion to add item HCC-270-FY23 to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Strab seconded the amendments. The motion to amend the agenda was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Peabody, that the Agenda be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

Chuck Perry provided public comment in opposition to MCIN Grant FY2023 Grant Award and in opposition to the proposed Better Choices Program.

5. Community Notices and Meetings**5.a. Main City Calendar: February 22, 2022 - March 6, 2022**[HCC-251-FY23](#)

N/A

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [City Calendar February 22, 2023 - March 6, 2023](#)

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

City Administrator Douglas provided updates on City programs and events.

Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler gave an update on the progress of the Business Improvement District for Hyattsville Crossing.

City Clerk Laura Reams provided an update on the 2023 election.

7. Appointments

Council President Solomon noted to correct the end date for the appointment of Robert Riddle to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee to be February 28, 2025.

Both appointments were approved in a single vote.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, that these Appointments be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7.a. Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee [HCC-257-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Rayya Newman (Ward 1) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on February 28, 2025.

Sponsors: Simasek

Attachments: [Rayya Newman redac](#)

7.b. Appointments to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee [HCC-258-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointments of Robert Riddle (Ward 2) to the Police and Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on February, 2025.

Sponsors: Schaible

Attachments: [PPSCAC Riddle W2 Redacted](#)

8. Consent Items (7:40 p.m. - 7:45 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.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Denes, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8.a. Memorandum of Agreement: MCIN Grant FY2023 Grant Award [HCC-243-FY23](#)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Prince George's County, Maryland regarding the FY2023 Grant Award in the amount of \$10,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [MOU- Hyattsville City \(002\)](#)

8.b. MOU with Prince George's County Board of Education: School Resource Officers [HCC-244-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Prince George's County Board of Education for the City to provide School Resource Officers in City schools for a term of five years commencing February 1, 2023 and ending on January 31, 2028.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [MOU PGCPs SRO Feb 1 2023 to Jan 31 2028](#)

8.d. 4310 Gallatin St HVAC Control System Replacement[**HCC-246-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Moreland Controls for an authorized expenditure not to exceed \$40,000 for the replacement of the HVAC control system at 4310 Gallatin Street, pending review by the City Attorney. Moreland Controls was determined to be the most responsive and responsible proposal that provided the best value to the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Hyattsville Municipal Quote](#)
[JCI Scope City of Hyattsville-2-3-23pdf](#)
[4310 Gallatin Street Hyattsville Municipal Bldg VAV Controls - KM](#)

8.e. Driskell Park Building Assessment[**HCC-247-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$38,000 to JMT for the inspection and assessment of the recreation building at David C. Driskell Community Park. This work will be conducted under JMT's current contract with the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [TO 67 Proposal Building Assessment 11.14.22](#)

8.f. Restoration of Athletic Fields[**HCC-248-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Capitol Sports Fields for the restoration of athletic fields at Driskell Park and 38th Avenue Park. An expenditure not to exceed \$128,000 is authorized pending review by the City Attorney.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [230214 - proposal - capital sports fields - field restoration](#)

8.g. FY23 Budget Appropriation: MNCPPC Grant for Recreation Activities[**HCC-252-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY23 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: [FY23 General Project Charge - Hyattsville Draft](#)

8.h. ALPR Equipment Replacement[HCC-253-FY23](#)

I move the Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a purchase order for the acquisition of a single (1) Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) and associated services from Route 1 Security Corporation, dba PCS Mobile, for a total cost not to exceed \$44,949.83.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memo - ALPR Replacement Hardware Acquisition](#)

8.i. Hyattsville Crossing Business Improvement District (BID) - Phase III[HCC-256-FY23](#)

I move the Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a work order in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 with HR&A Advisors, 925 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, for the purpose of providing consulting services related to the formation of the Hyattsville Crossing Business Improvement District (BID).

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memo - Hyattsville Crossing BID - Phase 3](#)

8.j. 2023 Compensation Review Committee Recommendation[HCC-267-FY23](#)

I move the Mayor and Council accept the recommendation from the 2023 Compensation Review Committee presented on February 6, 2023 to set the Mayor and Council salaries as set forth in the Committee's recommendation and the associated chart. I further move that the Council direct the City Attorney to draft an uncodified ordinance for the compensation structure for review and adoption by the City Council at a future meeting.

Sponsors: Croslin, Schaible and Solomon

Attachments: [Compensation Review Committee & Recommendation Report 2023](#)
[2022 Comp and Review Committee](#)

8.k. Schedule ARPA Work Session of March 1, 2023[HCC-268-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council schedule a the Council Work Session for Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6 PM in order for Council to review and discuss initiatives for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Sponsors: City Administrator

8.l. Letter in Support of SB-813 Flood Management Grant Program[HCC-270-FY23](#)

I move the Council authorize the Mayor to send to the Maryland State Senate a letter in support of SB-813 - Flood Management Program, a bill that will provide \$20 million to the State's existing Comprehensive Flood Management Program.

Sponsors: Croslin, Strab, Denes, Solomon, McClellan, Haba and Simasek

9. Action Items (7:45 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

8.c. Teen Center Phase 2 - Landscape Design[HCC-245-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$80,000 to the Neighborhood Design Center for the Phase 2 design of the Teen Center. Phase 2 consists of the landscaping design and will be performed under the existing contract with the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [20221118_NDC_Proposal_Hyattsville_Teen_Center_\(1\)](#)

Councilmember Waszczak stated she had received questions from the public on the proposed center. She asked if the center is on track to open at the beginning of the school year, and if the contractors have had success reaching out to young people to gather feedback. She also flagged that the term "teenager" is used in the supporting documents frequently and asked for clarification on the primary age range the facility is geared towards.

Director of the Department of Public Works Lesley Riddle replied that the project is on track for completion in August. The contractor, Neighborhood Design Center has done initial outreach on the teen center and the intention is to do a well vetted process with the exterior design that will be accessible for all age groups.

Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard replied that the term "youth" references individuals ages 12-25 years old and the term "children" refers to individuals in Kindergarten through sixth Grade. The labels of community center and multigenerational center have been discussed, but no decision has been made. She added that the center will also serve seniors when the youth are in school.

City Administrator Douglas added that the teen center concept design will be included in the next City Administrator Update and will follow up on the name. She noted the City plans to do modification to the Driskell Park Community Center for younger children, and that the project has been done completely with grant funding.

Councilmember Waszczak, would like to hear more on the decision to expand the audience to younger children. She noted that she has heard a concern from the public about this space should be a dedicated space for older youth.

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

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

9.a. Letter in Support of CB-007-2023 to the Prince George's County Council[HCC-250-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City to send a letter to the Prince George's County Council in support of CB-007-2023.

Sponsors: Schaible, Simasek, Solomon, McClellan and Waszczak

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Simasek, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9.b. Library Apartments, 3325 Toledo Road Garage Redevelopment - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (4-22004) [HCC-255-FY23](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission a letter in support of the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS-22004) Library Apartments, 3325 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, supporting the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 22004 (Library Apartments, 3325 Toledo Road) subject to the following conditions:

1. At the time of Detailed Site Plan for any bicycle wayfinding signage proposed, the applicant shall utilize the City's bicycle wayfinding signage as recommended in the 2018 Hyattsville Transportation Study and included in the City's Exhibit A.
2. At time of Detailed Site Plan, the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the 2016 Approved Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan and Transit District Overlay Zoning Map Amendment street section for Toledo Road, as modified (if necessary) at the time of Detailed Site Plan, in accordance with Section 27-548.08(c)(3) of the Zoning Regulations or a comparable Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation Urban Street Design standard.
3. At the time of Detailed Site Plan, to ensure on-site pedestrian and bicycle adequacy as required by 24-4506(c) of the Prince George's County Subdivision Regulations and to support the 20% vehicular trip reduction credits requested with the PPS, the applicant shall provide locations, limits, specifications, and details of on-site pedestrian and bicycle amenities and improvements including but not be limited to the following:
 - a. ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities provided along the full length of Democracy Avenue and to/through/across Constitution Drive at the areas conceptually shown in red on the City's Exhibit B. One option is to close to vehicular traffic the portion of Constitution Drive and Democracy Avenue shown in blue on the City's Exhibit B; another option is to include a public arcade within the structure along the southern façade. Locations of and specifications for short- and long-term on-site bicycle parking. The style, design, spacing, and location submitted by the Applicant shall be coordinated with M-NCPPC and City of Hyattsville staff;
 - b. Removal of brick paver crosswalks onsite and within the site frontage along Toledo Road, and reconstruction of crosswalks to include stamped asphalt and/or 10-foot-wide continental style, to be coordinated with the City of Hyattsville.
 - c. Removal of existing brick paver sidewalks and reconstruction of ADA-compliant sidewalk zones along the full frontage of Toledo Road.
4. If the applicant proposes development that will exceed the maximum parking ratios at time of Detailed Site Plan, the applicant shall provide a comprehensive transportation demand management strategy and program including incentives for non-automobile travel, implementation timing and phasing, and financial assurances, per Prince George's Plaza TDDP Parking and Loading Standards on page 258.
5. The applicant shall provide an easement and dedicated space for a bike share docking station (the vendor of the bike share must be approved by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T)) on the subject site. The conceptual location of the station should be indicated on the preliminary plan of subdivision and the final location of this docking station will be selected by the County and the applicant, based upon the requirements of the bike sharing system, and in a highly-visible, convenient, and well-lit location that is publicly accessible. The location requires at least four hours of solar exposure per day, year-round. The applicant shall allow DPW&T or its contractors/vendors access to the site to install, service, and maintain the bike share stations. In the event an appropriate location

- cannot be located on-site that meets bike share siting criteria or a vendor cannot be procured, the applicant will grant permission to the City to install bicycle racks within the easement as a permanent or interim condition.
6. At time of Detailed Site Plan, a Phase II noise report shall be submitted for any residential components on the property with noise levels in excess of 65 dBA and if unmitigated noise levels exceed 65 dBA, the report shall demonstrate that the interior of the units impacted by the same can be mitigated to 45 dBA Ldn or less, and that all outdoor activity areas with noise levels in excess of 65dBA can be mitigated to 65 dBA Ldn or less.
 7. Prior to approval of building permits for a residential building located within the unmitigated 65 dBA Ldn noise contour of Toledo Road, a certification by a professional engineer with competency in acoustical analysis shall be placed on the building permits stating that the building shells of structures have been designed to reduce interior noise levels to 45 dBA Ldn or less.
 8. Development of the site shall be in conformance with an approved Stormwater Management Concept Plan (24001-2022) or any subsequent revisions.
 9. Prior to Planning Board approval of the Detailed Site Plan, the applicant shall provide a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the City of Hyattsville that includes, at a minimum, the following provisions:
 - a. Provision of public access easements to the City for any sidewalk along Toledo Road that is not located in the public right-of-way.
 - b. Acknowledgement of responsibility for maintenance of pedestrian light fixtures, landscaping, and sidewalks.
 - c. Restrictions related to construction staging and hours of operation, if needed.
 - d. If feasible, provision of an outdoor public art feature.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Action Memo - Library Apartments - PPS-22004 FINAL](#)
[BPIS-PPS-4-22004](#)
[PPS-4-22004](#)
[TRAFFICMEMO-PPS-4-22004](#)

Director of Community and Economic Development Jim Chandler introduced the item and noted some challenges particular to the project and the redevelopment of a parking garage partially into a development.

City Planner Holly Simmons reviewed the conditions for Council recommendations.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Simasek, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. Discussion Items (8:20 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

10.a. Introduction of the FY24 Council Budget Initiatives Discussion[HCC-259-FY23](#)

City Administrator Tracey Douglas and City Treasurer Ron Brooks to open the FY24 Budget discussions with an overview of the process. Next steps for the FY24 budget will be reviewed at the end of the discussions.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives_FINAL for packet_CA Overview](#)
[Council Budget Proposals](#)

City Administrator Tracey Douglas and City Treasurer Ron Brooks provided an overview of the budget request process and the next steps for staff and Council.

10.b. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Mayor Robert Croslin[HCC-260-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Croslin

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Croslin](#)
[Forced Cleanup Tree Removal Fund Proposal Croslin](#)
[Senior Check In Croslin](#)

Mayor Croslin presented his budget proposals: Forced Clean-Up Fund and Senior Wellness Check-In Program. Deputy City Administrator Counsuela Barbour added that the City may be able to partner with Hyattsville Aging in Place to implement the senior check-in program.

