

# City of Hyattsville

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## Agenda Regular Meeting

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**Monday, March 3, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual**

### **City Council**

**Robert S. Croslin, Mayor**  
**Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5**  
**Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1**  
**Sam Denes, Ward 1**  
**Danny Schaible, Ward 2**  
**Emily Strab, Ward 2**  
**Kareem Redmond, Ward 3**  
**Edouard Haba, Ward 4**  
**Michelle Lee, Ward 4**  
**Rommel Sandino, Ward 5**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator**  
**Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org)**

**WELCOME TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING!**  
**Your participation at this public meeting is valued and appreciated.**

**AGENDA/PACKET:** The Agenda/Packet is available for review at the Hyattsville Municipal Building and online at [www.hyattsville.org](http://www.hyattsville.org) prior to the scheduled meeting (generally available no later than the Friday prior to the scheduled Monday meeting). Please note, times given for agenda items are estimates only. Matters other than those indicated on the agenda may also be considered at Council discretion.

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**Meeting Notice:**

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
5. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)**
6. **Proclamations**
  - 6.a. **Proclamation Celebrating March 19, 2025, as Women in Public Office Day in [HCC-255-FY25](#) the City of Hyattsville**

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation celebrating March 19, 2025, as Women in Public Office Day in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 0303 Women in Public Office Day 2025](#)

- 6.b.** Proclamation Celebrating March 2025 as Women's History Month in the City of Hyattsville [HCC-256-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council proclaim March 2025 to be Women's History Month in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 0303 Women's History Month 2025.pdf](#)

## 7. Appointments

- 7.a. Appointment to the Educational Facilities Task Force** [HCC-265-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Marya Burks (Ward 1) to the Educational Facilities Task Force for a term of two (2) years to expire on March 3, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Waszczak

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Maraya Burks W1 Jan 2025 redac](#)

- 7.b. Appointments to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee** [HCC-266-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Michael Bonds (Ward 3) to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on March 3, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Redmond

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Michael Bonds W3 Jan 2025 redac](#)

## 8. Consent Items (7:40 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)

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.

**8.a. Zoning Variance Request V-93-24 - 6006 Queens Chapel Rd Hyattsville** [HCC-249-FY25](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the subject property at 6006 Queens Chapel Rd, Hyattsville application #V-93-24; granting relief from Prince Georges County Zoning Code section 27-10003(a) Decks, Porches, and Balconies, for a rear lot line setback of 6.33' ft to validate a non-conforming rear deck where decks may extend up to 5ft into any required yard.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community & Economic Development

**Attachments:** [2025-02-07 Memo-V-93-24 .ju](#)  
[V-93-24 Binder](#)  
[City of Hyattsville Zoning Variance Policy Statement & Variance Process ENGLISH](#)

**8.b. Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds** [HCC-254-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council approve the disbursement of \$500 of Ward 1 discretionary funds to the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HyCDC) to support Trolley Trail Day engagement activities.

**Sponsors:** Denes and Waszczak

**Department:** Legislative

**8.c. Council Meeting Schedule Update** [HCC-264-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council approve the following update to the schedule of Council Meetings:

-The introduction of the budget scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025 will now be held on Monday, March 24, 2025.

-The in-person budget work session scheduled for February 24, 2025 will now be held on Monday, March 31, 2025.

-The in-person budget work session scheduled for February 26, 2025 will now be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**8.d. FY25 Budget Appropriation: MNCPPC Project Grant for Recreation Activities** [HCC-257-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY25 Special Revenues Funds Budget to accept and appropriate the grant award in the amount of \$200,000 from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract, upon the review and approval of the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community Services

**Attachments:** [City of Hyattsville - FY25 Project Charge Contract](#)

**8.e. Purchase of Replacement Vehicles for Police Department** [HCC-263-FY25](#)

I move Mayor and Council authorize the purchase two (2) Ford Explorers from Koons Baltimore Ford, in the amount not to exceed \$112,046.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Police Department

**Attachments:** [Ford Explorer Request Memo - Koons Baltimore Ford](#)

**9. Action Items (7:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.)****9.a. Amend City Code Chapter 108: Homeowner's and Homestead Property Tax Credit Programs** [HCC-261-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 108-2 and 108-3 as follows:

**Section 108-2: Homestead Property Tax Credit Program**

- Amend the effective date to July 1, 2025
- Reduce the taxable assessment cap down from 110% to 106%.

**Section 108-3: Local supplement to the state homeowners property tax credit**

- Assessed Value Limit - increase to \$415,000.
- Combined Net Worth Limit - increase to \$400,000.
- Combine Gross Income Limit - increase to \$90,000.

The proposed updates must be provided to the State Department of Assessment and Taxation before or on March 25, 2025, to take effect this property tax billing cycle.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Finance

**10. Discussion Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)****10.a. FY26 Budget Discussion - Real Property Tax Rate and Constant Yield Tax Rate [HCC-258-FY25](#)**

The City Treasurer will provide an overview of the current Real Property Tax Rate and the recommended SDAT Constant Yield Tax Rate as well as revenue projections. The City Council can use this information to discuss and make a recommendation on setting the FY26 General Operating Budget Real Property Tax Rate. The information is being provided in advance of the proposed budget presentation scheduled for March 24, 2025.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Finance

**Attachments:** [FY26 Property Tax Rate Discussion 2-25-2025 \(3\)](#)

**11. Council Dialogue (8:45 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.)****12. Motion to Adjourn**