

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023

6:30 PM

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Virtual

City Council Public Hearing

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

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Also present:

City Administrator: Tracey Douglas

City Treasurer: Ron Brooks

City Clerk: Laura Reams

Deputy City Clerk: Nate Groenendyk

Present:

Mayor Robert Croslin
Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
Councilmember Sam Denes
Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Councilmember Emily Strab
Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
Councilmember Rommel Sandino
Councilmember Daniel Peabody
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Ben Simasek

2. Public Comment Complete Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Mr. Marshall stated that he is not in favor of the proposed tax rate and that it should be lowered.

3. Action Items

Fiscal Year 2024 Real Property Tax Rate[HCC-365-FY23](#)

I move the Mayor and Council set the City of Hyattsville's Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [2023 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification - City of Hyattsville](#)
[PGpost 4-13 4-19 2023 A5 \(1\)](#)

City Treasurer Ron Brooks provided an update on the proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Haba stated he understands and shares Mr. Marshall's concern. He referenced that he has supported a lower tax rate in the past, but he supports the currently proposed rate.

Councilmember Waszczak requested an update on the initiatives the Council requested from City Treasurer Brooks on additional tax credits for residents. City Treasurer Brooks replied the City hired an outside firm in January to seek additional recommendations and initiatives the City could review. He expects preliminary ideas for review within the next 30 days. Councilmember Waszczak asked if the contractor would be able to let the City know how many homes are living on a fixed income and what homes will be able to get additional tax credits. City Treasurer Brooks stated he hopes this type of information will be available in the draft report.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Strab, McClellan, Sandino, Peabody, Haba, Solomon, and Simasek

4. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Simasek, seconded by Councilmember Strab, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Strab, McClellan, Sandino, Peabody, Haba, Solomon, and Simasek