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Monday, September 18, 2023

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
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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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimous**
4. **Approval of the Minutes**

4.a. **Approval of the Minutes** [HCC-055-FY24](#)
Approved, Unanimous

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, March 30, 2022, April 4, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 16, 2022, June 6, 2022, March 20, 2023, March 29, 2023, April 3, 2023, and the June 5, 2023 City Council Meetings.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Minutes CM Jan 18 2022](#)
[Minutes March 30 2022](#)
[Minutes April 4 2022](#)
[MeetingMinutes April 18 2022](#)
[MeetingMinutes May 16 2022](#)
[Minutes June 6 2022](#)
[Minutes March 20 2023](#)
[Minutes Mar 29 2023](#)
[Minutes Apr 3 2023](#)
[Minutes June 5 2023 noon](#)
[Minutes June 5 2023 7pm](#)

5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
Written comments submitted to the Clerk's Office two hours prior to a Council Meeting are attached to the end of the Summary.

6. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:45 p.m.)**

7. **Presentations (7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)**

7.a. **King Park Remediation and Renovation Presentation** [HCC-065-FY24](#)

For Presentation

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [King Park Presentation Final 20230912](#)

- 7.b. Rent Stabilization Policy Analysis - Enterprise Community Partners Presentation [HCC-066-FY24](#)

For Presentation and Discussion

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Final Hyattsville Rent Stabilization Study Report](#)
[Hyattsville Rent Stabilization Study Presentation](#)

8. Proclamations

Approved, Unanimous

- 8.a. Proclamation Declaring September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 to be Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville [HCC-062-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation to declare September, 15 2023 through October 15, 2023, to be Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville to honor the contributions of Hispanic and Latino workers, innovators, and leaders.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM0918 Hispanic Heritage Month 2023](#)

- 8.b. Proclamation Declaring September 2023 to be National Preparedness Month [HCC-063-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation declaring September 2023 to be National Preparedness Month.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM0918 National Preparedness Month 2023](#)

9. Appointments

Approved, Unanimous

9.a. Appointment to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee[**HCC-057-FY24**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Lena Bradley (Ward 2) to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on September 30, 2025.

Sponsors: McClellan and Redmond

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Lena Bradley Apr 27,23 redac](#)

9.b. Appointment to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee[**HCC-058-FY24**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Nicole Betschman (Ward 3) to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on September 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Lee

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Nicole Betschman W3 Aug2,23 redac](#)

9.c. Appointment to the Ethics Commission[**HCC-068-FY24**](#)

I move that the Mayor, with Council approval, reappoint David Sip (Ward 1) to the Ethics Commission for a term of three (3) years to end on September 30, 2026.

Sponsors: Croslin

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [David Sip_Redacted](#)

10. Consent Items (9:00 p.m. - 9:05 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. Lower Ward 1 Resiliency Projects Design[**HCC-039-FY24**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize expenditures not to exceed \$49,000 to Toole Design Group, \$72,000 to Pennoni Associates, and \$62,000 to SMC for the design of Lower Ward 1 Resiliency projects utilizing their existing contracts with the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [combined proposals 07172023nw \(1\)](#)

10.b. CapWIN Membership Annual Cost Update Request[**HCC-047-FY24**](#)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve the CapWIN membership annual cost of \$11,370.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police Department

Attachments: [2022.05.03 - CapWIN Agreement](#)
[2022.07.19 - Original CapWIN Membership \(w cost\)](#)
[2022.08.14 - Requested CapWIN Membership Update \(w cost\)](#)

10.c. KEYper Systems Upgrade Purchase Request[**HCC-048-FY24**](#)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$13,722.50 for the Police Department's purchase of the 5-panel upgrade for the current MXi KEYper System.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police Department

Attachments: [2023.08.17 - PD KEYper System Key Management Purchase Approval Request](#)

10.d. FY24 Budget Appropriation: MNCPPC Grant for Recreation Activities[**HCC-049-FY24**](#)

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 of the City Attorney, for legal sufficiency

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community Services

10.e. Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) [HCC-050-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for access to ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) data, pending review and approval by the City Attorney.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police Department

Attachments: [NESS MOU Fillable v4](#)

10.f. Hyattsville Resolution 2024-04: Enhanced Mobility Grant Program [HCC-051-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2024-04, a Resolution of the City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the City authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility Program (INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION)

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community Services

Attachments: [Resolution 2023-04 EM Application Authorization 8.5.23](#)

10.g. ARPA Approved Project: Project Title Name Change [HCC-053-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize a change in the title of the previously approved motion #HCC-376-FY23 "City Building 2nd Floor Renovations" to "Municipal Building Renovations" with no change in ARPA funding amount of \$800K to cover repairs and upgrades required in the municipal building including the 2nd floor.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

10.h. Memorandum of Understanding: Heritage Garden at McClanahan Park [HCC-054-FY24](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Anacostia Watershed Society, Master Naturalist Program for the use and administration of a 'Heritage Garden' at McClanahan Park, pending review and approval of the City Attorney.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [Heritage Garden at McClanahan Park](#)
[Draft MOU McClanahan Heritage Garden](#)

10.i. Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds [HCC-056-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of \$134.77 of Ward 3 FY24 discretionary funds to Councilmember McClellan as reimbursement for the purchase of refreshments for the September 9, 2023, Ward 3 Check-in.

Sponsors: Redmond and McClellan

Department: Legislative

Attachments: [IMG 5994 redac](#)

10.j. ARPA: Hyattsville Crossing Business Improvement District (BID) - Phase 4 [HCC-060-FY24](#)

I move the Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a work order in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 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). The cost of this project is being funded through ARPA Funds.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Memo-Hyattsville Crossing Bid](#)
[Hyattsville Crossing BID Phase 4 Proposal](#)

10.k. Canvas Apartments Change of Address Request[HCC-061-FY24](#)

I move that the City Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission acknowledging and approving the request to change the address of the main residential building from 5334 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, to 5300 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Memo - Canvas Apartments Change of Address Request](#)

10.l. Purchase of Playground Engineered Wood Fiber Mulch[HCC-064-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Playground Specialist for purchase and installation of Engineered Wood Fiber Mulch at various playgrounds in the City of Hyattsville for an expenditure not to exceed \$18,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [PROPOSAL #28179A](#)

[PROPOSAL #28180A](#)

[PROPOSAL #28181A](#)

[PROPOSAL #28182A](#)

10.m. Purchase of a Dual-Purpose Patrol Dog for the City of Hyattsville Police Department's Canine Unit[HCC-070-FY24](#)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to purchase one dual purpose patrol canine from High Drive K-9, Inc for a cost not to exceed \$11,529.41.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police Department

Attachments: [2023.09.11 - PD Canine Purchase FY24](#)

11. Action Items (9:05 p.m. - 9:25 p.m.)

11.a. Letter of Support: Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity & Reliability Study (Expanded Metro Rail, Service) [HCC-067-FY24](#)

Approved, Unanimous

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the WMATA Board of Directors expressing the City's general support for expanded rail transit in and around the City of Hyattsville and specific support for Alternatives 3 and 5 as WMATA identifies a Locally-Preferred Alternative (LPA) to inform the NEPA process for the Blue/Orange/Silver Study. The correspondence shall also express the City's interest in proactively engaging and collaborating with Metro as the project progresses.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Memo - Blue, Orange, Silver Capacity & Reliability Study](#)
[Alternatives - Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity & Reliability](#)

11.b. Letter of Support: "The Walkable Urban Streets Act", CB-069-2023, and the accompanying Council Resolutions CB-067-2023 and CB-068-2023 [HCC-069-FY24](#)

Approved, Unanimous

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-069-2023, and the accompanying Council Resolutions CB-067-2023 and CB-068-2023.

Furthermore, we request that an amendment to CB-069-2023 be considered to strike or revise the broad exceptions provided in lines 6-9 of the Bill, which is holdover language from current law (i.e., strike "except when costs shall be demonstrated to be disproportionate to the projected need, or when such facilities would be inappropriate due to the nature of the project, including the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environment of the surrounding neighborhood or area").

