

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024

7:00 PM

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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 (**Absent**)

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **Call to Order at 7:06 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Motion to amend the agenda made by CM Denes and seconded by CM Haba. Item 10.c. was moved from the Consent Agenda items to Action Items.**

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by CM Haba and seconded by CM Denes. Approved, Unanimous.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**
- 4.a. **Approval of the Minutes** **Approved, Unanimous** [HCC-141-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024, City Council Meetings.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Minutes Apr 15 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.)**

City Administrator provided updated on City projects and events and thanked CM McClellan for his service.

Treasurer Brooks provided an overview of the RFP's going out in the next 30 days and the City-wide compliance audit. RFP for financial advisor.

7. **Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)**

7.a. **City Auditor Presentation: City Auditor Robert Diss Overview of the FY22 Audit** [HCC-152-FY25](#)

For Presentation

Sponsors: City Administrator

8. **Proclamations **Approved, Unanimous****

8.a. **Proclamation Recognizing November 2024 Native American Heritage Month** [HCC-121-FY25](#)

I move that Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation to declare November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1104 Native American Heritage Month 2024](#)

8.b. **Proclamation Recognizing November 2024 as Municipal Government Works Month** [HCC-122-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing November 2024 as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1104 Municipal Government Works Month 2024](#)

8.c. **Proclamation Recognizing November 11, 2024, as Veterans Day** [HCC-123-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council proclaim November 11, 2024, to be Veterans Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1104 Veterans Day Proclamation 2024](#)

8.d. Proclamation to Recognize November 2024 as National Family Caregivers Month [HCC-125-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council Recognize November 2024 as National Family Caregivers Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 1104 National Caregivers Month 2024](#)

9. Appointments **Approved, Unanimous****9.a. Appointment to the Education Advisory Committee**[HCC-143-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Mercy Ogutu (Ward 4) to the Education Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years ending on November 30, 2026.

Sponsors: Strab

Attachments: [Mercy Ogutu W4 appl Mar 28 2024 redac](#)

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.

Consent Agenda Item 10.c. was moved to Action Items in a motion made by CM Denes during Approval of the Agenda.

10.a. FY25 Budget Appropriation: COPS Hiring Program Grant[HCC-103-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council accept and appropriate into the FY25 Budget, the COPS Hiring Grant award in the amount of \$1,000,000 to hire eight (8) entry-level officers.

Sponsors: City Administrator

10.b. Replacement of the backup generator at 4310 Gallatin St[HCC-116-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator enter into an agreement with Kelly Generator & Equipment, Inc for the replacement of backup generator at 4310 Gallatin St for an amount not to exceed \$224,000, pending legal review using FY25 Capital Improvement Plan funds. The Treasurer is authorized to make the budget amendments necessary to encumber these funds.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [City of Hyattsville Generator Replacement](#)

10.d. Disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds[HCC-126-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 2 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$260.00 to Councilmember Strab for reimbursement for refreshments at the Ward 2 block party on September 29, 2024.

Sponsors: Schaible and Strab

Attachments: [Receipt.pdf](#)

10.e. FY25 Budget Appropriation: Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention - Project Safe Neighborhoods - License Plate Reader Program with the City of Mount Rainier[HCC-127-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council accept and appropriate into the FY25 Budget, the GOCCP Project Safe Neighborhoods award in the amount of \$279,422.00 to purchase 12 stationary license plate readers and provide overtime for officers of HPD and Mt. Rainier for a Gang Violence Task Force.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Budget Notice - 2024-10-24T092319.763](#)

10.f. Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds[HCC-148-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$333.74 to Councilmember Lee as reimbursement for refreshment and supplies for the Ward 4 Check-in on October 12, 2024.

Sponsors: Lee and Haba

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11. Action Items (8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

11.a. Hyattsville Resolution 2024-03: Ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon[HCC-137-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2024-03, affirming the City of Hyattsville's commitment to human rights and support for congressional and worldwide calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon.

Sponsors: Haba, Schaible and McClellan

Attachments: [City of Hyattsville Resolution 2024_03.pdf](#)

Approved, Yes: 8/No:1

Final resolution language can be found in the Appendix.

**10.c. Approval of Contracts for Installation of INet and Public Wifi pilot Project -
Phase 1a & 1 b**[HCC-119-FY25](#)

This item was tabled.

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into two separate contracts for Phase 1a and Phase 1b of the Inet and Public Wifi Pilot Project, pending legal review and approval of the agreements by the City Attorney.

Phase 1a will be to construct the Inet fiber backbone from 4310 Gallatin St to 3505 Hamilton St and will be performed by Nucleus Tech Solutions, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$247,000, to be funded by FY25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds.

