

City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Meeting Notice:

As we continue to take precautions due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the Hyattsville City Council will hold its meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, remotely via video conference. The Council meeting will be conducted entirely remotely; there will be no in-person meeting attendance.

The meeting will be broadcast live on cable television channel 71 (Comcast), channel 12 (Verizon), and available via live stream at www.hyattsville.org/meetings.

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call – *The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Ward 4 Councilmember Edouard Haba was absent.***
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS***
4. **Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker**
5. **City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.)**
6. **Recognition of Excellence in Service: Kate Powers, Lieutenant Colonel Scott Dunklee, and Cheri Everhart (7:35 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)**
7. **Presentations (7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

7.a) Healthy Trees Hyattsville

[HCC-117-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Healthy Trees Hyattsville Presentation \(1\) Final](#)

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7.b) Hyattsville Watershed Implementation Plan

[HCC-118-FY22](#)

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Hyattsville's Watershed Implementation Plan Draft 10-11-21 \(1\)](#)

Presentation Only

7.c) Riverfront at West Hyattsville Multifamily Buildings - Detailed Site Plan

[HCC-120-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Presentation Memo - West HVL MF - DSP](#)

[Council Materials 10.18.21 - West Hyattsville Multifamily Phase 1](#)

Presentation Only

8. Consent Items (8:30 p.m. - 8:35 p.m.)

8.a) Acceptance of the 2021 Tree ReLeaf Grant – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-105-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[2021 Hyattsville Tree Releaf Grant Package](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council accept the 2021 Prince George's County Tree ReLeaf Grant in the amount of \$9,600. The City Treasurer is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to accept and disburse the funding according to the grant requirements.

8.b) FY22 Budget Appropriation: Impaired, Distracted, and Aggressive Driving Grant Awards – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-112-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Distracted Driving](#)

[Impaired Driving](#)

[Aggressive Driving](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend and increase the FY22 Special Revenues Fund Budget to accept and appropriate the FY22 Aggressive Driving (\$2,000), Impaired Driving (\$5,000), and Distracted Driving (\$2,000) grant award in the amount totaling \$9,000 from the Maryland

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Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for the purpose of providing overtime funding for the enforcement of motor vehicles.

8.c) Acceptance of the Low Impact Design Center Proposal for the Concept Design of an Environmental Depot – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-113-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Enviro Depot Proposal letter LIDC 081021 FINAL updated 83021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$30,000 to the Low Impact Design Center for the concept design of an environmental depot in the City of Hyattsville.

8.d) Award of the City Leaf Grinding Contract – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-114-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Denchfield RFP Response](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to accept the proposal from Denchfield for leaf grinding at an annual rate not to exceed \$6000 per year for the life of the contract, pending review by the City Attorney. In addition, an expenditure not to exceed \$6,000 is authorized for the first year of the contract.

8.e) Commercial Façade Improvement Program: 2021 Grant Awards – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-119-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Memo - CFI Award Recommendations - 10.18.2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve 2021 Commercial Façade Improvement Grant awards for façade improvement projects the following commercial properties:

3501 Hamilton Street: \$5,000

3004 and 3110 Hamilton Street, 5400 Queens Chapel Road: \$22,500

4744 Baltimore Avenue: \$37,000

8.f) Awarding of Tree Plantings – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-122-FY22](#)

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[2021 Hyattsville Tree Releaf Grant Package](#)

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$24,000 to Casey Trees for the planting of trees throughout the City as proposed and awarded in the PEPCO Sustainable Communities and the Prince George's County Tree ReLeaf grants.

8.g) Corridor Investment Grant: 2021 Program Awards – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS* **HCC-123-FY22**

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Memo - CIP Award Recommendations - 10.18.2021 - Final](#)

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:

Garcia Investments: \$5,000
Green Owl: \$5,000
Independent Order of Oddfellows: \$2,500
Just Rock (Business development): \$3,670
Just Rock (Program): \$1,425
5132 Baltimore Avenue: \$1995.20
Gingko Group: \$1,990.40
SoHy Co-op: \$2,000
Hyattsville Aging in Place: \$1,500
Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center: \$2,500

8.h) Ward 2 Discretionary Funds: SoHy Afghan Refugee Relief Fund – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS* **HCC-126-FY22**

Sponsor: Croslin

Co-Sponsor(s): Schaible

[Croslin Motion for Afghan Relief](#)

I move that the Council approve the donation of \$400 from the Ward 2 discretionary funds to the SoHy Afghan Refugee Relief fund.

9. Action Items (8:35 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

9.a) Jefferson Street Traffic Calming – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS* **HCC-115-FY22**

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[Jefferson Street \(1\)](#)

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I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve an expenditure with Traffic Lines, Inc. for installation of traffic calming devices on Jefferson Street cost no to exceed \$120,000.00.

9.b) HVAC Replacement 4310 Gallatin Street – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-116-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[4310 HVAc Magnolia](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to approve an expenditure with Magnolia Plumbing to replace the existing HVAC units at 4310 Gallatin Street, cost not to exceed \$125,000.00.

10. Discussion Items (9:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

10.a) Phased-in Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban

[HCC-125-FY22](#)

Sponsor: Schaible

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Phased-in Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban Motion](#)

[Recommendation to Address Noise and other Impacts from Gas, for Review by HEC](#)

[Leaf Blower Cost Comparisons](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to phase-in a ban of gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs) as follows:

Effective January 1, 2022 - the use of GPLBs by the City will cease entirely, including City staff and City contracts.

Effective July 1, 2022 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited on Sundays.

Effective January 1, 2023 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited on weekends and federal holidays.

Effective July 1, 2023 - the use of GPLBs will be prohibited permanently.

In addition, I move that the Mayor and Council implement a City-run rebate program where Hyattsville residents and contractors would be eligible to trade in used GPLBs for a rebate towards the purchase of an electric leaf blower (ELB).

I further move the Council amend the FY22 budget in the amount of \$18,500 (\$17,000 for the GPLB trade-in program, \$1,500 to replace City GPLBs).

11. Council Dialogue (9:15 p.m. - 9:25 p.m.)

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12. Community Notices and Meetings

12.a) Main City Calendar: October 19 - November 1, 2021

[HCC-124-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the Request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Main City Calendar October 19 - November 1, 2021 FINAL](#)

N/A

13. Motion to Adjourn – *The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.*