

# City of Hyattsville

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## Summary Regular Meeting

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**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual**

### **City Council**

**Robert S. Croslin, Mayor**  
**Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5 **Absent****  
**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**  
**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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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Approved, Unanimous**
4. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - 4.a. **Approval of the Minutes** **Approved, Unanimous** [HCC-097-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024 and September 16, 2024 City Council Meetings.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Minutes July 15 2024.pdf](#)  
[Minutes Sept 16 2024.pdf](#)
5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**

**6. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)****7. Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)****7.a. Flag Redesign Committee Finalist Presentation**[HCC-094-FY25](#)

For presentation.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Flag Committee Presentation.pptx](#)

**8. Proclamations **Approved, Unanimous******8.a. Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month**[HCC-088-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 1007 Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2024](#)

**8.b. Proclamation in Recognition of National Code Compliance Month**[HCC-089-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation to recognizing October 2024 as National Code Compliance Month.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM1007 National Code Compliance Month Proclamation](#)

**8.c. Proclamation Recognizing October 14, 2024, as Indigenous People's Day** [HCC-091-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing October 14, 2024, as Indigenous People's Day in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM1007 Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation](#)

**8.d. Proclamation Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month** [HCC-092-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 1007 Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2024](#)

**8.e. Proclamation Celebrating October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month** [HCC-093-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation celebrating October 2024 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 1007 National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2024](#)

**9. Appointments Approved, Unanimous****9.a. Appointment to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee** [HCC-095-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointments of Jerome Brown (Ward 5) and Patricia Page (Ward 5) to the Police and Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Strab

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Patriciaq Pagie W-5 Oct 2024 re-appoint redac](#)  
[Jerome Brown W-5 re-appoint Oct 2024 redac](#)

**9.b. Appointment to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee** [HCC-096-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointments of Dyann Waugh (Ward 2) and Carol Plato (Ward 2) to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Lee and Denes

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Carole Plato W2 Sept 4 2024 redac](#)  
[Dyann Waugh W2 re-appoint Oct 2024\\_redact](#)

**9.c. Appointment to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee** [HCC-099-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Arinee Flurry (Ward 1) to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on October 31, 2026.

**Sponsors:** McClellan and Redmond

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Arinee Flurry redac reappoint Oct 2024](#)

**10. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.) Approved, Unanimous**

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.

**10.a. Purchase of Two Chevrolet Blazer Electric Vehicles** [HCC-083-FY25](#)

I move that Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to purchase two Chevrolet Blazer Electric Vehicles from Criswell Auto in an amount not to exceed \$117,362.00.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Police Department

**Attachments:** [sales\\_proposal - 2024-09-13T154145.329](#)  
[EV Police SUV PPV AWD QUOTE](#)  
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**10.b. Street Sweeper Memorandum of Understanding - Town of Edmonston**[HCC-090-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Edmonston for the City of Hyattsville to offer street sweeping services on a requested basis. Daily services will be charged to the Town of Edmonston at \$800 per day, pending legal review.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Public Works

**Attachments:** [MOU STREET SWEEPING-04062024183834.pdf](#)

**10.c. FY25 Budget Appropriation - Acceptance of Donation from County Council**[HCC-101-FY25](#)

**Member Wanika Fisher**

I move that the Mayor and Council accept and appropriate \$5,000 from Prince George's County Council Member Wanika Fisher in support of the City's Back to School event to provide backpacks and school supplies to youth in the City.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community Services

**11. Action Items (8:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)****11.a. Health Care, Prescription Drug, and Dental Care Rates for CY25**[HCC-102-FY25](#)

Council Vice President Waszczak submitted the following amended motion:

I move that the Mayor and Council increase the flat rate contribution within each plan and contribute up to 3% of the 5% average increase to the State of Maryland Benefit Rates for CY2025 health and dental, and contribute 8% of the 10% average prescription premium increase and employees insured through the City will pick up the remainder of the average increase. Approved, Unanimously

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the 2025 calendar year health insurance premium rates, as presented at the October 7, 2024, City Council Meeting.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Administrator

**12. Discussion Items (8:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)****12.a. Revisions to City Code Chapter 8, Elections**[HCC-098-FY25](#)

For discussion.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

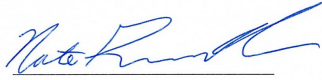
**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Proposed Election Code Changes](#)  
[Election Code Revisions by Section\\_100124](#)

13. Council Dialogue (9:15 p.m. - 9:25 p.m.)

14. Motion to Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 10:23 PM. **Approved, Unanimous**

Attest: October 7, 2024



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk