

City of Hyattsville

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Summary Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor **Absent**
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 2 **Left meeting at 8:50 p.m.**
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1
Emily Strab, Ward 2 **Joined meeting at 7:17 p.m.**
Ben Simasek, Ward 3
Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3 **Joined meeting at 7:44 p.m.**
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Daniel Peabody, Ward 4
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5 **Joined meeting at 7:20 p.m.**

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, 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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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call** **The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda** **Waszczak: Motion to Add Item HCC-361-FY23 to the Action Agenda.**
Amended Agenda Approved, Unanimously
(See Appendix for details)
4. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
5. **Community Notices and Meetings**
 - 5.a. **Main City Calendar: April 18, 2022 - May 1, 2022** [HCC-354-FY23](#)
N/A
Sponsors: City Administrator
Department: City Clerk
Attachments: [City Calendar April 18, 2023 - May 1, 2023](#)
6. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)**
7. **Presentations (7:45 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.)**

7.a. M-NCPPC Multi-Generational Center Project[HCC-359-FY23](#)

Presentation Only.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Community & Economic Development

Attachments: [M-NCPPC Multi-Gen Center - Hyattsville Presentation](#)

8. Proclamations

Approved, Unanimous

8.a. Arbor Day Proclamation[HCC-329-FY23](#)

I move the Mayor and Council proclaim April 24, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [CM 0417 Arbor Day 2023](#)

9. Appointments

Approved, Unanimous

9.a. Reappointment to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee[HCC-341-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Gloria Felix-Thompson (Ward 1) to the Code Compliance Advisory Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Sandino and McClellan

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Gloria Felix Thompson re-appointment April 2021 redac](#)

9.b. Reappointments to the Education Advisory Committee[HCC-342-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Mai Abdul Rahman (Ward 1) to the Education Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Strab and Peabody

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Mia Abdul Rahman W2](#)

9.c. Reappointment to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee [HCC-343-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council reappoint Don Burger (Ward 1) to the Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Waszczak

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Don Burger, W1 redac](#)

9.d. Reappointment to the Planning Committee [HCC-344-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council reappoint Gregory Barnes (Ward 1), William Seath (Ward 2), and Yohannes Bennehoff (Ward 4) to the Planning Committee for a term of 2 years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Simasek

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Gregory Barnes, W1, redac](#)
[William Seath, W2 redac](#)
[Yohannes Bennehoff W4 redac](#)

9.e. Reappointment to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee [HCC-345-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council reappoint Taylor Wilder (Ward 2) and Mai Abdul Rahman (Ward 1) to the Police and Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Schaible and Sandino

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Taylor Wilder, W2 redac](#)
[Mai Abdul Rahman, W2 redac](#)

9.f. Reappointment to the Educational Facilities Task Force[**HCC-346-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council reappoint Kat Schooley (Ward 1) and Daniel Broder (Ward 2) to the Educational Facilities Task Force for a term of 2 years to expire on April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Peabody

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [Daniel Broder, W2, redac](#)
[Kat Schooly W1 redac](#)

9.g. Appointment to the Hyattsville Environment Committee[**HCC-358-FY23**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of James Wigley (Ward 2) to the Hyattsville Environment Committee for a term of two (2) years to expire April 30, 2025.

Sponsors: Simasek and Haba

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [James Wigley W2 redac](#)

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. ARPA: Purchase of E-Bikes for the Police Department[**HCC-347-FY23**](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of electric bicycles for the Hyattsville Police Department Officers.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Police Department

Attachments: [Recon Interceptor 2023](#)
[4455 Quote Hyattsville Police Department](#)

10.b. ARPA: Deputy Director for Infrastructure and Environment Position[HCC-348-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in an amount not to exceed \$230,000 to cover the salary and benefits for a Deputy Director of Environmental Operations and for consultant and subcontractor fees for evaluation, design, and construction of ARPA funded projects.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

10.c. ARPA: Information Technology Technician Position[HCC-349-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the cost of an IT technician to support staff and council-related IT needs in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Information Technology

Attachments: [Hyattsville IT Assessment Summary](#)

10.d. ARPA: Grant Writer Position[HCC-350-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the use of American Rescue Act funds in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to hire a professional grant writer to assist the City in identifying grants to cover increased project and program spending and offset ARPA legacy costs.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

10.e. ARPA: Emergency Trash Truck Purchase[HCC-360-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems for the purchase of an 8CY trash truck to replace an existing truck that is no longer serviceable, for an expenditure not to exceed \$144,000.00, pending the review and approval by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency. I further move that the Mayor and Council authorize the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for this purchase.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [RSSQ39140](#)

10.f. Opioid Settlement Agreement Authorization[HCC-352-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to execute and enter the attached Participation and Release form, or a version substantially similar thereto, on behalf of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland. The City Administrator is also authorized to execute and enter into any state subdivision agreement, or version similar thereto, on behalf of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Administrator

Attachments: [Opioid settlement agreement 2](#)
[Memo Template--opioid funds agreement](#)

10.g. Memorandum of Understanding: Heurich Park Community Garden Association[HCC-355-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Heurich Park Community Garden Association for the use and administration of the community garden space at Heurich Park, pending review and approval by the City Attorney.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Heurich Park Community Garden Association MOU 2023 -council draft](#)
[Heurich Park By-Laws 2023](#)
[Heurich Park Community Garden Rules 2023](#)
[Heurich Park New Garden Plot Application \(1\)](#)

10.h. Change Order to the Neighborhood Design Center Contract[HCC-356-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to issue a change order to the contract with Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) to increase the maximum value of the contract not to exceed \$985,000 to cover projects previously authorized. This is a contractual change only. Any encumbrances related to this Change Order are approved via separate Council motions.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Public Works

Attachments: [180328 - Contract - NDC - Magruder Park Community Outreach and Design Concept](#)

10.i. FY23 General Fund Budget Adjustments and Transfer of Appropriations [HCC-357-FY23](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the Treasurer to amend the FY23 General Fund Budget by adjusting and transferring available budget appropriations in various line-items and between departments to address year-end operational expenditures before June 30, 2023.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

11. Discussion Items (8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)**11.a. Open FY24 Budget Discussion - Real Property Tax Rate** [HCC-340-FY23](#)

Open discussion to provide time for follow-up items pertaining to the FY24 Budget and the Real Property Tax Rate. The rate has been published at \$0.63 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Councilmembers are allotted time to discuss keeping the current tax rate, tax credit program considerations, or options to lower it.

Attached is a slide detailing the proposed FY24 Real Property Tax Rate.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: City Clerk

Attachments: [FY24 Real Property Tax Rate Slide updated 4-11-2023](#)

11.b. ARPA Initiatives Discussion [HCC-353-FY23](#)

For discussion.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Finance

Attachments: [ARPA Community Feedback on Proposals v04.14.2023 FINAL](#)
[ARPA Proposal Detail Summary 04.14.2023 FINAL](#)
[ARPA Proposal Community Feedback Comments 04.12.2023 \(2\)](#)
[ARPA Proposal Vote Tallies \(2\)](#)

12. Council Dialogue (9:30 p.m. - 9:40 p.m.)**13. Motion to Adjourn** **The meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.**

Action Item HCC-361-FY23: I move the Council authorize the Mayor and Staff to communicate to Prince George's County District Council a request to postpone and reschedule the oral arguments for Suffrage Point DSP-21001 and extend the deadline for written comments. In its request, the City may cite an incomplete record, including the absence of the transcript from the Planning Board hearing held on January 12, 2023.

Approved, Unanimous

ATTEST: April 18, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'LR' followed by a horizontal stroke.

Laura Reams, City Clerk