



**City of Hyattsville**  
**Police and Public Safety Citizens (PPSC) Advisory**  
**Committee Meeting - Virtual**  
**Minutes, Meeting of April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**I. Attendance**

Position, Name	Ward	Present / Absent	Position, Name	Present / Absent
Chair, Bob Kantor	2	x	Chief of Police, Jarod Towers	✓
Secretary / Recorder, Ana Chapa	2	✓	Deputy Chief of Police, Laura Lanham	✓
Member, Taurean Barnwell	3	✓	Council Member Ward 2, Emily Strab	✓
Member, Jerome Brown	2	x		
Member, Michelle Brown	3	✓		
Member, Julia Dezelski	1	✓		
Member, Patricia Page	5	✓		
Member, Taylor Wilder	2	✓		

**Public Attendance:** Five public attendees.

**II. Agenda and Minutes**

- Roll Call: Quorum met and exceeded. All members present
- Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Taurean, motion passed and approved.
- Approval of March Minutes Meeting Minutes: Tauren motioned, Patricia seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved.

**III. Public Comment - Requested, none made. 4 members of the public attended.**

**IV. General Discussion Topics**

**a. AI in Police and Public Safety Proposed Language:**



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- i. Goal is to submit to the Police and Public Safety staff a short list of core values and recommendations for them to use in their AI policy. This will assure community input.
- ii. Recommendations:
  1. Value- Humans should remain the decision makers at all costs. AI can be used to bolster data.
  2. Value- prioritization of the improvement of public safety over increasing revenues.
    - a. Acknowledgement that fines do not impact all residents equally. Could we set fines based on income?
  3. Not use AI as the sole source of information and ensure human intelligence is still used to make decisions.
    - a. City is looking into hiring a crime analyst (person) to try to ensure they use data to work as efficiently as possible
  4. Maximum transparency on source and use of data
  5. Predictive AI should not be used as data showed it leads to targeting issues
  6. Use AI tools to translate emergency information 24/ 7
    - a. Predictability and accuracy is not there for translation in emergency
    - b. City has translation service that at this point is better than AI- the technology may catch up eventually but not there yet.
  7. AI Impact Assessments should be done before procurement
  8. Ensure there is a guardrail in place by requiring all changes are approved by the council.
  9. The departments data retention policy needs to be updated on a regular basis.
- iii. A member of the community asked about AI being used to produce police reports. The city is not interested in doing this because it still requires human oversight and best at this point for staff to manage.
- iv. Action Item:
  1. Each member will contribute to the shared document to start drafting recommendations.
  2. Emily and DC will send sources with recommendations.

**V. HVL Police Dept Updates**

- a. Chief Towers provided an update on the budget process, and CCTV project.
  - i. The department is in the final stages of their long awaited office move.



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- ii. In June there will be a promotion opportunity for staff to strengthen continuity of services.
- iii. Coffee with Cop will take place on April 16th from 8:30- 9:30 at West Hyattsville Station. See Facebook for more information (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofHyattsvillePD/>).

**VI. Next Meeting:** May 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

- a. Ana Chapa concluded the meeting. Taurean made a motion to adjourn. Patricia seconded and all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:04.
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