

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 19, 2022

6:00 PM

Public Hearing for Charter Amendment 2022-02: Adjusting Ward Boundaries

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Virtual

City Council Public Hearing

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
Ben Simasek, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Daniel Peabody, 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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Meeting Notice:

The City of Hyattsville Mayor and Council will conduct a virtual Public Hearing on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the City Council Meeting). The Public Hearing will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow residents to comment on the Ward boundary changes.

The Public Hearing will be held virtually and can be accessed through the following link:
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Robert Croslin
	Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
	Councilmember Sam Denes
	Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
	Councilmember Rommel Sandino
	Council President Joseph Solomon
	Councilmember Ben Simasek
	Councilmember Emily Strab
	Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
	Councilmember Daniel Peabody
Absent:	Councilmember Edouard Haba

Also Present:

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

City Clerk-Laura Reams

Communications Manager-Cindy Zork

2. Presentations (6:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.)

Charter Amendment Resolution 2022-02: Adjusting the City's Five Ward Boundaries[HCC-183-FY23](#)

For presentation and public input.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Resolution - Charter Amendment 2022-02 Redistricting FINAL 121322](#)
[Council Requests Map \(Option B\)](#)
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Redistricting Chair Andy Sayer presented the proposed Charter Amendment for updating the City Ward Boundaries. He provided background information on the need for redistricting, the process the Commission followed to develop their recommendation, and a summary of the map selection.

Staff Liaison to the Commission Cindy Zork gave an overview of the communication plan to residents whose ward is changing.

City Clerk Laura Reams stated that the City and County are working together adjust the voter rolls to reflect the ward boundary changes. She also shared an error in the original draft of the Charter Amendment that has been since corrected. The correction changed the old name of Prince Georges Plaza Metro Station to Hyattsville Crossing Metro Station.

3. Public Comment (6:20 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

David Marshall provided a written comment expressing his opinion that the public hearing is being held only to comply with law and that it has no effect on the Council voting.

4. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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

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

Absent: McClellan, Peabody, and Haba