Councilmember Simasek asked about the specifics of the senior program and if individuals could opt in or out of the program. Mayor Croslin responded that individuals would opt in to the program and that other details are yet to be determined.

Mr. Simasek asked about the reason to separate the relief fund into two separate buckets, and asked for clarity on what is covered under forced cleanup that is not related to tree removal. Mayor Croslin responded with the example of garbage stored on property where the owner was cited by the City.

Councilmember Simasek asked for clarification on separating the funds. Mayor Croslin responded there is a set amount of money set aside. Councilmember Simasek suggested that combining to a single fund may give more flexibility to allow for sharing of funding between forced clean ups and trees.

Council President Solomon asked about the process and eligibility criteria and suggested that a violation not be required for tree removal. Mayor Croslin advocated for safeguards and policies when setting up the program to establish a demonstrated financial need for the distribution of funds.

Councilmember Waszczak asked how the City would validate level of need for residents eligible for funds. Mayor Croslin suggested staff would do the vetting of applications.

Councilmember Haba stated that the current funding is a placeholder and that details may change as this comes to Council for approval. He indicated that he would raise a question during the next discussion about how the City would treat repeat offenders.

Councilmember McClellan expressed his support of the two ideas and asked if there was information on similar projects in other municipalities to benchmark from or model the program off of. Mayor Croslin agreed it was a good idea to benchmark with other municipalities. Councilmember McClellan asked what the need for each of these proposed programs was that inspired the initiative. He wondered if staff could speak to the current need, specifically what gap is needed to be filled. Mayor Croslin relayed that these types of calls started during the pandemic and he believes it should continue.

Council Vice-President Schaible suggested there may be a similar program addressing tree clean-up already in place at the City. Regarding the calls to area seniors, he expressed support for partnering with another organization. Mayor Croslin clarified that the proposal does not include hiring a new staff member, and he acknowledged that the City may have a similar program for tree clean-up and he is working with the Department of Public Works to coordinate.

Councilmember Strab asked if the process for the clean-up fund could be streamlined by identifying groups that are typically more in need, like seniors or those with disabilities. Mayor Croslin responded that he wants the program to be open to all residents.

10.c. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Council President Joseph Solomon[HCC-261-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Solomon

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Solomon](#)
[04-FY24-Budget-Proposals Language-Classes Solomon](#)
[09-FY24-Budget-Proposals Invasive Species Solomon](#)
[05-FY24-Budget-Proposal Menstrual Equity Solomon](#)
[03-FY24-Budget-Proposals PPSCAC Aware Fund Solomon](#)
[02-FY24-Budget-Proposals Tax Credit Solomon](#)

Council President Solomon presented the following budget proposals: Language Classes, Invasive Species Remediation Fund, Menstrual Equity, PPSCAC Awareness Campaign, Tax Credits for City Residents/Communities in HOAs.

Councilmember Denes questioned the proposed budget for language costs and wondered if the City could partner with Prince George's Community College or the County. He also asked how many communities would be impacted by the HOA tax credit proposal. Council President Solomon responded that he would recheck numbers on classes, and regarding the HOA tax credit, there has been an increase of town houses with HOA fees, and more people will benefit from this. Director Chandler stated the City has not identified the exact number of homes that this would affect, and that not every new development is treated the same in terms of City services.

Councilmember McClellan asked what the impact of losing tax revenue would have on the City's budget and whether or not those funds could be diverted to a shared City service. Regarding the language program, he asked if there might be other ways to include more residents, such as hosting conversation get-togethers. Regarding the menstrual equity proposal, he asked if the budget would include products in all restrooms regardless of gender indicated on the restroom. Council President Solomon responded that he is supportive of menstrual products in all restrooms. Director Riddle stated that the current fiscal impact only accounts for female restrooms. Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard said the language classes proposal would require a full time staff member.

Councilmember Simasek suggested that the tax credit program could be scaled to the needs of the community and noted that there were costs which private homeowners may experience that HOAs would cover. He hoped the impact to the budget would be minimal. Director Riddle spoke to the standards for a public road and said a trash study had been completed in 2019 that was focused on multifamily dwellings, but it did not address nonpublic streets.

Councilmember Simasek suggested partnering with CASA de Maryland to reduce some of the burden on the City for language classes. He is not supportive of the city funding niche languages and suggested prioritizing the languages offered based on the predominant needs of the community. He expressed his support for invasive removals, and advocated for a partnership with M-NCPPC for land owned by that entity.

Councilmember Waszczak asked how the tax credit would account for residents in HOA's who take advantage of other things the City amenities.

Councilmember Haba asked if the feminine hygiene products would be accessible to the public? Council President Solomon answered in the affirmative. Councilmember Haba asked what consideration would be given to multifamily developments in regards to the proposed tax credit. Council President Solomon stated that was not part of his proposal.

Council Vice-President Schaible expressed support for the language initiative and its potential to build community.

10.d. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Council Vice President Danny Schaible

[HCC-262-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Schaible

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Schaible](#)
[Schaible Install Level-3 EV Chargers at 3505 Hamilton Street](#)

Council Vice-President Schaible presented his budget proposal regarding Level-3 Chargers for police cars.

Councilmember Strab stated her support for exploring grants to purchase the chargers.

Councilmember Waszczak asked if the charging cost would offset the investment at some point. Council Vice-President Schaible indicated that it may be a good amount of time and that price offset is not the primary driver of the idea.

Councilmember Waszczak asked what other municipalities charge for using their charging stations. City Treasurer Ron Brooks stated that more research is needed to best assess how to charge the public for use.

10.e. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Councilmember Rommel Sandino

[HCC-263-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Sandino

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Sandino](#)
[Arts and Cultural Programming to Enhance Equity in Hyattsville RETF](#)
[Motion Draft](#)

Councilmember Sandino introduced the budget initiative brought forward by the Race and Equity Task Force to hold arts and cultural programming.

10.g. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Councilmember Emily Strab[HCC-264-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Strab

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Strab](#)
[Council Motion Form crosswalks](#)
[EAC MEMO To council](#)
[Council Motion Form EAC Grants](#)

Councilmember Strab presented her budget initiatives: High Visibility Crosswalks and EAC Grants Budget Increase.

Councilmember Waszczak asked how the intersections will be prioritized on an annual basis. Director Riddle stated that the City is working with a consultant to determine a plan for addressing intersections throughout the City.

Councilmember Haba asked if there are specific intersections that did not have stop signs. Councilmember Strab replied that there are existing stop signs that will benefit from an upgrade in visibility.

10.f. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Councilmember Ben Simasek[HCC-265-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Simasek

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Simasek](#)
[Budget request for second chance program Simasek](#)
[Simasek Motion - Multifamily Green Improvement program](#)
[Budget request for reusable bags updated 2.13.23 Simasek](#)

Councilmember Simasek presented his budget initiatives: Better Choices Program, Multifamily Property Improvement Green Program, and Hyattsville Art on Reusable Bags.

Council Vice-President Schaible expressed support for the initiatives.

Councilmember Haba asked if the City's existing programs could cover some of the included property improvements. Director Chandler responded that there were no existing programs and the proposal needed to be fleshed out for eligibility parameters.

10.h. FY24 Council Budget Initiatives: Councilmember Joanne Waszczak[HCC-266-FY23](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Waszczak

Attachments: [FY24 Council Budget Initiatives FINAL for packet Waszczak Intern Motion](#)

Councilmember Waszczak presented her budget initiative: Public Policy Internship Program.

Councilmember McClellan expressed his support and suggested training for Council Members on how to best supervise an intern.

Councilmember Haba asked about the legacy cost. Councilmember Waszczak explained the first year cost includes a one-time cost of laptops. Councilmember Haba asked about the ability of the University of Maryland to provide the interns. Councilmember Waszczak replied that the next step is to work with the University of Maryland to determine capacity.

Council Vice-President Schaible suggested possibly partnering across wards and finding a way to increase the pay of the interns. Councilmember Waszczak relayed her experience around the limitations of providing additional pay to interns.

11. Council Dialogue (10:30 p.m. - 10:40 p.m.)**12. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 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, Solomon, Schaible, Strab, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Peabody