

# City of Hyattsville

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## Summary Regular Meeting

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**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Virtual**

## City Council

**Robert S. Croslin, Mayor **Absent****

**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](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 7:03 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Amendment: Add item 11.h to the Consent Agenda**  
**Approved as Amended, Unanimous**
4. **Recognition of District 22 Representatives**
5. **Approval of the Minutes**

**5.a. Approval of the Minutes Approved, Unanimous [HCC-265-FY24](#)**

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of March 4, 2024, the Council Meeting of March 18, 2024, the Council Meeting of March 27, 2024, the Council Meeting of April 1, 2024, and the 6 p.m. Public Hearing of April 1, 2024.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [Minutes Mar 4 2024.pdf](#)  
[Minutes Apr 1 2024.pdf](#)  
[Minutes Mar 18 2024.pdf](#)  
[Minutes PubHearing April 1 2024.pdf](#)

**6. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**  
**Electronically submitted public comments can be found at the end of the summary.****7. Motion to Close (7:20 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)****7.a. Motion to Close Approved, Unanimous [HCC-333-FY24](#)**

I move the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of May 20, 2024, to consult with the City Attorney and staff regarding pending litigation. The reasons for closing the meeting under these exceptions are to maintain legally required confidentiality regarding litigation and to protect Attorney/Client privileged communications.

This session will be closed under the authority of the Annotated Code of Maryland State Government General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice and Section 3-305 (b)(8) consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**8. City Administrator Update (7:45 p.m - 8:05 p.m.)****9. Presentations (8:05 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)**

- 9.a. **Presentation of the 2nd Staff Draft of the West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA)** [HCC-326-FY24](#)

Presentation Only

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community & Economic Development

**Attachments:** [Memo - WHQC Sector Plan Update](#)  
[WHQC Presentation to Hyattsville.pdf](#)

- 9.b. **Anacostia River Watershed Stream Restoration Project** [HCC-334-FY24](#)

Presentation only.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [AWR PGCO Stakeholder Meeting Slides 07 May 24.pdf](#)

## 10. Proclamations

- 10.a. **Proclamation of National Public Works Week** **Approved, Unanimous** [HCC-329-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the week of May 19 through May 25, 2024, to be Public Works Week in the City of Hyattsville.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**Attachments:** [CM 0520 National Public Works Week 2024.pdf](#)

## 11. Consent Items (8:45 p.m. - 8:50 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.

**11.a. Disbursement of Ward 3 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-323-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of \$417.16 of Ward 3 FY24 discretionary funds to cover costs of food and refreshments at the Ward 3 Check-In on May 11, 2024.

**Sponsors:** McClellan and Redmond

**Department:** Legislative

**Attachments:** [Receipts.pdf](#)

**11.b. Disbursement of Ward 4 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-324-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of \$658.52 of Ward 4 FY24 discretionary funds to cover costs of food and refreshments at the Ward 4 Check-In on May 7, 2024.

**Sponsors:** Haba and Lee

**Department:** Legislative

**Attachments:** [Receipts W4.pdf](#)

**11.c. Disbursement of Ward 5 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-342-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of \$252.53 of Ward 5 discretionary funds to support the purchase of a new bingo board for residents of Friendship Arms Apartments and \$252.53 of Ward 5 discretionary funds to support the Hyattsville Middle School 8th grade field trip.

**Sponsors:** Solomon and Sandino

**Department:** Legislative

**11.d. Schedule Public Hearing on the FY25 Budget**[HCC-331-FY24](#)

I move the Mayor and Council schedule a Public Hearing to hear public testimony on the proposed FY25 Budget on June 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**11.e. Schedule a Council Meeting for June 10, 2024**[HCC-332-FY24](#)

I move the Mayor and Council schedule a Council Meeting to be held on June 10, 2024 at 7 p.m.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** City Clerk

**11.f. FY24 Budget Amendment: Special Revenues Budget and Appropriations of Unencumbered FY23 Grant Funds**[HCC-335-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY24 Special Revenues Budget to appropriate prior year unencumbered DOJ/COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA) grant funds in the amount of \$118,800 to support the Police Department's Mental Wellness Check-in Initiative Program.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Finance

**11.g. FY24 Budget Amendment: Special Revenues Budget and Appropriations of Unencumbered FY23 Grant Funds**[HCC-336-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the FY24 Special Revenues Budget to appropriate prior year unencumbered DOJ/COPS Community Policing Development (CPD) Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) grant funds in the amount of \$230,000 to support the Hyattsville Police Departments Joint CIT Mobile Crisis Program.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Finance

**11.h. Disbursement of Ward 1 Discretionary Funds**[HCC-345-FY24](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the disbursement of Ward 1 discretionary funds in the amount of \$332.67 for the Hyattsville Middle School 8th Grade Trip, \$332.67 to Friendship Arms towards the purchase of a new bingo board, and \$332.66 to Hyattsville Elementary School for end of year support.

**12. Action Items (8:50 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)**[HCC-327-FY24](#)**12.a. Youth Advisory Council Recommendation: Letter to Prince George's County****Health Department and Prince George's County Public School District [Approved, Unanimous](#)**

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Prince George's County Health Department and the Prince George's County Public School District requesting harm reduction education be added to the County's Health 2 Curriculum and allow individuals below the age of 18 to receive NARCAN training and kits.

**Sponsors:** Waszczak, McClellan, Strab and Redmond

**Department:** Legislative

**Attachments:** [CoH Council Letter- Narcan Training Integration \(Final\) \(1\).pdf](#)

**12.b. Zoning Variance Request: V-14-24 5800 30th Ave, Hyattsville** [HCC-322-FY24](#)**Approved, Unanimous**

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) requesting the denial of a variance request for the subject property at 5800 30th Ave, Hyattsville. The correspondence shall (1) cite the applicant's existing conditions which significantly exceed the maximum net lot area coverage of 35% and (2) recommend that the applicant be required to remediate the site with the incorporation of pervious materials.

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

**Department:** Community & Economic Development

**Attachments:** [Variance V-14-24 5800 30th Ave](#)  
[Memo - V-14-24 Final.ju.pdf](#)

**12.c. Letter of Opposition: Town Center Wine and Spirits Transfer of Location** [HCC-325-FY24](#)**Approved, Yes:6/No:4**

I move the City Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County opposing the proposed Transfer from Town Center Wine and Spirits, LLC, 6401 America Blvd, Suite 100, Hyattsville, MD to Cheers N Beer, LLC, located at 3500 East West Hwy, #1433, Hyattsville, MD.

**Sponsors:** Solomon, Haba and McClellan

**Department:** Legislative

**12.d. Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution: 2024-02: Amending the Charter** [HCC-328-FY24](#)**to Utilize Gender Neutral Language and Modernize the Charter's Gender Equality Provision** **Approved, Unanimous**

I move the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Charter Amendment 2024-02, a resolution amending the Charter to modernize the Charter's gender equality provision to address all gender identities with respect to registering, voting, holding office, and amending the Charter to utilize gender neutral language, and making other non-substantive changes (INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION).

**Sponsors:** City Administrator

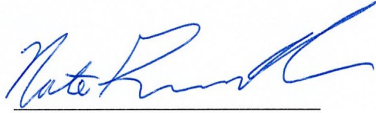
**Department:** City Administrator

**Attachments:** [Charter Amendment Resolution Gender Neutral Language and Equal Protection for All Genders FINAL 051424](#)  
[Charter Amendment 2024-02 Presentation May 20](#)

**13. Council Dialogue (9:50 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)****14. Motion to Adjourn****The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.****Approved, Unanimous**



**Attest: May 21, 2024**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nate Groenendyk", written over a horizontal line.

**Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk**

## Electronically Submitted Public Comments

May 20, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

We, the members of the Police and Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, are writing to express support for the City of Hyattsville Police Department's new public safety communications center. As members of the committee, we have toured the HPD Headquarters facility and are committed to promoting public safety and ensuring that our emergency/first responders have the necessary resources to serve the community most effectively

The dispatch system currently used by the Hyattsville Police Department is in urgent need of replacement. Over the last several years, HPD staff have delayed upgrades in anticipation of the new Police and Public Safety Headquarters. Recent incidents, such as the power outage that occurred on May 1, 2024, have highlighted vulnerabilities of our current outdated dispatch and communications systems. During the outage, our responders were forced to set up a temporary command center in Greenbelt, causing delays in response time and potentially putting lives at risk.

By investing in a new **public safety communications center as soon as possible**, for the City's future Police and Public Safety Headquarters, Hyattsville will not only improve public safety and safeguard lives but also save the city significant long term financial resources. The cost of maintaining the current system and dealing with its shortcomings, with a near-horizon planned replacement, far outweighs the cost of implementing a new system in the short term.

Furthermore, upgrading to a new system will not only benefit the residents of Hyattsville, but also the surrounding communities. As a growing regional leader in public safety and effective community policing, Hyattsville has the ability, and moreover, the responsibility, to provide support to our neighboring communities. A new centralized dispatch system will enable us to better coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and provide aid during emergencies, such as natural disasters or outages in their areas.

Allow us to outline a few of the key concerns with the current communications section that can be resolved by city investment in a new public safety communications center for the future Police and Public Safety Headquarters:

- Network issues: the internet does not always function properly;
- Phone system: our current phones are ideal for offices, not police departments; no Caller ID is provided; they are not intended for emergency calls; Voice over IP phone system does not currently tie into the CAD and RMS, and does not tie into dispatch calls;
- Infrastructure: the current system does not have infrastructure to allow users to view the new CCTV system and make best use of the investment;
- Lack of databases: currently, the police department depends on hand-written lists of phone numbers for agencies and companies that are contacted frequently;
- Audio: a loud server rack in the office makes hearing the radio difficult;

- Lighting: it is not possible to adjust lighting for differing needs throughout the day (e.g., dim lights when needed).
- Equipment: Low-quality headsets that fall apart and do not always work; lack of ergonomic adaptability: monitors cannot be raised or lowered to the dispatcher's preference; microphones require replacement or upgrading; pedals need to be upgraded, they do not always "key up."

In conclusion, we strongly urge our City Council and City leaders to allocate funds to prioritize the upgrade of the public safety communications center. This investment is a responsibly fiscal one that will secure improvements in the City's public safety response times, thus saving lives. Moreover, it will solidify our city's position as a regional leader in public safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Julia Dezeliski

Chairperson  
Police and Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee

## Comment on Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2024 02

Mike Bonds [REDACTED] >

Mon 5/20/2024 12:29 PM

To:cityclerk <cityclerk@hyattsville.org>

Good afternoon,

I am writing to comment on the proposed gender neutral language amendment to the City Charter, in advance of the Council's vote to adopt the new language this evening. I appreciate that the most recent charter text eliminates many uses of the informal singular "they," in some cases using the wording I suggested in comments before the April 1 public hearing on the resolution. However, there are still five instances that are retained (listed with alternative text):

- page 7, line 7: "their" to "the person's", *or* "such person's"
  - page 7, line 10: "their" to "the person's", *or* "such person's"
  - page 8, line 30: "their" to "the person's", *or* "such person's"
  - page 8, line 32: "their" to "the person's", *or* "such person's"
  - page 31, line 33: "their" to "the City Administrator's", *or* "a" (text would read, "the City Administrator or a designee shall, ...")
- If the City cannot justify the use of this less formal language in the Charter over alternatives more appropriate for a legal document, then I believe the Council should consider rejecting Resolution 2024 02 in its present form at this meeting, and vote on it again at a later meeting, after the necessary revisions are made.
- - Sincerely,
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  - Michael Bonds
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**MY PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.....20 MAY 24.....**

**HYATTSVILLE TRUTH** 

Mon 5/20/2024 4:51 PM

To: Robert Croslin <rcroslin@hyattsville.org>; Michelle Lee <mlee@hyattsville.org>; Edouard Haba <ehaba@hyattsville.org>; Danny Schaible <dschaible@hyattsville.org>; Emily Strab <estrab@hyattsville.org>; Jimmy McClellan <jMcClellan@hyattsville.org>; Joseph Solomon <jsolomon@hyattsville.org>; Tracey Douglas <tnicholsondouglas@hyattsville.org>; Joanne Waszczak <jwaszczak@hyattsville.org>; Lesley Riddle <lriddle@hyattsville.org>; Rommel Sandino <rsandino@hyattsville.org>; Sam Denes <sdenes@hyattsville.org>; Laura Reams <lreams@hyattsville.org>; Jarod J. Towers <JTowers@hyattsville.org>; Ronald Brooks <rbrooks@hyattsville.org>; Kareem Redmond <kredmond@hyattsville.org>; Laura Lanham #291 <LLanham@hyattsville.org>; C. Reginald Bagley, CPM <crbagley@hyattsville.org>; Nate Groenendyk <NGroenendyk@hyattsville.org>; Patrick Paschall <ppaschall@hyattsville.org>

**HELLO MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.....**

**HERE ARE MY PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.....PLEASE NOTE.....SOME OF THESE COMMENTS WERE PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY.....**

**SINCE.....ACCORDING TO THE CITY STAFF.....IT IS THE POLICY OF HYATTSVILLE CITY THAT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED BY 5:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING IN ORDER TO BE MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.....THEREFORE.....SOME OF MY PAST PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE NOT PROVIDED AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD.....SO.....I WILL MAKE THEM AGAIN HERE.....**

**I DON'T KNOW IF MY COMPUTER MICROPHONE WILL BE WORKING DURING TONIGHT'S MEETING.....SO I WILL TELL YOU NOW.....WHILE I ALWAYS SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF "MOST" CITY STAFF MEMBERS.....I WAS RECENTLY THREATENED BY ONE OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS.....AND I WILL BE FILING A WRITTEN COMPLAINT IN A FEW DAYS.....I WILL PROVIDE ALL OF THE DETAILS IN MY LETTER.....PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T MAKE THIS KIND OF COMPLAINT EASILY.....BUT IN THIS CASE IT IS IN MY VIEW.....NECESSARY.....**

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE SPENDING MONEY AND MAKING BUDGET DECISIONS AT A VERY RAPID PACE.....THERE IS LITTLE TO NO TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT.....2 MINUTES "BEFORE" ANY DISCUSSION AT A COUNCIL MEETING IS JUST NOT ENOUGH TIME TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES.....OR TO KNOW WHAT THE POSITION OF THE MAYOR OR COUNCIL MEMBERS IS ON THESE ISSUES.....**

**ALSO WITH "MY" COMPUTER ISSUES.....I MAY NOT ALWAYS BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE 2 MINUTES.....(LIKE THE LAST 2 COUNCIL MEETINGS).....**

**YOU (THE CITY) RAISE TAXES EVERY YEAR.....BUT YOU NEVER MAKE ROOM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY LOWER TAXES.....\$0.63 PER**

**HUNDRED RESULTS IN A TAX INCREASE EVERY YEAR.....TAXES IN HYATTSVILLE HAVE NEVER BEEN LOWERED IN OVER 30 YEARS.....**

**MOREOVER.....YOU VOTE TO GIVE YOURSELVES AN INCREASE IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS WHILE YOU ASK ABOUT STAFF CUTS OR REDUCTIONS.....THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE NEED TO RAISE THE AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.....ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO MAKE OTHER BUDGET CUTS.....AND NOW YOU PROPOSE TO SPEND SOME OF THAT MONEY ON A PAGEANT.....WHAT A WASTE.....PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT "EDUCATIONAL" BENEFIT WILL RESULT FROM THIS MONEY BEING SPENT ON A PAGEANT?....PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THE "CITY TAXPAYER" BENEFIT WILL BE FROM SPENDING THIS CITY GOVERNMENT MONEY ON A PAGEANT?....**

**YOU PROVIDE A PRIVATE CORPORATION (HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT) WITH A \$500,000.00 AMBULANCE VIA TAXPAYER MONEY.....YOU DON'T MANAGE OR CONTROL THE H.V.F.D.....YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER THEM.....AND THE TAXPAYERS HAVE NO SAY AS TO HOW THEY OPERATE.....YET YOU ALLOCATE LARGE AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF TAXPAYER MONIES TO THEM.....REMEMBER.....THEY DON'T ONLY SERVE HYATTSVILLE CITY.....YET WE SEEM TO BE THEIR CASH COW WHEN THEY HAVE NEEDS.....THE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE.....PROVIDE NOTHING.....THAT \$500,000.00 WOULD BETTER SERVE "THIS" CITY BEING USED TO DIRECTLY HELP THE HYATTSVILLE CITY PROPERTY OWNER'S AS A SMALL TAX REBATE.....**

**YOU VOTE TO SPEND \$230,000.00 PER YEAR ON RENTAL TOILETS.....THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS.....AND WASTEFUL.....THAT MONEY COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS A ONE TIME BONUS FOR THE LOWER TIER CITY STAFF MEMBERS.....RATHER THAN RENT HIGH PRICED TOILETS FOR A YEAR.....AND AGAIN.....THAT MONEY WOULD BETTER SERVE "THIS" CITY BEING USED TO DIRECTLY HELP THE HYATTSVILLE CITY PROPERTY OWNER'S AS A SMALL TAX REBATE.....**

**THIS CITY FUNDS WAY TOO MANY "STUDIES" THAT DON'T MAKE LIFE BETTER IN HYATTSVILLE.....**

**YOU PUT ALMOST \$1,000,000.00 INTO "THE SPOT".....AN OUTDOOR LOCATION THAT DOES NOT SERVE THE CITIZENS OF HYATTSVILLE IN THE MANNER THAT THE PROPERTY WAS ACQUIRED FOR.....AND BY DOING THIS.....YOU ALL BUT GUARANTEE THIS PROPERTY WILL NEVER BE USED OR DEVELOPED FOR IT'S INTENDED PURPOSE.....**

**YOU CONTINUE TO TAKE A SOFT APPROACH TO THE DRINKING.....DRUGGING.....PANHANDLING.....AND VANDALISM THAT CONTINUES TO DESTROY THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ABILITY TO DO**

**BUSINESS AT THE QUEENS CHAPEL TOWN CENTER ON HAMILTON STREET.....IF YOU HAD TAKEN FIRM ACTION IN THE EARLY DAYS.....THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT CURRENTLY EXIST IN HYATTSVILLE.....YOU HAVE SPENT OVER 10 YEARS WATCHING THIS ISSUE GET WORSE.....WHEN DO YOU ADDRESS IT.....BEFORE OR AFTER THE BUSINESS CLOSE AND MOVE AWAY?....**

**THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT CONCERN ME AND MY FAMILY.....SO.....AS YOU CAN SEE.....EVEN THESE FEW ITEMS WOULD NOT FIT IN A 2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT AT THE BEGINING OF A COUNCIL MEETING.....I AM NOT BLANKETLY COMPLAINING ABOUT THE 2 MINUTE LIMIT.....I JUST THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME FLEXIBILITY TO GIVE MORE TIME WHEN NEEDED.....**

**B-T-W.....YOU VOTE TO PROVIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH A LAPTOP COMPUTER THAT THEY CAN KEEP ONCE THEY LEAVE OFFICE.....WHILE I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS.....I WOULD MAKE THE POLICY RESTRICT THE LAPTOP RETENTION TO ONLY APPLY TO THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS OR MAYOR WHO SERVE AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE TERM IN OFFICE.....MEANING.....IF YOU DECIDE TO RESIGN OR LEAVE FOR ANY REASON BEFORE YOUR FIRST CONSECUTIVE 4 YEAR TERM IS COMPLETED YOU CANNOT KEEP THE LAPTOP OR TABLET.....**

**AND JUST TO SO THAT YOU KNOW.....IF YOU CHECK THE COUNCIL MEETING RECORDS.....YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT I WAS THE FIRST PERSON WHO PROPOSED THE LAPTOP / TABLET RETENTION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOUT 8 YEARS AGO.....AT THE TIME.....THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS NEVER STATED A POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL.....**

**FINAL THINGS.....I AM OPPOSED TO THE HYATTSVILLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.....HCC-318-FY24.....I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO THIS CITY TAKING "ANY" POSITION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR ANY CONFLICT OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.A.....YOU NEED TO WORK ON HYATTSVILLE ISSUES.....**

**SORRY TO BE REPETITIVE.....AND THANKS FOR READING.....**

**MARSHALL.....**