Phase 1b, will be to construct turn-key wifi networks in multiple park locations along the route of the fiber trunkline to be performed by Systems Application & Technologies, Inc (SA-Tech) for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to be funded using FY25 CIP Funding.

The Treasurer is authorized to make the budget amendments necessary to encumber the funds required.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Sa_Tech City of Hyattsville Police Department and Access Points Latetrals Fiber Project Quote Submittal_CJ_2024_06_25 \(1\) NTS-0379 for Hyattsville](#)

11.b. Final Adjustment to American Rescue Plan Act Fund Allocation and Obligations
Approved, Unanimous[HCC-140-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the projects and amounts listed in Exhibit A, which reflects final adjustments to 20 project budgets and moves \$1,360,058 from previously planned projects to FY25 General Fund Salaries. I further move that the Mayor and Council earmark the projects and amounts listed in Exhibit B to the General Fund Capital Budget and General Fund Operating Budget as the Treasurer determines appropriate for each project.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [ARPA Budget Adjustments November 2024 Exhibit B.pdf](#)
[ARPA Budget Adjustments November 2024 Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[ARPA Update Presentation 11.04.2024.pdf](#)

11.c. Zoning Variance Request V-65-24 - 5803 33rd Ave, Hyattsville
Approved, Unanimous[HCC-144-FY25](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals requesting the denial of application #V-65-24, for subject property at 5803 33rd Ave, Hyattsville specifically for the waiver of the parking area location requirement. The purpose of the zoning variance request is to validate existing conditions for net lot area, lot width at the building line, front yard depth and waiver of the parking area location requirement to obtain a building permit for a proposed 25'x20' driveway.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [V-65-24 Binder](#)
[City of Hyattsville Zoning Variance Policy Statement & Variance Process ENGLISH](#)
[2024-10-24_Memo-V-65-24_.ju](#)

11.d. FY25 Budget Amendment: FY25 Debt Service Fund Budget Appropriations
Approved, Unanimous[HCC-151-FY25](#)

I am move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY25 Debt Service Funds Budget appropriations and authorize the Treasurer to adjust the appropriations to reconcile the cost associated with the sale of the FY25 General Obligation Bonds authorized in Resolution 2024-01 approved by the City Council on July 15, 2024.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

12. Discussion Items (9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

12.a. Ranked Choice Voting Referendum for May 2025 City Election

[HCC-138-FY25](#)

This item was tabled

For Discussion

Sponsors: Schaible, Waszczak and Denes

Department: Legislative

12.b. Parking Violation Fine Increase

[HCC-153-FY25](#)

The following motion was made by CM Denes and seconded by CM Strab.

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to increase the penalty for violations of the Handicap Parking Regulation in Hyattsville Code, Section 114-72 (B) to \$500 per violation.

Approved, Yes: 10/Abstain: 1

For Discussion


Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Legislative

13. Council Dialogue (10:00 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.)

14. Motion to Adjourn **Approved, Unanimous**
The meeting adjourned at 11:47 PM.

Attest: November 8, 2024



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk

Appendix

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE RESOLUTION No. 2025-03

A Resolution of the City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the City affirms its commitment to human rights and support for congressional and worldwide calls for a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is committed to the principle that all people are of equal value and deserving of the same rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville advocates for the safety, dignity, freedom, and equality of all people of all faiths and beliefs, races, ethnicities, and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, we as local leaders stand firmly against the rise of Antisemitic and Islamophobic attacks in Maryland and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas attacked Israel, killing more than 1,200 Israeli civilians, and taking 251 hostages, including men, women, and children, some of whom are still held captive, leading Israel to respond by invading Gaza;

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, 2,300 Lebanese, and more than 42,000 Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have been killed, over 17,000 of whom are children, and nearly all of whom are civilians;

WHEREAS, Gaza is in a dire humanitarian crisis that is worsening with each passing day, with a lack of medical aid, food, clean water, and shelter, and almost two million Palestinians are displaced, homeless, and/or starving; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, United Nations, Save the Children, Human Rights Watch, the US Agency for International Development, the International Rescue Committee, His Holiness Pope Francis, more than 120 countries, and countless other organizations in Maryland, across the United States of America and around the world have called for a permanent ceasefire to end the violence and suffering in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and Lebanon, and for Israel to comply with international humanitarian laws; and

WHEREAS, despite the deafening calls for an immediate ceasefire, and despite the United States official policy supporting a ceasefire, the conflict continues to escalate and has now grown into a regional war with multiple fronts;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin sent a letter on October 13, 2024, to the State of Israel Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant and Minister of Strategic Affairs Ron Dermer that includes a 30-day deadline for Israel to surge all forms of humanitarian assistance allowed into Gaza or risk possible restrictions on U.S. military aid; and

WHEREAS, the United States, through military aid and arms sales, provides Israel with roughly 69% of its total weaponry, and, as such, we have a moral imperative to help end the human suffering in Gaza and Lebanon by initiating an arms embargo unless humanitarian assistance is allowed into Gaza; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is committed to ensuring that residents of all backgrounds, including those from Arab, Jewish, Muslim, and Palestinian backgrounds are affirmed of their worth; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hyattsville joins other cities, towns, and counties across Maryland and the nation in calling on our elected leaders to demand: an immediate and permanent ceasefire; the unrestricted and safeguarded entry of humanitarian assistance or, in its absence, a U.S. arms embargo on Israel; the release of all hostages and political prisoners; the restoration of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies to Gaza; and the withdrawal of all Israel Defense Forces from Gaza and Lebanon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to municipal elected leaders in Prince George’s County, the offices of County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, County Council Chair Jolene Ivey, District 2 County Councilmember Wanika Fisher, At-Large County Council Member Calvin Hawkins, State Senator Alonzo Washington, State Senator Malcolm Augustine, State Delegate Anne Healey, State Delegate Ashanti Martinez, State Delegate Nicole Williams, State Delegate Diana Fennell, State Delegate Julian Ivey, State Delegate Deni Taveras, Governor of Maryland Wes Moore, U.S. Representative Glenn Ivey, U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, and U.S. President Joe Biden, urging them to take immediate action to use their positions and influence to act on the goals of this resolution to end violence and promote democracy and human rights.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on November 4, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on November 4, 2024.

Read and passed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Attest/Witness:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

By: _____

Nate Groenendyk
City Clerk, City of Hyattsville

Approved:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

By: _____

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

Electronically Submitted Comments

Urging your support of Resolution No. 2025-03 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon

From Mary Thomas [REDACTED]

Date Mon 11/4/2024 1:04 PM

To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Dear Mayor Croslin and Members of the City Council,

My name is Mary Thomas and I'm a resident of Ward 2 in Hyattsville. I'm emailing in support of Resolution 2025 03, which calls on the City to affirm its commitment to human rights by formally supporting a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon and an end to all military aid and arms sales to Israel.

I urge you to support this resolution and take a stand against ongoing violence and brutality. It is important even for our small municipality to take a formal stance in support of humanity and human rights. I believe this resolution aligns with values we share as a city and a community of passionate and civically minded folks. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Thomas

Mary Thomas

(she/her)

[REDACTED]



Supporting RESOLUTION No. 2025-03 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon

From Albert Ramirez [REDACTED]
Date Mon 11/4/2024 9:40 AM
To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Dear Mayor Croslin and Members of the City Council,

My name is Albert Ramirez and I'm a resident of Ward 2 in Hyattsville. I'm emailing in support of Resolution 2025 03, which calls on the City to affirm its commitment to human rights by formally supporting a ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon and an end to all military aid and arms sales to Israel. In Hyattsville, I know that we share as part of our core values things like community, safety, and care for our people and especially children. As such, it is critical and consistent with our values that we should demonstrate mass support for this resolution, and join with other municipalities in Maryland in taking a stand against the ongoing violence in Gaza and Lebanon.

Sincerely,
Albert Ramirez

Albert Ramirez
[REDACTED]



Public Comment submission for today's Hyattsville City Council meeting

From Shom Tiwari [REDACTED]
Date Mon 11/4/2024 4:59 PM
To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Hi City Clerk Nate Groenendyk, Deputy City Clerk Quianna Taylor, and City Clerk Administrative Assistant Lillie Littleford,

Hope your day is going well!

I am emailing to submit my Public Comment for tonight's Hyattsville City Council Meeting.

My comment is as follows: **My name is Shom Tiwari, I use they/them pronouns, and I am a proud Hyattsville resident. I support Agenda Item 11.a on adopting the Hyattsville Resolution 2024-03: Ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon. The language of the resolution already articulates its necessity. As we know, local issues have a global reach and global conflicts impact members of our own communities directly. Please adopt this resolution to affirm the City of Hyattsville's commitment to its people and the world at large. Thank you!**

Thank you!

Best,
Shom Tiwari ([Hear my name](#))
Pronouns: they/them ([What's this?](#))



Outlook

Written Comments for Hyattsville 11/4 Council Meeting

From Phillip Emeritz [REDACTED]

Date Fri 11/1/2024 1:29 PM

To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Good afternoon,

My name is Phia Emeritz and I am a council member in the town of Colmar Manor. Unfortunately, our town council meeting will be taking place at the same time on Monday, November 4, so I am unable to attend in person but I wanted to share my strong support for the proposed council resolution advocating for a ceasefire in Palestine and an end of US military support and funding to Israel.

It is heartbreaking and shameful that it has taken so long for the Hyattsville city council to speak up against these heinous atrocities we have been witnessing, but I am relieved that the council is finally making a statement, and one that includes such clear and direct language of the inexcusable and racist violence that has been unleashed on a civilian population with the complete support, funding, and political protection of the US government. The racist dehumanization of Palestinians is truly astounding and has led to genocide on an extraordinary scale. Millions of people in the US and around the world have exhibited courage and moral clarity by risking their careers, education and scholarships, relationships, and lives to take a firm stance against the Israeli occupation and the unconscionable slaughter and destruction to which the Palestinian people have been subjected.

Israel has acted in flagrant violation of international law and human rights for decades, well before 2023. Palestine has been forced to endure occupation, dispossession, ethnic cleansing, torture, and apartheid for generations. And all of this is only possible because of the intervention and funding of the US government. There is absolutely no defense for this. On average, Hyattsville contributes approximately \$293,000 per year in federal taxes to fund the Israeli occupation and perpetuate the extreme suffering of Palestine. Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim in the US suffer directly as a result of the institutional structures of racism and white supremacy that proliferate American society. Hyattsville, along with all US municipalities, is directly linked to these gross violations of humanity, and is responsible for standing against such vile injustice.

This is an issue to which Hyattsville is directly connected; this is not an obscure or distant matter to be left to others. The suffering of the Palestinian people will never end so long as those responsible and complicit in their genocide remain silent. I urge every member of the Hyattsville city council to recognize their civic and moral obligation to denounce these atrocities and to continue to advocate for a free Palestine and an end to US support for genocide, illegal occupation, and apartheid. To date, the council has implicitly endorsed the slaughter of civilians by inaction and silence. Do not continue to maintain this position.

Thank you very much,

Phillip "Phia" Emeritz (She/Her)

Ward 3 Council Member, Town of Colmar Manor
[REDACTED]



Comment on Gaza Resolution

From Brian Banks [REDACTED]

Date Fri 11/1/2024 8:59 PM

To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>; Danny Schaible <dschaible@hyattsville.org>

This resolution touches on many important issues, but misses any "whereas" related to the brutal events of October 7 and the devastating kidnapping of hundreds of hostages. While ends do not justify means, failing to recognize the horror of children still held in captivity for over a year is missing a key dimension of this conflict and offensive to those in this community with ties to those in Israel.



Outlook

Comment regarding today's council meeting agenda

From Lea Halim [REDACTED]
Date Mon 11/4/2024 8:45 AM
To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Dear City Clerk,

I am a longtime Hyattsville resident and below is my comment to be submitted regarding the agenda item pertaining to ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon.

I am appalled that our elected councilmembers are spending their time making pronouncements on foreign policy issues that are far beyond their control and authority. The council members are elected to deal with issues pertaining to the administration of Hyattsville, not to wag their fingers at foreign nations.

Insofar as the issue is already on the agenda, I also want to register my opposition to the resolution. This war is endlessly more complex than simply an issue of civil rights. A ceasefire in Gaza would be nothing other than an opportunity for Hamas to rearm and execute another mass slaughter like that which they conducted on October 7, 2023 which is their explicitly stated intention. No nation should be expected to put up with that kind of threat.

Sincerely,
Lea Halim



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comment for tonight's meeting

From Lukas Halim [REDACTED]
Date Mon 11/4/2024 2:48 PM
To cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

I'd like Hyattsville to focus on issues in Hyattsville policing, roads, stewardship of tax dollars rather than trying to weigh in on foreign policy issues such as the situation in Gaza.



Ceasefire resolution

From Mary Hershberger

Date Mon 11/4/2024 4:33 PM

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing to urge you to approve the proposed ceasefire resolution before the Council this evening. My town of Brentwood has passed a similar resolution and I am grateful to live in a town that promotes our values of democracy, human rights, and freedom from occupation and oppression for all people.

In our town there are people directly impacted by this war in Gaza and I am sure that it is the same case for Hyattsville. We know that Americans support a ceasefire and residents in Hyattsville do, as well. Please join the other seven cities and towns in Prince George's County and support this resolution.

Thank you.

