



PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 6:30 PM

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

Absent: Daniel Peabody, W4

Also present were the following City staff members:
Sean Corcoran, Deputy Clerk

Public Hearing Notice:

The City of Hyattsville Mayor and Council will conduct a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. (prior to the City Council Meeting). The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for residents to comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Real Property Tax Rate of \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value. It is anticipated that the Council will set the tax rate during this Public Hearing.

Budget Documents can be found at www.hyattsville.org/budget. Paper copies of the budget can be requested by calling 301-985-5009 or via email at cityclerk@hyattsville.org.

Public Comment may be made using the e-comment feature at hyattsville.org/meetings or emailing cityclerk@hyattsville.org. All electronic comments must be submitted by 4:30 PM prior to the meeting. 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 public hearing must register in advance using the link below.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NQT9V3d5Sf2wll-cHUpFBQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The hearing will be conducted entirely remotely, there will be no in person meeting attendance. The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 12 and online at www.hyattsville.org/meetings.

1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

Interim Mayor Kevin Ward called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.



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2. Public Comment

Ward 1 resident Irene Marsh addressed the Mayor and Council stating that increased property values were advantageous when selling property, but were a detriment, otherwise, due to the increased tax burden that results from the increased value inferring that it caused residents to move out of the City.

Resident Scott Wilson addressed the Mayor and Council concurring with the previous public comment and proposed tax breaks for longtime residents as well as placing a limit on the escalation of taxes in accordance with the rate at the time of purchase.

Ward 2 resident David Marshall addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition of the process for approving the tax rate and preferred that the tax rate be set at \$0.60 per \$100 or lower.

3. Action Item

3.a) Fiscal Year 2022 Real Property Tax Rate

[HCC-307-FY21](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[2021 Constant Yield Tax Rate 4-13-2021](#)

[20210413 PGPOST Ad Real Property Tax](#)

I move the Mayor and Council set the City of Hyattsville’s Real Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed value. Mr. Marshall suggested eliminating the newly proposed staff positions under the FY22 budget and placing further responsibility on current staff thereby minimizing personnel and providing more opportunity for the funds to be regenerated into the community.

City Treasurer Ron Brooks addressed the Mayor and Council stating that the Real Property Tax Rate remained unchanged for approximately 15 years and that City revenue had increased due to the increased value of homes. Mr. Brooks detailed the expected revenue and compared it to the estimated constant yield noting that the City’s financial position would continue to improve.

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



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4. Motion to Adjourn

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

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:
July 19, 2021

Laura Reams, City Clerk

Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk