



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD AUGUST 5, 2019 – 8:00 PM

Present: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor (arrived at 8:03 p.m.)
Kevin Ward, W1 (Council Pres.)
Carrianna Suiter, W3 (Council VP) (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)
Bart Lawrence, W1
Robert Croslin, W2
Danny Schaible, W2
Ben Simasek, W3
Daniel Peabody, W4
Erica Spell, W5
Joseph A Solomon, W5 (arrived at 8:14 p.m.)

Absent: Edouard Haba, W4

Also present were the following City staff members:

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Jim Chandler, Assistant City Administrator, Dir. Community and Economic Development
Ron Brooks, City Treasurer
Amal E. Awad, Chief of Police
Vivian Snellman, Director of Human Resources
Lesley Riddle, Director of Public Works
Laura Reams, City Clerk

1) **Call to Order and Council Roll Call**

Council President Kevin Ward called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the victims of recent mass shootings in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH.

3) **Approval of Agenda**

A revision to Motion HCC-55-FY20 was noted, the names of the appointees were updated.

RESULT:	APPROVED, AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lawrence
SECONDER:	Croslin
AYES:	Ward, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Hollingsworth, Suiter, Haba, Solomon



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4) **Public Comment (8:10 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.) Limit 2 minutes per speaker**

Ward 2 resident and member of the Hyattsville Environment Committee, Jim Groves, addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee and was accompanied by fellow members Theresa Goedeke and Richard Canino. Mr. Groves explained that the Committee wrote a letter regarding the proposal to site Hyattsville Middle School at Magruder Park and expressed opposition noting the negative environmental impact would be significant. He explained the project would knock down over 100 trees and was located in a flood plain. Mr. Groves encouraged the Council to voice the concerns to the County and keep the Hyattsville Environment Committee apprised of the contents of the letter and the actions thereafter.

5) **Presentations (8:20 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)**

5.a) City Administrator Update (10 minutes)

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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City Administrator Tracey Douglas addressed the Mayor and Council stating that she would provide updates on several matters but, first, wanted to acknowledge Cable and Communications Supervisor Jonathan Alexander for winning the Educational Activities Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media and congratulated and thanked him on behalf of the City.

City Administrator Douglas provided updates regarding the County-run recycling program and the City composting service which was set to expand City-wide. Ms. Douglas addressed the Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) program stating that the City was accepting and reviewing requests for RPZ exceptions, noted the positive resident feedback regarding the program, and reported that warning notices and citations for non-compliance would begin in September and October respectively. Ms. Douglas provided information on the Hyattsville Middle School Study stating that a consultant would be procured and the study would begin in the following months. She cited the need for volunteers for the Complete Count Census 2020 Committee and encouraged participation.

Ms. Douglas provided information on the CAPABLE program that originated from the Age Friendly Initiative group sponsored by Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) and Habitat for Humanity and provided home modification and medical assistance for senior residents. She cited National Night Out at Heurich Park the following evening, the CommUnity Walk led by the Hyattsville Police Department to promote public safety and wellness and reported on the FY19 staffing levels including outreach and incentives for police officer recruitment.

Administrator Douglas then introduced newly hired City staff: Youth Programs Coordinator, Veronica Rivera-Negron and Interim Supervisor for Communications and Outreach, Brayan Perez. Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler introduced newly hired City Planner, Kate Powers; GIS Technician, Taylor Robey; Community Planner, Lillian Lamptey; and Code Inspector, Keith Daye.



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5.b) City Treasurer Update (5 minutes)

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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City Treasurer Ron Brooks addressed the Mayor and Council with updates regarding the City's financial position reporting that the FY18 audit was ongoing with an anticipated completion date of September and added that the FY19 audit would begin in the last week in August. Mr. Brooks noted that the Bond Purchase Agreement was delayed and that he expected to schedule a special Council meeting at the end of August to address the issue.

Mayor Candace Hollingsworth requested that presentation 5.d) be addressed before the remaining presentations.

5.d) DSP-19039 - 3599 East-West Highway (20 minutes)

HCC-40-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[NSR Statement of Justification for DSP.pdf](#)

[NSR DRD Application.pdf](#)

[NSR DSP Plan Set.pdf](#)

[Planning Committee Minutes - 04.18.2017 Adopted.pdf](#)

Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler introduced the item and provided the Mayor and Council with a summary and background of the project. Mr. Chandler introduced Dan Lynch, representative for NSR Properties stating that the owner of the property was proposing a retail addition and added gas pump capacity on the site. He stated that the Planning Committee would return before the Body to provide recommendations on the development.