Sponsors: Schaible, Solomon, Waszczak and Denes

Department: Public Works

12. Discussion Items (9:25 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.)

12.a. Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act[HCC-052-FY24](#)

FOR DISCUSSION, SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE BELOW:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance establishing Hyattsville as a City which protects bodily autonomy for women seeking abortions and other reproductive health care and health care providers providing abortions and women's health care services, as well as individuals receiving gender affirming care and people providing gender affirming care and other gender affirming care services: establishing the right to seek and provide reproductive and gender affirming care as a protected non-discrimination class and prohibit law enforcement employed and managed by the City of Hyattsville from sharing information about women's health care and health care procedures and people giving and receiving gender affirming care with other local, state and national law enforcement bodies.

Sponsors: Denes, Waszczak, Schaible, Solomon and McClellan

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act Draft Definitions Language](#)
[Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act Draft Ordinance Language](#)

13. Council Dialogue (9:45 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.)**14. Motion to Adjourn** **The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.**
Approved, Unanimous**Attest: September 29, 2023**

Laura Reams, City Clerk

Electronically Submitted Public Comments


Hyattsville Bodily autonomy ordinance

Lauren Martino [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear council members,

As a Hyattsville resident I do not support the proposed ordinance. It is unclear what problems the ordinance addresses, it does not reflect the views of a large portion of Hyattsville residents, and as a person of faith I am concerned about the 1st amendment rights of county employees. Please keep these points in mind as you discuss this proposal. Thank you.

Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act


Dear Hyattsville City Council,

I'm writing in opposition to the Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act. The premise of this act is that abortion, other unspecified reproductive services, and "gender affirming care" are goods that ought to receive special protections from this city. I disagree.


1) Abortion is a contentious issue for many reasons, but one thing that is clear from basic embryology is that it is destructive of a human being distinct from his or her mother. In seeking to protect what is referred to as the "bodily autonomy" of the mother, the bodily autonomy of the growing child is destroyed. It is true that pregnancy involves a real sacrifice by a mother. This is true in the best of circumstances. When circumstances create serious burdens on mothers during pregnancy, our community ought to take steps to support her and make this sacrifice less burdensome, rather than protecting the possibility of destroying the child coming into the world.

2) I don't know what the other/unspecified reproductive services are, so it is hard to see why they need special protection in Hyattsville.

3) What is called "gender-affirming care" is a relatively new and reductive way of treating persons experiencing gender dysphoria. Although some important members of the American medical establishment have been promoting "gender affirming care" in recent years, numerous authorities have begun to call this way of approaching gender dysphoria into question. Numerous European countries, for example, have begun to reject broad application of this paradigm of care. See [here](#) and [here](#). It would be unwise and backward for Hyattsville to adopt special protections for this kind of care, just as we are discovering its limitations and the real harms it imposes on individuals, families, and communities.

Please vote "no" on this measure.

Sincerely,

Lesley Rice


comments re: tonight's city council meeting

[REDACTED]

Dear Council,

First, let me thank you for your willingness to assume a position of leadership in our community. We know that it requires time, energy, and patience, and we appreciate your dedication to the public good.

Since you are dedicated to the well being of our city, I must voice a concern over the Hyattsville Bodily Autonomy Act under review at tonight's Council meeting. The Act assumes that abortion constitutes genuine health care for women. There are many women in our community, myself among them, for whom abortion represents the very antithesis of care, medical, psychological, or social. It cannot advance the cause of women's well being because no genuine progress can be built upon an unjust act. Abortion is the violent killing of an innocent human being. Every mother knows this, which is why so many post-abortive women bear a terrible burden in their conscience.

Hyattsville should strive to be a haven and sanctuary for the most vulnerable among us, including women facing challenging pregnancies and their unborn children. The women of Hyattsville deserve better than abortion.

Relatedly, our citizens deserve better than so-called "gender-affirming care." The whole panoply of interventions--hormonal, surgical, social--that this "care" entails serves only to confirm our fellow citizens in the psychological woundedness of gender dysphoria. It does nothing to identify, address, and heal the source of confusion about a perceived misalignment of one's sex and psyche. Only an intervention rooted in what is true can be genuinely therapeutic, and the truth is that men and women cannot transition to the opposite sex, and it is a dangerous and costly fiction to encourage this.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jeanne Schindler
Hyattsville resident since 2013