

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:00 PM

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City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
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
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

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 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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Meeting Notice:

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **Call 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-196-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024, and December 2, 2024.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Minutes Nov 18 2024](#)
[Minutes December 2 2024](#)
5. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
Electronically submitted public comments are included at the end of the summary.

6. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:40 p.m.)**7. Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.)**

- 7.a. Remand Briefing: Staff Draft II West Hyattsville-Queens Chapel Sector Plan and SMA** [HCC-198-FY25](#)

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [WHQC Memorandum](#)
[WHQC City of Hyattsville Briefing 2025](#)
[Directors Housing presentation Hyattsville City Council January 25](#)

- 7.b. Proposed Revisions to City Code Chapter 112, Urban Forestry** [HCC-193-FY25](#)

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [Tree Ordinance Council Presentation 1-25.pptx](#)

- 7.c. Proposed Charter Changes Regarding Filling Vacancies for Elected Officials** [HCC-195-FY25](#)

For Presentation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [BOSE Update to Council Jan 21 FINAL 011525](#)

8. Appointments **Approved, Unanimous**

8.a. Appointment to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee [HCC-194-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Taurean Barnwell (Ward 3) to the Police and Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on January 21, 2027.

Sponsors: Strab

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Taurean Barnwell W3 redac](#)

9. Consent Items (9:10 p.m. - 9:15 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.

9.a. FY25 Budget Amendment: Acceptance of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) Grant [HCC-184-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and City Council amend the FY25 Special Revenues Funds budget to accept and appropriate the MWCOG-HAPP grant in the amount of \$59,000 for the feasibility and planning analysis of preserving or expanding the affordability of 4 market affordable rental communities in West Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Memo MWCOG HAPP Grant Acceptance Dec 23 2024](#)
[25-025-A HAPP City of Hyattsville 12 19a](#)

9.b. Trolley Trailhead Park Sitework [HCC-188-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$600,000 to NZI Construction for sitework for the Trolley Trailhead Park project, "The Spot," under their current contract with the City.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [NZI The Spot Proposal 12-12-2024](#)

9.c. 2024 Corridor Investment Program Grant Awards[HCC-212-FY25](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council accept the recommendations of City staff and approve Corridor Investment Program grant funding awards for the following entities, pending approval of funding:

- Anacostia Trails Heritage Area - \$1,500
- Art 'N Hair - \$1,500
- Art Works Studio School Inc. dba Art Works Now - \$5,000
- Creative Saints Loft - \$1,500
- Ferris Custom Cabinetry - \$1,584
- Gremlins Tattoo Lounge - \$5,000
- Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department - \$5,000
- Life Of Gains - \$5,000
- Maryland Meadworks - \$1,500
- Better Education L.L.C. (Mathnasium of Hyattsville)- \$5,000
- Robert Harper Books LLC, dba My Dead Aunt's Books- \$1,440
- Pyramid Atlantic- \$1,500
- Ramona's Pizza Garden - \$5,000
- Rooted and Polished - \$5,000
- Triple Line Studio - \$649.06
- Yes! Organic Market - \$2,400
- Yes! Organic Market - \$5,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [Staff Memo - CIP 2024 Final](#)
[Corridor Investment Grant - Program Guidelines - 2023 final](#)

9.d. MOU with Revenue Authority of Prince George's County: The Spot - Amendment 1[HCC-233-FY25](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment 1 to the MOU between the City and Revenue Authority of Prince George's County, updating the proposed schedule for the Trolley Trailhead Placemaking Project, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [Amendment SPOT Project 12 30 24-Execution Copy](#)

10. Discussion Items (9:15p.m. - 9:35 p.m.)

10.a. Letter of Support for Maryland HB182/SB118 Motor Vehicles-Speed Monitoring Systems-Penalties

[HCC-199-FY25](#)

For Discussion

Sponsors: Schaible, Denes, Waszczak and Sandino

Department: Legislative

Attachments: [hb0182f.pdf](#)

[first-motor-vehicles-speed-monitoring-systems-penalties.pdf](#)

A motion was made by CM Schaible and seconded by CM Denes to move this item to the Action Items agenda. Approved Unanimous.

A motion was made by CM Schaible and seconded by Council Vice President Waszczak to send a letter of support to the Maryland General Assembly for Maryland HB182/SB118 Motor Vehicle Speed Monitoring Systems Penalties.

Yes: 8/Abstain:2 The motion carries.

11. Council Dialogue (9:35 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.)

12. Motion to Adjourn **Approved, Unanimous.**
The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Attest: January 21, 2025



Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk



PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.....21 JAN. 25.....

From [REDACTED]

Date Tue 1/21/2025 4:54 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

HELLO NATE.....

HERE ARE MY PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.....I HAVE SENT A COPY TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.....AS WELL AS A FEW STAFF MEMBERS.....

CONSENT ITEMS:.....

WHILE THESE ARE ALL CONSENT ITEMS.....AND YOU (THE CITY) WILL GO FORWARD WITH THEM NO MATTER WHAT MY FAMILY AND I HAVE TO SAY.....WE WILL STILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.....

HCC-188-FY25.....AS I HAVE STATED IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO STATE.....MY FAMILY AND I ARE OPPOSED TO ANY MONIES (GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE) BEING SPENT ON THE TROLLEY TRAILHEAD PARK KNOWN AS "THE SPOT"AND \$600,000.00 IS AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT TO SPEND ON THIS SITE FOR THE CURRENT PROPOSED PROJECT.....

HCC-212-FY25.....MY FAMILY AND I ARE OPPOSED TO ANY OF THESE MONIES BEING PROVIDED TO ANY "CHAIN OR FRANCHISED" BUSINESSES SUCH AS YES! ORGANIC MARKET.....WE ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO ANY OF THESE MONIES BEING PROVIDED TO THE HYATTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.....THIS PRIVATE CORPORATION ALREADY GETS WAY TOO MUCH MONEY FROM THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE.....

HCC-233-FY25.....MY FAMILY AND I ARE OPPOSED TO ANY MOTIONS THAT SUPPORT THE TROLLEY TRAILHEAD PLACE MAKING PROJECT WHICH ALLOWS "THE SPOT" TO REMAIN AN OUTDOOR PARK LOCATION.....

DISCUSSION ITEMS:....

HCC-199-FY25.....MY FAMILY AND I ARE OPPOSED TO THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE PROVIDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARYLAND HB182/SB118 MOTOR VEHICLES-SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS-PENALTIES.....

WHILE THIS PROPOSAL MAY SOUND GOOD TO SOME OF YOU.....IT IS NOT GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC.....

1) WHILE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE 6 FIGURE SALARIES CAN JUST WRITE A CHECK AND MAKE THE TICKETS GO AWAY.....THE WORKING CLASS CANNOT.....THAT INCREASE IN TICKET COST CAN AND WILL AFFECT SOME FAMILIES ABILITY TO PAY RENT OR BUY GROCERIES.....BECAUSE THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY THE TICKET OR LOOSE THE ABILITY TO USE THEIR VEHICLES TO GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL.....SO.....THE TICKET WILL COME FIRST.....AND WHILE THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL SAY.....JUST DON'T SPEED.....NO DRIVER "ALWAYS" OBEYS THE LAW.....MOST DRIVERS DO NOT INTENTIONALLY BREAK THE LAW.....AND WHEN THEY DO.....THEY SHOULD NOT FACE "BUDGET BREAKING" FINES.....THIS INCREASE IN FINES WILL HURT THE POOR NOT THE WEALTHY.....AND IT WILL NOT HELP ANYONE.....OR ANYTHING.....

2) SPEED CAMERAS JUST MAKE MONEY.....YOU CAN ARGUE OTHERWISE.....BUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT USE THEM IF THEY DID NOT MAKE MONEY.....

3) SPEED CAMERAS DO NOT PROVIDE THE "SAFETY" THAT THEY CLAIM TO PROVIDE.....IF THEY DID.....THEN THEY WOULD NO LONGER MAKE MONEY.....AND THE ENTITIES WOULD NOT KEEP SEEKING TO ADD MORE AND MORE OF THEM.....ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS:....THE DOORBELL CAMERAS THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE SAFETY AND DISCOURAGE THEFT.....IF THEY ACTUALLY DID WHAT IS EXPECTED.....THEN THEY WOULD NOT CONSTANTLY SHOW PEOPLE STILL STEALING PACKAGES.....AND BREAKING INTO HOUSES.....

4) THIS PROPOSAL BY THE POLITICIANS IN ANNAPOLIS AND OTHER PARTS OF THIS STATE IS JUST OUTRAGEOUS.....IT IS A GOVERNMENT MONEY GRAB.....IT IS NOT NEEDED.....IT IS JUST AVAILABLE AND THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO USE IT SINCE WASHINGTON, D.C. KEEPS SHOWING THE HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IT IS MAKING OFF OF THEIR SPEED CAMERAS AND THEIR HIGH FINES.....

5) YOU SEEK TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE SPEED CAMERA FINES WHILE YOU DO NOTHING TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE BICYCLIST WHO CONSTANTLY BREAK "ALL" THE TRAFFIC LAWS DAILY.....SUCH

**AS:.....RIDING THE WRONG WAY ON A ONEWAY STREET.....CONSTANTLY
RUNNING STOP SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS CAUSING NEAR-MISS
INCIDENTS EVERYDAY.....RIDING AGAINST TRAFFIC AND OUT OF THE BIKE
LANES.....RIDING ON THE SIDEWALKS IN A PEDESTRAIN AREA.....THE LIST
GOES ON AND ON.....BUT THERE ARE "NO" FINANCIAL PENALTIES OR
CONSEQUENCES FOR THESE LAW BREAKERS.....**

**I HAVE MORE TO SAY.....BUT SINCE THERE IS A TIME DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING THESE COMMENTS I BETTER STOP HERE.....**

THANKS FOR READING.....

MARSHALL.....