Dan Lynch addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of NSR properties citing that the gas station on the site had existed since 1971 and that no major modifications had taken place on the site since 1979. Mr. Lynch acknowledged that the site was located in the Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ) which required approval of a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and that the project was proposed to remove all current structures on the site a rebuild the gas station with a two-story structure that included a convenience store and offices.

Mr. Lynch explained that there was a delay in the pursuit of the DSP due to previous meetings and presentations before MNCPPC that showcased the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) in which the Park and Planning Commission requested adjustments to the access points on East West Highway and Belcrest Road. He stated that adjustments had been made to the plan and were consistent with the needs and required safety measures of the area. Mr. Lynch reported



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that they were adhering to all standards with three (3) requests for variance: a change to the build-to lines on both East West Highway and Belcrest Road, and an augmentation to the orientation of the building. Mr. Lynch continued that they would be making a request to amend the table of uses in the Transit District Development Plan (TDDP)

Ward 1 Councilmember Bart Lawrence asked whether the amendment to the table of uses was specific to the particular site in question to which Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler confirmed that was the case and stated that no other use was specified in the TDDP table of uses for gas stations. Dan Lynch interjected with a reiteration that the amendment only applied to that specific site.

Ward 5 Councilmember Joseph Solomon asked Mr. Chandler if he was able to elaborate on the reasoning of the MNCPPC to which Mr. Chandler responded that he was unable to speculate on their decision making process but would be able to provide more useful information when the item returned before the Body in the following September and after discussions with Park and Planning had taken place.

Ward 3 Councilmember Ben Simasek inquired as to the intentions for the bus stop on the site that was affixed between two (2) access points to which Mr. Lynch explained that there would ultimately be one (1) access point that would allow for right-in and right-out traffic, but he did not believe there was any plan to relocate the bus stop itself.

Councilmember Simasek referenced trees along the border of the site that were to be removed and asked if there were plans to retain some of the trees or relocate them to which Mr. Lynch replied that there would be a substantial amount of landscaping conducted on the site and the applicant would provide adequate tree coverage compliant with regulations and requirements.

Councilmember Simasek sought clarity regarding offices on the 2nd floor of the proposed building being compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) to which Mr. Lynch explained that it was a requirement for any new construction and that it was one of the many benefits of redeveloping a site that was originally designed in the 1960's or 1970's. He stated that any new construction was had to comply with updated standards and that included ADA, lighting, and stormwater management to name a few.

Ward 4 Councilmember Daniel Peabody expressed his support for the improvement of the area and asked whether there was an art element included in the plan to accentuate the aesthetic in a heavily trafficked and prominent area of the City to which Mr. Lynch referenced a separate project in the City in which a similar request was made and confirmed that the applicant would be willing to entertain the possibility and work with the City to satisfy the request.

Ward 2 Councilmember Danny Schaible cited an element in the City's sustainability plan to expand electrical vehicle use and asked if the gas station would provide a charging station for electric vehicles to which Mr. Lynch replied that it was not likely feasible given the limited parking and parking cap threshold under the TDDP.



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Ward 2 Councilmember Robert Croslin sought clarity regarding the method in which stormwater would be addressed to which Mr. Lynch stated that it would be subgrade and off-site but was unable to provide any more detail.

Councilmember Lawrence raised questions regarding the office capacity for the second story office space and parking stating that the office space would be limited to only one (1) or two (2) offices total, that the available parking would be predominantly for the retail space and that additional parking directly for tenants of the office building would be impossible due to limited space whether a cap was enforced by the TDDP or not. Mr. Lynch responded that the amount of office space could vary due to demand and reiterated that the limited parking was due to TDDP regulations. He speculated about a few possible scenarios regarding changes in the design that would allow for more parking, but stressed that he could not know exactly what the possible scenarios would ultimately produce.

Councilmember Lawrence inquired as to possible requisites for office space in City development projects to which Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler answered that there was a different set of rules under the TDDP and that when the area was first developed, any parking was assumed to be developed sub-grade or within the standing structure. Mr. Chandler stated that staff would not support any additional parking beyond what was necessary for the building's function.

Mayor Hollingsworth requested that the representative for the applicant reference the reduced number of entrances and exits to and from the site and provide insight on how they would affect the lanes of travel, the Automated Teller Machine (ATM), gas pumps and stacking area. Mr. Lynch responded describing the method in which cars would enter and exit the site and stated that if there was a backup at the stacking area, there would be plenty of room on the property line for automobiles continue the queue and provided a visual demonstration.

Mayor Hollingsworth continued to express concerns regarding the flow of traffic on the site and questioned the potential of stress areas within the site depending on the volume of patrons and the frequency of fuel trucks entering and exiting the area to which Mr. Lynch provided justifications for the layout explaining that even during heavily trafficked times, the lanes would allow for a minimum of 18' of passage should it be needed. He stated that the area for fuel trucks would be on the south side of the site away from regular traffic and that the requested amendment would be necessary for entrance and exit access for the trucks.

5.c) Community Sustainability Plan: 2019 Progress Report (20 minutes)

HCC-39-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler introduced the item providing a brief history and summary stating that the Body adopted a sustainability plan in 2017 on which he would be providing a update of the progress therein. Mr. Chandler presented that there were three (3) major themes: community, connectivity, and development detailed some of the items in the plan



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that were completed or near completion. The presentation was then led by City Planner Kate Powers who provided further detail regarding community projects, improvements in connectivity, and development. Ms. Powers highlighted the installation of clean drinking water stations in the City Municipal building and the intended installments in four (4) of the City's parks; the creation of a City map that included a catalog of historic elements and properties of Hyattsville; and, grants received and the implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). Regarding connectivity, Ms. Powers showcased detailed plans including improved landscaping with a substantial increase in foliage and newly planted trees; studies that evaluated the feasibility of increased inner-city transit such as a circulator bus and the associated logistics; and, the possible implementation of bike share sites. Regarding development, City Planner Powers cited the Commercial Façade Program and continued efforts for revitalization of structures; a grant received from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority for wayfinding signs; and, the City's Corridor Investment Grant program that would allow funding for private and not-profit partnerships.

Ward 5 Councilmember Erica Spell thanked staff for the presentation and cited discussion held earlier in the evening about gaps in staffing and asked if the limited staffing would affect the City's ability to accomplish the goals presented in the sustainability plan to which Mr. Chandler replied that it would not, but you could identify potential delays on very specific items.

Councilmember Peabody inquired as to the availability of the installation of a water station at McClanahan Park to which Director of Public Works, Lesley Riddle, responded that the decision was made to install fountains in areas with existing plumbing, but agreed that the presence of one in McClanahan park would be beneficial.

Councilmember Simasek echoed the sentiments of **Councilmember Peabody** and asked about installations at University Hills Park to which Ms. Riddle explained that the park was under the jurisdiction of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and there was no intention for water stations at that time.

Councilmember Simasek requested a comparison of the cost of a city circulator bus and the University of Maryland shuttle service to which Mr. Chandler reported that the cost for the University of Maryland shuttle was approximately \$6K-\$8K and that the circulator was far more expensive.

Councilmember Solomon expressed his appreciation for the expansion of the bikeshare program and referenced a number of transportation option that do not require a docking station asking whether there was any action that could be taken legislatively to reduce the amount of abandoned bikes to which Mr. Chandler responded that there were other entities that were making amendments to ordinances to address the issue and that was a possible method

Councilmember Schaible thanked the staff for the presentation and expressed support for the plan; he inquired about affordable housing to which Mr. Chandler reported that staff were looking into hiring an affordable housing lead or strategist and hoped to have some elements on which to report in the following fiscal year.



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Councilmember Schaible cited item 12.c in the report, incentivizing the reuse of vacant buildings by waiving City bureau license fees, and asked how he could assist in that effort legislatively to which Mr. Chandler responded that conversations on that item specifically had not begun due current workload, but stated that an ordinance could be helpful in the matter.

6) Consent Items (9:30 p.m. - 9:35 p.m.)

6.a) Annual Motorola Service Agreement

HCC-2-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[Motorola Service Agreement FY20.pdf](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of \$30,383.75 for the renewal of the Annual Motorola Service Agreement for maintenance on our Dispatch Console, Portable and Mobile radios.

6.b) Replacement of Streets Vehicle ST31

HCC-31-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[Chevy Renewal Exp 6-2-2020.pdf](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of FY20 Capital Improvement Funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado from Criswell Chevrolet, utilizing the Montgomery County Contract Rider, Contract Number 1065341.

6.c) Surplus Video Equipment

HCC-34-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council deem as surplus the video equipment listed below and make it available for sale.

6.d) Hyattsville Life and Times Contract

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council approve the FY20 contract for advertising in the Hyattsville Life and Times at a cost not to exceed \$28,680.

6.e) Teen Center Tutoring

HCC-36-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council approve the FY20 contract with Northstar Tutoring to provide tutoring and mentorship management at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 in support of the City's teen programming.

6.f) Site Survey for Teen Center

HCC-37-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council approve the purchase of a site survey for the new teen center building from JMT at a cost not to exceed \$15,944.

6.g) ADA Sidewalk Improvements on 43rd Ave

HCC-38-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[Proposal_43rd Ave ADA Modifications 7-23-19.pdf](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$70,000 with NZI Construction Corp under the existing contract, to remove the existing sidewalk on 43rd Ave from Jefferson Street to Gallatin Street and replace with an ADA compatible 6' sidewalk with ramps where needed.

6.h) Contract for Services: Affordable Housing Strategy

HCC-41-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[Memo - Affordable Housing Strategy Consultant - 7.30.2019.doc](#)

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I move that the Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract for services with Enterprise Community Partners for the purpose of developing an affordable housing strategy for the City of Hyattsville, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000, upon the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.



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**6.i) Low Impact Design Center Contract Extension for DNR Community Resiliency Grant
HCC-32-FY20**

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve a contract with the Low Impact Design Center to facilitate the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Community Resiliency Grant, at a cost not to exceed \$15,784.00, upon the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

6.j) Replacement of Solid Waste Vehicle SW61

HCC-29-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of FY20 Capital Improvement Funds in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Leach 25 Yard 2-R III Demolition Body trash truck from GrandTurk Equipment off of the Sourcewell Mobile Collection Vehicle Contract #11214-LEG.

6.k) Surplus of Police Bicycles

HCC-43-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the surplus of five (5) old and outdated Trek SLR mountain bicycles be sold on GovDeals.com.

6.l) Appointment to ATHA, Inc's Governing Board

HCC-46-FY20

Lead Sponsor: Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move the Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Councilmember Ben Simasek to serve as the City of Hyattsville's representatives to the Governing Board of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. In his absence, Councilmember Robert Croslin will serve as the City's Alternate Representative. Both appointments shall be a term of two-years or until August 1, 2021.



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6.m) Wells Blvd Green Street Design - Soil Borings and Subsurface Analysis

HCC-47-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to contract with DMY Engineering Consultants, Inc. to conduct soil borings and other subsurface analysis for the Wells Blvd Green Street Design, and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$12,000 for these services.

6.n) MOU with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (AFIS)

HCC-48-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on behalf of the City of Hyattsville Police Department to continue as a regional participating jurisdiction with the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and authorize the City to expend an amount not to exceed \$6,239.00 for one fiscal year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY20).

6.o) MOU with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (LPR)

HCC-49-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on behalf of the City of Hyattsville Police Department to continue as a regional participating jurisdiction with the Law Enforcement License Plate Readers Program (LPR) and authorize the City to expend an amount not to exceed \$2,979.00 for one fiscal year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY20).

6.p) Appointments to Race and Equity Task Force

HCC-51-FY20

Lead Sponsor: Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor(s): Schaible

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I move that the Mayor and Council appoint Latoya Robinson (Ward 1), Stacie Whitesides (Ward 1), Hyo Cho (Ward 2), and Joanne Waszczak (Ward 1) to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two years to expire on August 5, 2021.

6.q) Schedule Public Hearing for Traffic Calming Petitions - Jefferson Street and Nicholson Street

HCC-53-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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- [Petition_Traffic Calming_Nicholson Street_062619_Redacted.pdf](#)
- [TrafficCalming_4200NicholsonSt 07162019.pdf](#)
- [114-8 Traffic Calming Devices.pdf](#)
- [Traffic Calming Flowchart_073119.pptx](#)

I move that the City Council schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM, to consider public testimony regarding Traffic Calming Petitions submitted for 1) the 3900 block of Jefferson Street located in Ward 2 and 2) the 4200 block of Nicholson Street located in Ward 1.

6.r) FY20 Special Revenue Funds Budget Amendment and Appropriation of FY18 Unencumbered Grant Fund Balance

HCC-7-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY20 Special Revenue Funds budget and appropriate \$15,784 in remaining FY18 unencumbered grant funding for continuation of lower Ward 1 stormwater study.

6.s) Appointments to the Hyattsville Environment Committee

HCC-55-FY20

Lead Sponsor: Haba

Co-Sponsor(s): Schaible

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I move that the Mayor and Council reappoint ~~Megan Haidet~~ Armando Gaetaniello (Ward 1) and appoint ~~Patrice Woods~~ Eli Webster (Ward 4) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of 2 years to expire on ~~March 18, 2021~~ August 5, 2021.



