



**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

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Present:

Absent:

Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor  
Kevin Ward, W1 (Council Pres.)  
Carrianna Suiter, W3 (Council VP)  
Bart Lawrence, W1  
Robert Croslin, W2  
Danny Schaible, W2  
Ben Simasek, W3  
Edouard Haba, W4 (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)  
Daniel Peabody, W4  
Joseph A Solomon, W5 (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)  
Erica Spell Wolf, W5

None

Also present were the following City staff members:

- Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
- Lesley Riddle, Director of Public Works
- Laura Reams, City Clerk
- Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk
- Hal Metzler, Project Manager
- Lt. Frank DonBuillan, Police Administrative Services Commander

### Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Hyattsville Mayor & Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (prior to the City Council Meeting). The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for residents to comment on a petition for the installation of traffic calming device(s) on the 3900 block of Jefferson Street and the 4200 block of Nicholson Street.

The Mayor & Council will announce their decision to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the requested traffic calming device within fifteen (15) days of the close of the hearing, unless, due to extraordinary circumstances, the time limit is extended by a majority vote of the City Council. The petitioners will be notified of the decision of the Mayor and City Council by the City Clerk and the decision will be published in the Hyattsville City Council Meeting Minutes.

The Public Hearing will be held at the City Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, in the third floor Council Chambers. The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 12 and online at [www.hyattsville.org/meetings](http://www.hyattsville.org/meetings).

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments may be directed to [cityclerk@hyattsville.org](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.org) or [speakuphvl.com/meetings](http://speakuphvl.com/meetings).

### 1) Call to Order

**Mayor Candace Hollingsworth** called to order at 7:04 PM



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**2) Introduction and Background Information**

**2.a) Traffic Calming Petitions – Jefferson and Nicholson Street**

**HCC-100-FY20**

**Lead Sponsor:** At the Request of the City Administrator

**Co-Sponsor(s):** N/A

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[Petition\\_Traffic Calming\\_Nicholson Street\\_062619\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

[TrafficCalming\\_4200NicholsonSt 07162019.pdf](#)

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[Traffic Calming Flowchart\\_073119.pptx](#)

City Administrator Douglas provided background information on the two requests for traffic calming and detailed the preliminary evaluation of both streets. She stated that the intent of the hearing is to receive public feedback to take under consideration before returning to Council with recommendations.

**3) Public Comment (7:15 p.m.)**

Ward 2 resident, Corrie Pond, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming for Jefferson Street. Ms. Pond stated that Jefferson Street is a major cut through for traffic in Hyattsville and drivers regularly speed between stop signs and fail to make proper stops at stop signs. She noted that there were several children in the area as it was a walking route for students and cited that the area has potential for car damage.

Ward 2 resident, Elizabeth Clemmons, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Ms. Clemmons stated that she lived in a house into which a car crashed into a telephone pole directly in front. She stated that the neighborhood was lovely but traffic was paralyzing and terrifying.

Ward 2 resident, Melanie Gugliuzza, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Ms. Gugliuzza suggested installing speed humps and making Jefferson a one-way street.

Ward 2 resident, Peter Loan, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Mr. Loan stressed his concern for the safety of the children in the area.

Ward 2 resident, Demian Rybock, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Mr. Rybock cited aggressive driving and heavy traffic and encouraged addressing the issue on a larger scale.



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Ward 2 resident, Laura Pillsbury, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Ms. Pillsbury stated that she and her family enjoy being out in the yard but had to exercise extreme caution when nearing any roadway due to the dangers of the traffic. She noted that she had previously reported several events to the Hyattsville Police.

Ward 2 resident, Janice Barnes, addressed the Mayor and Council in opposition of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Ms. Barnes stated that she was not in agreement with her fellow residents that traffic calming was the solution and would like to suggest further study on the effectiveness of the existing traffic calming.

**Ward 2 Councilmember Danny Schaible** thanked his neighbors for their contributions to the hearing as his home was in the featured portion of Jefferson Street. He recognized the aforementioned instances of those who had spoke publicly and was in support of the traffic calming measure.

**Ward 3 Councilmember Ben Simasek** inquired about two traffic calming devices he deemed possibly outside of the discussed portion of Jefferson Street and sought clarification about the parameters of the traffic calming study area. He asked whether the entirety of Jefferson Street would be assessed to which City Administrator Tracey Douglas replied that it was discussed and a study on the entire street would be conducted before returning to Council with recommendations.

Ward 2 residents, Joan and Freddie Stump, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of street calming on Nicholson Street. Traffic volume and property damage were cited, and it was stated that there was concern for children's safety as many children use the route as a shortcut to the nearby school.

Ward 2 resident, Neil Moran, addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Nicholson Street. Mr. Moran stated that he had concern for the safety of the children in the area and that he had suffered the loss of his pet due to being struck by a speeding car on Nicholson Street. He requested any help Council could provide in helping to slow traffic.

Ward 2 resident, Stefan Woehlke addressed the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Nicholson Street. Mr. Nicholson cited the safety of children, apartment parking overflow and congestion and minor property damage that had occurred from collisions with parked vehicles.

Ward 2 resident, Joanne Mood, rose to address the Mayor and Council in support of traffic calming on Jefferson Street. Ms. Mood referenced the comments made by Melanie Gugliuzza and stated that the volume of traffic had tripled since she first moved to Hyattsville. She stated that she was in support of the one-way traffic proposal.

**Mayor Hollingsworth** announced that the public hearing could then be closed.

**4) Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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**ATTEST**

**October 9, 2019**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Laura Reams", is written over a horizontal line.

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**Laura Reams, City Clerk**