



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 7:00 PM

Kevin Ward, W1, Interim Mayor
Carrianna Suiter, W3, Council Vice President
Bart Lawrence, W1
Robert Croslin, W2
Danny Schaible, W2
Ben Simasek, W3
Edouard Haba, W4
Daniel Peabody, W4
Joseph A. Solomon, W5
Erica Spell Wolf, W5

Absent: None

Also present were the following City staff members:
Tracey Douglas, City Administrator
Ron Brooks, City Treasurer
Lesley Riddle, Director of the Department of Public Works
Hal Metzler, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works
Jim Chandler, Assistant City Administrator
Vivian Snellman, Director of Human Resources
Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk
Adrienne Augustus, Media Relations and Mental Health Programs Manager
Cheri Everhart, Acting Community Services Director
Acting Chief Scott Dunklee, Hyattsville City Police Department

Meeting Notice:

As we continue to take precautions due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

The meeting will be broadcast live on cable television channel 71 (Comcast), channel 12 (Verizon), and available via live stream at www.hyattsville.org/meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public comment may be made using the e-comment feature at www.hyattsville.org/meetings or by emailing cityclerk@hyattsville.org. All electronic comments must be submitted by 5 PM on May 3, 2021. Comments received will be read by City staff during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to attend the virtual Council meeting must register in advance using the link below.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jyR0U_f3Rii86yf-U2gdGw

1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

Interim Mayor Kevin Ward called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.



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2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

AMENDMENT

1) **ADD** Ward 2 Councilmember Danny Schaible and Ward 4 Councilmember Edouard Haba as a sponsor for HCC-311-FY21.

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Sean Corcoran read the public comments submitted electronically.

Jim Menasian addressed the Interim Mayor and Council expressing opposition to the zoning request for the Clay Property opining that the property was not located centrally or in close proximity to metro transit, questioning the need for more attached homes in the area, and challenging that the housing would not be affordable. He requested that Council not support change in zoning for the property.

Ron Pedone and Elizabeth Payer addressed the Interim Mayor and Council expressing opposition to the zoning request for the Clay Property rejecting the proposed density, the effect on the environment and green spaces and relayed a lack of confidence in the assertion that the property would provide affordable housing.

Ward 3 resident Tom Wright addressed the Interim Mayor and Council expressing opposition to the zoning request for the Clay Property stating that the project was not consistent with the Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and cited several excerpts in support of his argument from the TDDP Preliminary Plan.

Attorney for Greenberg Taurig Michelle Gambino addressed the Interim Mayor and Council requesting that the Body delay postpone a decision on the Hamilton Manor Affordable Housing Project until the County determined if it properly exercised the Right of First Refusal (RoFR) under Prince George's County Code.

Ward 3 resident Jimmy McClellan addressed the Interim Mayor and Council in opposition to the proposed zoning change for the Clay Property stating that he had several conversations with affected residents who expressed concerns that the development would destroy acres of forested land in the City, the density would cause excessive increase in population, there should be a wider



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variety of home styles, would cause further parking complications, and would not protect Hitching Post Hill and the preserve the history of the area.

Member of the Maryland House of Delegates Alonzo T. Washington addressed the Interim Mayor and Council to provide information regarding Maryland's legislative session stating that the Delegation had recently met virtually for the first time to establish and amend the State budget reporting that constituent engagement had been more prominent than any time prior due to the convenience of virtual meetings.

Delegate Washington noted that the General Assembly passed a \$54.2M budget to make direct investments to education and crucial infrastructure including the Washington Metro Area Transit Association's (WMATA) purple line and Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). He reported that \$850M would be provided for school construction projects, \$90M for housing, and \$90M for libraries and referenced funding received from various sources.

Mr. Washington provided detail on the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program that began with a \$1M allocation for affordable housing and key projects and cited similar funding for Baltimore City. He showcased an illustrative document that showed over \$1B in tax relief and economic stimulus for families and small businesses, \$178M in immediate financial assistance to over 400K residents, nearly \$2M in small business support, a \$65M investment to expand the State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and repeals on state income taxes which saved residents over \$400M.

Delegate Washington reported that much more work was needed to raise the number of vaccinations in the area stating that Prince George's County ranked 20th out of 24 counties in the state of Maryland. Mr. Washington commended the police reform measures taken by the City of Hyattsville and identified other areas in the State that were falling behind in that area emphasizing the importance of body worn cameras and general revisioning.

He spoke of his role in improving education stating that he would work to override the Governor's veto of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future which sought to expand Pre-Kindergarten for low-income families, mandate a \$60K minimum salary for all Maryland teachers, provide college preparation, fund a concentration of poverty grants, and implement expert review teams to assess the success of local education.

Mr. Washington described preserving the right to vote by expanding early voting days and hours, creating a permanent absentee ballot, and making elections and civic information available and accessible.

Ward 2 Councilmember Robert Croslin inquired as to whether the recent appropriations would make up for the underfunding of HBCU's to which Delegate Washington responded in the affirmative noting that four (4) universities legally challenged the State which resulted in a settlement offer of \$10M for 10 years which was augmented by the General Assembly to \$577M over 10 years to help fund programming, scholarships, and investments into educational facilities.



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Ward 4 Councilmember Daniel Peabody thanked Delegate Washington for the presentation and asked how funding by way of revenue through sports wagering was designed to ensure that the funds raised were added to the education funding provided for the Blueprint for Maryland Schools rather than supplanting the funds originally intended to which Mr. Washington answered that the money was within an “education lockbox” and that the funds are meticulously accounted for due to previous mishandlings.

5. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.)**

City Administrator Tracey Douglas addressed the Interim Mayor and Council with updates regarding City events and programming introducing a newly hired Crime Scene Investigator Russell Scott, newly hired Police Officer Brandon Conley, and welcomed Police Recruits Sullma Diaz-Cruz and Francisco Quiroz providing a brief background of each.

Administrator Douglas provided information regarding COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and updates reporting that the City’s vaccination site continued to be operational two (2) days a week by appointment to anyone over the age of 16, outreach was being conducted to provide the vaccinations to those in need, and the City’s testing site remained open three (3) days a week. Ms. Douglas informed the Body of newly updated County guidelines regarding the health crisis noting that masks were not mandatory for those who had been vaccinating while outside or among small gatherings, however masks were required among crowds, while patronizing indoor venues, and while on public transit.

Ms. Douglas relayed information regarding the second phase of the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail describing that the project had been federally funded and administered by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and was scheduled for solicitation in June 2021. She added that Hyattsville and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) would serve as partners in the development project and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was up for consideration by Council at the following Council meeting while SHA evaluated the feasibility of a closure of the northbound lane of Route 1.

Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler supplemented that it was a lengthy project and some minor obstacles remained, but that staff was confident that the project would progress with construction in early Fall of 2021.

The City Administrator displayed an illustrative document that showed the examples and ideas for a Black Lives Matter mural in Centennial Park including the images of several notable black artists and scholars. Ms. Douglas stated that recommendations were received in which the mural would feature prominent black artists including Debbie Allen, Lucille Clifton, Ta-Nahesi Coates, Roger Wendell “Buck” Hill, Billie Holiday, Toni Morrison, Amy Sherald, and Chadwick Boseman. She stated that designs were expected to be brought before the Council and the community would be included in its development.



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Ms. Douglas recognized the month of May as Asian-Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, the week of May 2nd as Children Mental Health Matters week, and the week of May 16th to be National Public Works week with which she commended the remarkable, consistent work of the Hyattsville Department of Public Works (DPW).

Administrator Douglas acknowledged the 52nd annual Municipal Clerks Week highlighting the extraordinary efforts of City Clerk Laura Reams, Deputy City Clerk Sean Corcoran, and Assistant City Clerk Lillie Littleford and citing some of their responsibilities including election, Council, and committee support, maintenance and augmentation of the City Charter and Code, ensuring transparency with the City's residents, and historic preservation.

Ms. Douglas referenced the week of May 9th as National Police week stating that virtual events would take place that focused on the safety and health of law enforcement officers as well as ceremonies to honor fallen heroes and provided details of the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County's 8th annual Fallen Heroes Memorial Service. She noted that May 15, 2021 was Peace Officer Memorial day reporting that there were 264 officers who died in the line of duty in 2020 which was a 91% increase from the previous year.

Ms. Douglas relayed information regarding Mental Health Awareness month in which green ribbon lapel pins would be worn to bring awareness to deplete the stigma related to mental illness and express the importance of dialogue and discussion on the issue. She relayed that some members of the Hyattsville City Police Department (HCPD) participated and completed Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) which included extensive mental illness education, de-escalation techniques, and scenario training from several behavioral health support agencies in the County.

City Administrator Douglas transferred lead of the presentation to City Clerk Laura Reams who provided information regarding the 2021 City election providing detail regarding where pertinent information could be found on the City's website, the process for submitting a ballot, and various rules and regulations.

Ms. Reams reported that the City had mailed out 11,407 ballots and 1,450 had been received as of that day supplementing with the methods with which the ballots had been submitted and their submission locations. She described the process for ballot intake and how residents could view the process live providing the ballot intake schedule which would be made available to the public.

City Clerk Reams relayed details about the Election Day Polling Center, the opportunity for same-day voter registration, parking availability, a partnership with Federalist Pig, and the guidelines for candidates on Election Day. She reported that the unofficial results would be announced after the close of polls on Election Day, the official results would be certified by May 17, 2021, the new Council would be sworn in on June 7, 2021 and the election of Council President, Vice President, and Council liaisons to Committees would take place on July 19, 2021.

Ward 2 Councilmember Robert Croslin sought confirmation regarding the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to which City Administrator Douglas answered that State guidelines allow vaccinated individuals to be unmasked while outside and guidance from the County was pending.



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Ward 2 Councilmember Danny Schaible inquired as to the return of data from the 2020 Census to which Ms. Douglas responded that the information was not readily available, but she would follow up with the Councilmember upon receiving any new information.

City Clerk Laura Reams read additional public comments that had been omitted during that portion of the agenda.

Ward 3 resident Sherlyna Hanna addressed the Interim Mayor and Council expressing appreciation for the Council's acceptance of public input and expressed opposition to the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the Clay Property stating that several residents of the University Hills neighborhood did not agree with the rezoning and high density of the property.

Ward 2 resident David Marshall addressed the Interim Mayor and Council in opposition to renaming Magruder Park after any individual or group.

6. Presentations (7:35 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.)

6.a) Clay Property - CSP-20007

[HCC-310-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Clay Property CSP 20007 - Presentation Memo](#)

[CSP City Presentation\(4086360.1\)](#)

[A-SOJ CSP-20007](#)

[VarianceRequest CSP-20007](#)

[DAMS REPORT CSP-20007](#)

[CSP CSP-20007](#)

[SWMP CSP-20007](#)

Presentation Only

Assistant City Administrator Jim Chandler addressed the Interim Mayor and Council with an introduction and background regarding the CSP for the Clay Property recalling that Council had received concepts for the property per the County map amendment and that the applicant was proposing to rezone the public property from R80 to R20 to allow for more density within the development. Mr. Chandler described that the property was located on the character area edge of the District Overlay Zone and was proposing a non-motorized path to connect the western end to Calvert Drive, proffered 10% of the dwelling units to be under affordable housing regulations.

Attorney for the applicant Chris Hatcher addressed the Body relaying that much of the material that would be presented would be familiar and explained that the Council had recommended that the applicant submit a rezoning request by way of CSP which was the purpose of the presentation.



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Mr. Hatcher displayed an illustrative document which showed the location of the property describing how the boundary lines were established and explained the proposed housing styles and capacities. He displayed the CSP and highlighted the spacing of facilities, landscaping, and various aspects and amenities of the proposal.

In addition to the applicant's agreement to provide buffers consistent with Planning Committee recommendations, Mr. Hatcher provided information about an agreement for a non-motorized pathway and the commitment of 10% of the housing to be mandatory affordable or workforce housing.

Mr. Hatcher noted that more information would become available regarding land exchange with the property but stated that the documents being viewed at that time were a layout of the existing boundaries which may require revisions if the land exchange was approved.

Ward 3 Councilmember Ben Simasek sought detail regarding the gross foot area and the lot coverage per requirements for total percentage of net acreage under the zone to which representative Mark Ferguson replied that the property would be subject to the standards that are in the Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) and was not an item which they had discretion over.