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MOVER:	Ward
SECONDER:	Solomon
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Solomon, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Haba

7) Action Items (9:35 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

7.a) Charter Amendment Resolution 2019-02 (5 minutes)

HCC-45-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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[Memo City Attorney to Mayor and Council - 2019 CRC & Charter Amendment](#)

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I move that the Mayor and Council adopt Charter Amendment Resolution 2019-02, a Resolution Amending the City of Hyattsville’s Charter to Address Procedural Difficulties Encountered by the Compensation Review Committee as a Result of Hyattsville’s Staggered Elections, while Ensuring that the State Constitutional Requirement Barring an Elected Official from Voting on Any Change to the Official’s Salary is Met (INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION).

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ward
SECONDER:	Spell
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Solomon, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Haba

7.b) Zoning Variance Request V-70-19 – 3423 Rutgers Street, Hyattsville (10 minutes)

HCC-50-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to provide letter to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals, in support of a zoning variance, for the subject property at 3423 Rutgers Street, Hyattsville, permitting: (1) variance of 5-foot front building line width and (2) the applicant's request waiver of the parking area location requirement with the condition that the applicant shall submit to the Board of Zoning Appeals a revised site plan which incorporates pervious surface materials and a total front yard impervious surface lot coverage that shall not exceed 30%. If the applicant is unable to comply with the conditions of the City's support, the City shall either oppose the variance or request the Board of Zoning Appeals hold the record open until the applicant can prepare and submit a revised site plan.

Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler addressed the Mayor and Council stating that staff had met with the applicant who believe they can meet the requirements and that the Board of Applicants no longer conditioned support, but asked that the applicant file an updated exhibit.

Councilmember Peabody recognized that the suggestion of a French drain located at the lower part of the property was not included in the recommendations in the motion to which Mr. Chandler explained that the 30% in question did not factor in a French drain and was not a requirement from the Board of Zoning Appeals. He added that it was simply a recommendation to improve the frontage of the site.






RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ward
SECONDER:	Simasek
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Solomon, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Haba

7.c) Heurich Park Playground Renovation (10 minutes)

HCC-33-FY20

Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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- [Heurich Park Inclusive Play Highlights.pdf](#) 
- [Heurich Park Opt 5B Proposal _20251A.pdf](#) 
- [Heurich Park Option 5 drawings 06-13.pdf](#) 
- [Heurich Park Option 5-Site Plan.pdf](#) 

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Playground Specialists, utilizing the HGAC purchasing cooperative, for the purpose of renovating Heurich Park playground, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, upon the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Director of Public Works, Lesley Riddle, summarized existing conditions at the playground at Heurich Park stating that it was in poor condition and explained that they had contracted with Playground Specialists to renovate the park to provide accessibility for children of all abilities. Ms.



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Riddle expressed her approval of the plan stating that she felt it was the best way to improve the playground.

Councilmember Peabody sought clarity regarding which of two (2) playgrounds in Heurich Park would be renovated to which Ms. Riddle responded that it was the playground with the entrance from Nicholson Street and added that staff were in the process of preparing an application for funding to offset the cost of the renovation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ward
SECONDER:	Lawrence
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Solomon, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Haba

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

Councilmember Schaible announced a Ward 2 check in the following day and National Night Out.

Council President Ward encouraged residents to view the City’s website to see changes for bulk trash pick-ups and residential parking permits.

Councilmember Croslin expressed his condemnation of the events in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH and stressed the need for education and the insistence of education reflecting an accurate history to move toward limiting racial violence and promoting inclusion for all.

Council Vice President Suiter echoed the comments of **Councilmember Croslin** and stated that, as a native of Dayton, OH, she was especially affected by the tragedy. She thanked the Mayor of Dayton and officials for their efforts in restoring the area.

Councilmember Lawrence referenced the comments made by **Councilmember Croslin** stating that his efforts do have an impact, do make a difference, and encouraged him to keep working toward educating others about cultural differences.

9) Community Notices and Meetings

9.a) Main City Calendar: July 16 – August 5, 2019

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Lead Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD
AUGUST 5, 2019 – 8:00 PM**

10) Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Croslin
SECONDER:	Ward
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Peabody, Solomon, Spell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Haba

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

ATTEST:
May 29, 2020

Laura Reams, City Clerk