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Meeting Minutes

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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
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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call

Call to order at 7:06 PM.

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas

Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams

Treasurer Ron Brooks

Chief of Police Jarod Towers

Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle

Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard

Director of Human Resources Jay Joyner

Transportation Manager Taylor Robey

Present:

Mayor Robert Croslin

Council President Joseph Solomon

Council Vice-President Joanne Waszczak

Councilmember Danny Schaible

Councilmember Emily Strab

Councilmember Jimmy McClellan

Councilmember Kareem Redmond

Councilmember Michelle Lee

Councilmember Edouard Haba

Councilmember Rommel Sandino

Absent:

Councilmember Sam Denes

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**3. Approval of Agenda**

Amendments to the agenda are as follows:

The language in Item 7. a. has been corrected to reflect a three year term for members of the Shade Tree Committee. The terms for John Heeley and Don Bowles will end on July 15, 2027.

Ordinance 2024-04 (Stop Sign Monitoring Systems in School Zones) has had an update in the language. The updated ordinance will be shared by Chief Towers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schaible, seconded by Council President Solomon, that this item was Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

4. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Daniel Broder (Ward 2) stated that he is deeply concerned about increased costs for the new police station. He fears that there has not been a thorough explanation for the increase in spending. He is also concerned about the financial implications that overspending will have on the City's finances. He also urged the Council to pass a resolution to pass a ceasefire resolution.

Melissa Schweisguth wanted to express her support of the City's effort to install monitoring systems in the school zones. She also asked for more clarity around the issuance of bonds and stated importance of the Better Bus Network because of the impacts it will have on families and older adults who use public transportation.

Jennifer Kubit supports the recommendation to request that Prince George's County conduct a missing middle housing study before implementing the upzoning for West Hyattsville/Queens Chapel neighborhood. She also stated her concerns about the new sector plan's call for an increase in housing units and its impact on Hyattsville's resources and inequity in development.

Kurt Brintzenhofe (Ward 5) noted the significant changes in the second draft of the West Hyattsville/Queens Chapel Rd. sector plan and asked for a follow up to the questions that CM Schaible asked about the use of capital funds in the budget.

Mr. Marshall urged the Council to oppose the middle housing proposal in the West Hyattsville/Queens Chapel Rd. sector plan. He also opposes a ceasefire resolution and the stop sign monitoring in the school zones citing the overwhelming number of cameras already present in the metropolitan area. He inquired about any influence the City Council has in the Prince George's County Council in regard to the recycling program as recycling was missed for multiple weekends, including fourth of July weekend, and asked when the City's Department of Public Works would be using the street sweeper to clean the streets.

5. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:50 p.m.)

City Administrator Douglas provided an update on City related news and events. Treasurer Brooks provided an update on outstanding audits, finance policies, ARPA, and the FY24 end of year report and financial forecast dashboard for City Council.

6. Presentations (7:50 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)**6.a. WMATA Better Bus Network Update**[HCC-021-FY25](#)

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [071524_BBNR_Briefing_HyattsvilleCityCouncil](#)

Transportation Manager Taylor Robey introduced WMATA representative William Jones who provided an overview of the Better Bus Network Redesign. This is WMATA's first comprehensive regional bus network redesign. This project has been underway since Fall 2022 and was prompted by COVID-19 related travel changes.

Council Vice President Waszczak inquired about increased walking distance in places where stops have been eliminated. She also inquired if the redesign includes improved bus shelters. Mr. Jones stated that the recommended changes were based on walking distances within a quarter of a mile or less and wait time between stops. These areas are also under additional review for safety, route connectability, and sidewalk accessibility. WMATA is looking at working with SHA to improve bus stops and shelters as a continuation of the redesign.

CM Lee asked if WMATA would be auditing bus stops that are off of main roads such as East-West Highway, as many are unsafe. Mr. Jones stated that this can be reviewed as a continuation of this project. Changes would require coordination with partners outside of the Better Bus Network Team.

Council President Solomon asked if there would be background research and studies related to the Purple Line rollout. Mr. Jones stated that there has been a great deal of studies around how services will be provided once the Purple Line opens. They are also taking recommendations.

7. Appointments**7.a. Appointment to the Shade Tree Board**[HCC-018-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor, with Council approval, appoint John Healy (Ward 2) and Dawn Bohls (Ward 5) to the Shade Tree Board for a term of 2 years to expire on July 15, 2027.

Sponsors: Croslin

Attachments: [Dawn Bohls W5 May 3, 2024 redac.pdf](#)
[John Healy W2 Apr 29 24 redac.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Redmond, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

8. Consent Items (8:10 p.m. - 8:15 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.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

8.a. Contract with Applied Digital Solutions, Inc. (ADS)

[HCC-001-FY25](#)

I move Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Applied Digital Solutions, Inc. (ADS) for hardware, software and services ("the recording system) for the new communications department, not to exceed a total amount of \$25,000 for a period of one year pending legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [ADS Quote](#)

8.b. FY25 - Landscaping Contract Expenditure

[HCC-002-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$75,000 to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services (PLMS) for the FY25 portion of the existing landscaping contract.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [210326 - contract DPW21-002 - PLMS landscape maintenance - plms signed](#)

8.c. FY25 - Alley Maintenance Contract Expenditure

[HCC-003-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure to Professional Lawn Maintenance Services (PLMS) for an amount not to exceed \$43,000 for the FY25 portion of the Alley Maintenance contract.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [210326 - contract DPW21-003 - PLMS alley maintenance - plms signed](#)

8.d. Big Belly Solar FY25 Expenditure [HCC-006-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to Big Belly Solar for the FY25 service agreement.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Connect SX ESP for City of Hyattsville, MD Q38105-1](#)
[Connect SX Renewal ESP for City of Hyattsville MD Q20879-2 \(Combined Co-Term\)](#)

8.e. Herc Rentals for Snowplow rentals [HCC-007-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Herc Rentals for the rental of two snowplow trucks for the FY25 snow season for an expenditure not to exceed \$45,000, utilizing OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement # 2019000318.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Herc Rentals OMNIA Contract 2019000318 11-01-2018](#)
[Herc Rentals OMNIA Contract 2019000318 Amendments as of 07-01-2024](#)
[Herc Rentals Proposal 55887587 04-18-2024](#)

8.f. Low Impact Development Center On-call Services [HCC-009-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$45,000 to Low Impact Development Center for On-Call stormwater and environmental engineering and design under their existing contract with the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [LIDC Proposal HY General Letter FINAL 20240415 \(1\)](#)

8.g. FY25 Lease Agreement: 4629 Arundel Place [HCC-010-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$42,000 to Phu Than Neuyen for the lease of 4629 Arundel Place from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, on a month-to-month basis utilizing the existing lease agreement.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [220826 - 4629 Baltimore Ave - lease agreement - signed](#)

8.h. Installation of Street Signs[HCC-012-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator the execute a rider contract on Montgomery County Contract # 1155802 with Shannon-Baum Signs Inc. and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$30,000 for FY25, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Shannon-Baum Signs Mont Co Contract 1155802 10-09-2023](#)

8.i. FY25 Northstar Tutoring Contract[HCC-015-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the FY25 Northstar Tutoring contract for tutoring and mentoring management services in the amount of \$80,000 in support of the City's teen and youth programming for students in grades K through 12, upon the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Northstar Contract 2024-2025](#)

8.j. Variance Request V-11-24, 4105 Oliver Street[HCC-019-FY25](#)

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to provide correspondence to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of zoning variance application V-11-24, to permit a 15 feet lot width at the building line, a 2 feet lot width at front street line, a waiver of the parking area location requirement and a security exemption for a wall over 4 feet in height in the required front yard for the subject property located at 4105 Oliver Street.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [2024-07-1 Memo-V-11-24 v2 draft.ju](#)
[Variance V-11-24 4105 Oliver St v2](#)

9. Action Items (8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

9.a. **Hyattsville Resolution 2024-01: Authorizing the Issue and Sell of General Obligation Bonds (INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION)**

[HCC-025-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council introduce and adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2024-01, A resolution of the City Council of the City of Hyattsville (the "City") authorizing the issuance and sale of a series of the City's general obligation bonds pursuant to the authority described herein, such bonds to be designated "City of Hyattsville General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds" (the "Bonds") and to be issued in an original aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$17,500,000, subject to the further provisions of this resolution.

The proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used and applied for the public purpose of permanently financing or reimbursing costs (as defined herein) of the project identified herein as 3505 Hamilton Street Public Safety Building, together with related costs, including costs of issuance; prescribing the form and tenor of the bonds and certain terms and conditions for the issuance and sale thereof at private sale through a negotiated underwriting or private placement with Mesirow Financial, Inc. (the "Underwriter") and other details incident to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds; authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a bond purchase agreement or private placement agreement with the Underwriter; providing for adjustments in the preliminary maturity and amortization schedule for the bonds provided for herein and authorizing the Mayor to determine and fix certain terms and details in connection with the sale of the bonds; authorizing the preparation, completion, and distribution of a preliminary and a final official statement, limited offering memorandum, or a private placement memorandum in connection with the sale of the bonds; designating a bond registrar and paying agent and determining or providing for certain matters relating to such engagement; providing for the appropriation, disbursement, and investment of the proceeds of the bonds; providing for the imposition and collection of taxes necessary for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds; providing that the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the City shall be pledged to the payment of such principal and interest; providing that the principal of and interest on the bonds also may be paid from any other sources of revenue lawfully available to the City for such purpose; making or providing for certain covenants and determinations relating to the tax-exempt status of the bonds; authorizing the approval, execution, and delivery of a continuing disclosure undertaking pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 and covenanting to provide continuing disclosure relating to the bonds, to the extent required; designating a dissemination agent and determining or providing for certain matters relating to such engagement; designating bond counsel in connection with the issuance and delivery of the bonds; providing that the provisions of this resolution shall be liberally construed; and generally relating to the issuance, sale, delivery, and payment of and for the bonds (INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION).

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [City of Hyattsville Resolution 2024\(189540818.8\)](#)

Treasurer Brooks stated that there are two different activities that takes place when issuing GO (General Obligation) Bonds. The first was the introduction of the enabling ordinance which has been approved. The second is the resolution to authorize the sale of the bonds. Alan Cason (City of Hyattsville Bond Counsel) explained the legal difference between the enabling ordinance and the resolution.

City Administrator Douglas gave an overview of the adaptive reuse of the 3505 Hamilton Street which included background on the decision to convert this space into the police department/emergency operations center and the modifications required to make the facility effective and safe. Treasurer

Brooks and Mike Sudsina (City of Hyattsville Financial advisor) provided information tied to the increase in funding required for the facility conversion and how that relates to the issuance of the GO bonds. Chris Shehan (City of Hyattsville Bond Counsel) stated his opinion that the market is robust and the City should have no issues selling the bonds. Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler provided details on the rising costs of the project pre and post Covid and change orders and how that has impacted funding requests. Chief Towers discussed the funding for the communications center for the new facility.

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

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

9.b. Change Order to the Whiting-Turner Contract for 3505 Hamilton St Adaptive Reuse Project [HCC-005-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a change order to the Whiting-Turner contract for the 3505 Hamilton Street Public Safety Building Adaptive Reuse Project. The change order will increase the contractual value by \$1,400,000, increasing the total project expenditure for the Whiting-Thurner contract from \$19,950,000 to \$21,350,000. The increased expenditure of \$1,400,000 is authorized for the completion of the project. The Treasurer is authorized to make the budget amendments necessary to facilitate this expenditure.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [2024.07.08- PCO Log](#)
[COH Letter TMB 7.3.24](#)

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

9.c. **Change Order to JMT for 3505 Hamilton Street Construction Administration, Construction Management, Third Party Inspection, and Commissioning** [HCC-008-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a change order to the Johnson, Mirmiran, & Thompson (JMT) contract for construction administration, construction management, third party inspection, and commissions for the 3505 Hamilton Street Public Safety Building Adaptive Reuse Project. The change order will increase the project cost by \$500,000, increasing the total expenditure for the JMT contract from \$4,750,000 to \$5,250,000. Additionally, the change order will extend the contract expiration date to February 4, 2026. The Treasurer is authorized to make the budget amendments necessary to facilitate this expenditure.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [JMT - 3505 Hamilton St - TO 01E PM CM 3.11.24 \(2\)](#)

CM Schaible asked for clarity regarding the funding request in the motion. Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler stated that the pricing listed in the presentation was tied to the original contract with JMT for engineering and design. The funding in the motion is tied to the construction of the new facility.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

9.d. Mission Critical Partners, LLC Change Order[HCC-029-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a change order to the agreement with Mission Critical Partners LLC, for a contractual value change from \$52,800 to \$252,800.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Mission Critical Contract Executed 2023.02.07 Change Order](#)

Chief Towers provided an overview of funding request and contract change as it relates to the communications center in the new police department.

Council President Solomon stated that the original contract, which was approved earlier this year, was awarded at \$52,800 and expressed concerns over the funding request for an additional \$200,000. He also asked where the additional funding would be pulled from. Chief Towers explained that the \$52,000 has been spent down on things such as inspections and expedited facility plan oversight and recommendations. Moving forward Mission Critical Partners will be focusing on the equipment installation, functionality, and inspections. Based on the scope of work he feels that the additional investment is needed. Chief Towers stated that this funding would be a part of the GO Bond issuance.

CM Strab asked for clarity on how long Mission Critical Partners is expected to be on contract as consultants. Chief Towers stated the current contract runs until July 2025.

Council Vice President Waszczak inquired about the specific expertise that Mission Critical Partners brings to the project. Chief Towers stated that as a small municipality the City would pay significantly more to hire staff with the training and knowledge to oversee this project. Some of the areas that Mission Critical Partners have provided expertise in include communications, phone systems, video and audio capabilities, and grounding and lightning protection. Deputy Director of Public Works Hal Metzler stated that the electrical engineering that was provided by JMT was to ensure compliance with Prince George's County code and inspection standards. Motorola has additional requirements to protect the systems and the warranties on the systems which is what is overseen by Mission Critical Partners. Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle stated that this is a complicated project that requires bringing on additional consultants and experts. Council Vice President Waszczak also stated that because of the intended use of this facility she hopes that the federal government will help defray the cost of the overall project. She advised that the City write strong justifications for grants and other sources of funding with state and local partners. City Administrator Douglas stated that the City has received over a million dollars in funding for the project and will continue to seek for sources of funding.

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Strab, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes

10. Discussion Items (9:15 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

10.a. Staff Draft II West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and SMA[HCC-022-FY25](#)

For discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [2024-07-1 Memo - WHQC Sector Plan and SMA.ju](#)
[WHQC Presentation to Hyattsville](#)

City Planner Jeff Ulysse discussed the second draft of the West Hyattsville/Queens Chapel Sector Plan.

Council President Solomon thanked City Planner Ulysse for the work he has done with keeping the City and residents abreast of the changes to the sector plan. He also thanked the community for the feedback provided to the Council about the sector plan. He feels the City is ready to submit a letter of support along with recommended modifications to the Prince George's County Planning Board. The letter can come before the Council in the August meeting.

Council Vice President Waszczak discussed resident concerns about rapid development and gentrification caused by the sector plan. She also inquired about the possibility of slowing the densening of the area by employing a maximum number of redevelopment permits. She feels this would be beneficial to the City. City Planner Ulysse stated that Arlington County implemented those restrictions in lieu of a missing middle housing study. He agreed that the restrictions allow for a more gradual implementation of the sector plan and stated that the City can request that the Planning Board add this to the sector plan. CM Schaible agreed with Council Vice President Waszczak that this should be added to the letter sent to the Planning Board.

CM Habu expressed concerns about the elimination of parking at various points in the sector plan and asked if City Planner could inquire if a housing study, or comparable study, has already been conducted. Lastly he stated that although the City owns Jamestown Road, the City should ask the County Planning Board to amend parking details on Jamestown Road. CM Lee agreed.

CM Schaible discussed resident concerns about disparities in West Hyattsville. Council President Solomon suggested that the Council to be consistent with recommendations for the West Hyattsville/Queens Chapel Road Sector Plan and the Arts District to address concerns about disparities in the City.

CM Lee asked CM Habu for clarification on parking adjustments on Jamestown Road between Ager Road and Oliver Street. City Planner Ulysse stated that this is a result of the Planning Board attempting to implement an urban design standard which seeks to increase multi-modal transportation. CM Lee is against making any changes to parking in that area. Council President Solomon stated that the recommendation to remove parking on Jamestown Road, in his opinion, is not a requirement but serves as an example of the ways that the City can affect the way public roads are used. CM Schaible stated that Jamestown Road is owned by the City, which gives them authority over changes to the parking.

CM Strab cited that with changes to the Better Bus Network plan and the elimination of bus stops regionally, the Council should be intentional about any changes to parking. She also stated that House Bill 538 (bill prohibits local municipalities from prohibiting the placement of manufactured homes and modular dwellings) just passed and it may have implications on development in the future. City

Planner Ulysse stated that the sector plan is not an obligation to build 4000 units. His view is that the sector plan can be used as a roadmap to get to the desired outcomes of HB538 and stated more comprehensive studies will need to be done. CM Strab stated that plans for development made no mention of stormwater mitigation or the planting of trees. She urged the Council to advocate for the City to maintain its culture.

10.b. Hyattsville Ordinance 2024-04: Stop Sign Monitoring Systems in School Zones

[HCC-027-FY25](#)

For discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [HO-2024-04 Section 114-10 stop sign monitoring draft 6.28.24 4879-6765-2556 v.1 \(002\)](#)

Chief Towers provided an overview of the language change to the ordinance governing stop sign monitoring in school zones.

CM Schaible stated he is in support of the ordinance and expressed concerns about camera enforcement being overly punitive. Chief Towers stated that the police department is working with external stakeholders to determine best practices for issuing citations.

Council President Solomon asked who sets the fines for stop sign enforcement in school zones and who pays for the consultants to conduct the study. He expressed concerns about a potential lack of funding for the City to conduct the study if Prince George's County opts to not fund them. Chief Towers stated that it has not been determined who will pay for the study and stated that currently there are no municipalities that have progressed the legislation to the point of installing a stop sign camera that is issuing citations. He cited that one municipality has purchased cameras, however, it is only issuing warnings. The City is currently working with a vendor who has stop sign cameras that are utilized to collect data on the number of violations at any given time. This is the only vendor that has this capability. Chief Towers also stated that in preparation for this legislation, there was some funding put in the budget to cover this study. Council President Solomon asked what City staff is permitted to approve citations. Chief Towers stated that similar to red light camera citations, a trained civilian can approve stop sign citations. Currently the records clerks have been approving these types of citations, and there is funding for this position in the FY25 budget.

CM Haba had a concern about language in line 33 of the ordinance. Mayor Croslin stated that the ordinance has been vetted by legal council and cleared.

11. Council Dialogue (9:50 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

12. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that this item was Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Waszczak, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Denes