Councilmember Simasek clarified that he had concerns regarding the environmental protection of the area citing 11 acres of woodland would be cleared and there was a variance request to remove at least 16 specimen trees as well as an increase of impermeable surface throughout the property which would be very problematic for stormwater mitigation.

Mr. Ferguson responded that the applicant was not requesting any variance from environmental requirements and explained that the stormwater mitigation planned was beyond requirement and they intended to fully comply with the TDDP. Chris Hatcher added that the applicant was pursuing the zoning variance by way of CSP at the request of the City Council while other options remained.

Councilmember Simasek voiced concerns regarding the environmental protection and removal of the tree canopy and the distance to transit opining that it would be a vehicle-dependent neighborhood. He continued that traffic and acute population would increase which was an issue capable of spawning multiple other negative effects. Mr. Hatcher commented that they would be required to submit a transportation analysis as part of the subsequent applications with which the property would be viewed from a technical perspective to identify need for ingress and egress and other adjustments that would ultimately fall under the purview of the Council.

Ward 5 Councilmember Joseph Solomon inquired as to whether a community meeting would be scheduled to discuss the project with residents to which Mr. Hatcher responded that it was regular practice to have a robust community outreach and that they would be amenable to any future meetings with members of the community.



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Councilmember Solomon asked whether the applicant would consider any changes to the requested density of the property to which Mr. Hatcher replied that R20 zoning provided for an array of unit types and opined that there may be resistance regarding the overall unit count, but other aspects could be discussed.

Ward 4 Councilmember Edouard Haba requested details regarding the potential land swap to which Mr. Hatcher explained that certain areas of the property would transfer responsibility to the County while several other results would consequently be the financial responsibility of the applicant.

7. Proclamations (7:50 p.m. - 7:55 p.m.)

7.a) Proclamation Recognizing National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week
[HCC-312-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[CM 0503 National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 9 through May 15, 2021 as National Police Week and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Hyattsville.

7.b) Proclamation of Municipal Clerks Week

[HCC-313-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[CM 0503 Municipal Clerks Week 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021 as Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Hyattsville.

7.c) Proclamation of National Public Works Week

[HCC-314-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[CM 0503 National Public Works Week 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021, to be Public Works Week in the City of Hyattsville.



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7.d) Proclamation of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

[HCC-315-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[CM0503 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

7.e) Proclamation in Honor of Children’s Mental Health Matters Week

[HCC-322-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Children's Mental Health Awareness Month 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 2-8, 2021 as Children’s Mental Health Matters week in the City of Hyattsville.

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

8. Appointments (7:55 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

8.a) Appointments to the Planning Committee

[HCC-324-FY21](#)

Sponsor: Lawrence

Co-Sponsor(s): Simasek

[Barnes Planning Committee](#)

[Bennehoff Planning Committee](#)

[Mayo Planning Committee](#)

[Seath Planning Committee](#)

I move the Mayor and Council appoint the following residents to the Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years to end on April 30, 2023: Gregory Barnes (Ward 1), Yohannes Bennehoff (Ward 4), Cliff Mayo (Ward 5), and William Seath (Ward 2).

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



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9. Consent Items (8:00 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.)

9.a) Storm Drain Design and Analysis project for County Acceptance and Reimbursement

[HCC-317-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[storm drain design and MOU preparation](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 to Low Impact Development Corporate for the analysis and design of required upgrades to the storm drain infrastructure in the area between 42nd Ave and Queens Chapel Road from East to West and Queensbury Rd and East West Highway from North to South, under their existing contract with the City.

9.b) Installation of Street Signs

[HCC-318-FY21](#)

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 the execute a rider contract on the Montgomery County IFB #1110132 with Shannon-Baum Signs Inc, for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for FY21 pending legal review.

9.c) Schedule a Public Hearing on Resolution 2021-04: Recertification of the Gateway Arts & Entertainment District

[HCC-321-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[hyattsville2010-09 GAD tax res](#)

[Description of the Boundary](#)

[Gateway Arts & Entertainment District](#)

[PFA Gateway](#)

[gateway arts govt bldgs 04012011](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council schedule a Public Hearing on proposed Recertification of the State of Maryland Gateway Arts & Entertainment District Resolution 2021-04 for May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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



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10. Action Items (8:05 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.)

10.a) Hyattsville Ordinance 2021-02: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (Introduction)

[HCC-325-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Hyattsville Ordinance 2021-02 FY 2022 Budget First Reading 5-3-21](#)

[Master FY22 Final Budget Presentation](#)

[FY22 Final Updated Budget Production Document 3-23-2021](#)

I move the Mayor and Council introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2021-02, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the general purpose, fixing the tax rates for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021; authorizing collection of taxes herein levied, and appropriating funds for the fiscal year (INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING).

City Treasurer Ron Brooks addressed the Interim Mayor and Council providing a background and summary on the item stating that under C5 of the City’s Charter the City Administrator is required to submit an annual budget which had been submitted to the Body that evening. Mr. Brooks explained that the budget document included a complete financial plan for all funds and activities and includes revenues, expenditures, and surpluses that reflect should not exceed the limits assigned to each category.

Treasurer Brooks reported that the beginning general fund balance was approximately \$18.5M and an ending deficit of approximately \$16M noting that the City was prepared to implement reserve resources and funding to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year. He relayed that there may be adjustments to the budget before passage pertaining to special revenue funds and grants, however said revenue and funding were still pending.

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

10.b) Hyattsville Resolution 2021-02: Acquisition of Hamilton Manor Apartments by the National Housing Trust Communities through the Prince George’s County Right of First Refusal (ROFR) Program

[HCC-311-FY21](#)

Sponsor: Ward

Co-Sponsor(s): Solomon, Spell Wolf, Simasek, **Schaible, Haba**

[Hamilton Manor ROFR Acquisition Memo - Final 04.27.21](#)

[Hamilton Manor Resolution 4.27.21](#)

[Hamilton Manor Preservation Summary 3.26.2021](#)

[Hamilton Manor - WHC NHTC Info - Hyattsville CC - 5-3-21](#)

[Municipality Notice -- Hamilton Manor -- City of Hyattsville - \(AF draft4.23.21\)](#)



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I move that the City Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2021-02, a resolution supporting the acquisition of Hamilton Manor Apartments by the National Housing Trust Communities (NHTC) through the Prince George’s County Right of First Refusal (ROFR) Program for the purpose of creating and preserving affordable housing in the City of Hyattsville.

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

10.c) MR-2038F (Mandatory Referral) - Hyattsville Middle School

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

- [Hyattsville Middle School - Action Memo](#)
- [Council Materials for Discussion - HMS](#)
- [Planning Committee Minutes Excerpt - April 20, 2021 DRAFT](#)
- [EFTF Statement Site Plan](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Interim Mayor to provide correspondence to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) in support of Mandatory Referral 2038F, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall categorize the police officer/crossing guard traffic direction at school access points as a necessary operational activity for the building as opposed to an optional school programming activity.
2. Striping shall be placed in front of school access points to avoid blockage. The striping shall include accompanying “Do Not Block” signage.
3. “No Standing or Stopping” signage shall be placed along 42nd Avenue to avoid blockage and congestion.
4. The site shall be reassessed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for pedestrians and the applicant shall institute measures to ensure an accessible site design. Specifically, the mid-block pedestrian access at 42nd Avenue shall be assessed for ADA compliance feasibility and conformance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.
5. HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) beacons at both the intersections of 42nd Avenue and Oglethorpe Street and 42nd Avenue and Oliver Street. If further review of the applicant’s transportation plan determines a HAWK system ~~at~~ is not warranted, the City shall withdraw this condition at the time of the Planning Board hearing.
6. Fencing shall be extended along the west side of the property (42nd Avenue). Fencing shall be four (4) - six (6) feet. Plantings shall be included along the fence line facing the street for aesthetic purposes.
7. The applicant shall repair and/or replace storm drain lines on 42nd Avenue and Oliver Street as part of the project.



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

10.d) Renaming of Magruder Park to David C. Driskell Community Park

[HCC-323-FY21](#)

Sponsor: Ward

Co-Sponsor(s): Spell Wolf, Simasek, Schaible, Solomon, Croslin, **Suiter, Peabody**

[Park Name Slides](#)

[Recommendations Memo Renaming Magruder Park updated 2 11 21](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Attorney to draft a resolution renaming Magruder Park as David C. Driskell Community Park and to draft a corresponding ordinance updating references to Magruder Park in the City Code to reflect the new name. I further move the Council authorize the City Administrator to assess and proceed with signage needs for the park renaming.

Ward 1 Councilmember Bart Lawrence reiterated his position that he was not in support of naming the park after any individual but wanted to ensure that his position was not one of opposition to David C. Driskell and that he was staying consistent with his opinion stating that many residents would be happy with the chosen name.

Ward 5 Councilmember Erica Spell Wolf thanked the City staff and Committees for their hard work and effort in undertaking the task stating that she was appreciative of the engagement with the community and was thankful for the opportunity to honor a Hyattsville resident of such stature and reputation as David C. Driskell.

Councilmember Haba reiterated his position that the park should not be named after an individual to avoid any future, unforeseen backlash but expressed his content with the choice of the new name.

Councilmember Croslin expressed pride for the achievement in naming the park after David C. Driskell noting that he was a longtime friend, and he was in great support of the measure.

Councilmember Solomon agreed with his colleague that it was a proud moment for the City and thanked all who had a part in the renaming process including the Race and Equity Task Force (RETF) and the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee (HWRAC). He referenced his opinion that he didn't believe the park should be named after an individual but communicated that he was appreciative of the process and that having the ability to cast a vote was a bigger step than the resulting decision.



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Councilmember Peabody expressed his pleasure with the outcome and his full support adding that he was very appreciative of the community engagement helping to define the community and noted that he would like to see a land acknowledgement for the indigenous people who inhabited the land during a dedication and ceremony.

Councilmember Schaible expressed his satisfaction with the process of the renaming including the community engagement and legal consultation and review. He stated that he was in favor of the resulting choice for renaming the park after David C. Driskell.

RESULT:	APPROVED [9 -1]
MOVER:	Suiter
SECONDER:	Solomon
AYES:	Ward, Suiter, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, Spell Wolf
NAYS:	Lawrence

11. Council Dialogue (8:50 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Councilmember Spell Wolf recognized that her term only allowed for a few more meetings and expressed her excitement for the 2021 Election citing the magnitude of voter turnout and civic engagement including the turnout of over 20 candidates.

Councilmember Lawrence expressed that while he did not support a specific name for the park, he was appreciative to see that Mr. Driskell would be honored and stated that he was very excited to see progress on the Trolley Trail and recognized its multiple benefits to residents and the City.

Council Vice President Carrianna Suiter acknowledged the end of her term as Councilmember and thanked the staff for their assistance and continued hard work. She expressed her deep appreciation for the community's trust and support for her to represent her neighbors and friends.

Councilmember Haba reminded residents to turn in their ballots for the 2021 Election and encouraged all to remain diligent in fending off the COVID-19 virus.

Councilmember Schaible recognized the departure of some of his colleagues, wishing them well, and expressed appreciation for their willingness to work collaboratively and learning and maturing under their example.

Councilmember Simasek echoed gratitude for the departing Councilmembers thanking the staff and expressing appreciation for the extensive civic engagement and the work put forward in improving the City. He reminded residents of the process for submitting their vote.

Councilmember Solomon concurred with the comments of his colleagues and encouraged the community to vote. He applauded the Body for approving the budget in a well-thought out, respectful, and efficient manner.



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 7:00 PM**

Councilmember Peabody brought awareness to Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed his gratitude to all who assisted him and his family while navigating through the aftermath of a fire at their home.

Councilmember Croslin wished the best to **Councilmember Peabody** and his family and offered to help in any capacity to guide them through the challenging time. He recognized graduation season and congratulated all of the students who continued to work toward educational goals.

Interim Mayor Ward thanked the departing members for their service and expressed his enjoyment working with each of his colleagues over the last term. He brought attention to DPW and the Clerk’s office and offered an endorsement for Foster Care month sharing the personal experience of adopting two (2) children.

12. Community Notices and Meetings

12.a) Main City Calendar: May 4 - May 17, 2021

[HCC-316-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator.

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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13. Motion to Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Croslin
SECONDER:	Suiter
AYES:	Ward, Suiter, Lawrence, Croslin, Schaible, Simasek, Haba, Solomon, Spell Wolf
ABSENT:	Peabody

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

**ATTEST:
July 19, 2021**

Laura Reams, City Clerk

Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk