

City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

City Council Regular Meeting

Monday, December 6, 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, December 6, 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

If you wish to address the Council during the Public Comment period, please use the "Raise Hand" feature in the virtual meeting interface. Participants may also submit statements electronically using the eComment feature at www.hyattsville.org/meetings or via email to cityclerk@hyattsville.org no later than two (2) hours prior to the start of the meeting. All participants shall remain respectful in their contributions and associated functions of the virtual meeting interface are not intended for public dialogue or discussion.

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1. **Call to Order and Council Roll Call – *The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.***
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Approval of Agenda – *APPROVED, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS***

AMENDMENTS

- 1) **MODIFY** Consent item 10.c) HCC-170-FY22, Vaccine Incentive Program for City Employees
 - a. **The motion language has been modified as follows (change in bold):**
 - i. I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a Vaccine Incentive Program for City Employees to incentivize employees to become inoculated from COVID-19, costs not to exceed **\$95,000**, and paid for using American Rescue Plan funds.
- 2) **ADJUST** the Presentation order as follows:
 1. PEPCO EVsmart Public Charging Network
 2. FY22 Strategic Communications Report and Website/Newsletter Updates
 3. Avalon Bay - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision

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4. Approval of the Minutes

4.a) Approval of the Minutes – **APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

[HCC-184-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Minutes CM September 20 2021 FINAL](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the minutes of the Council meeting of September 20, 2021.

5. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

6. Community Notices and Meetings (7:20 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.)

6.a) Main City Calendar: December 7 - December 20, 2021

[HCC-191-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Main City Calendar December 7 - December 20, 2021 FINAL](#)

7. City Administrator Update (7:25 p.m. - 7:40 p.m.)

8. Presentations (7:40 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

8.c) PEPCO EVsmart Public Charging Network

[HCC-175-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[PEPCO EV Charger Presentation](#)

Presentation only.

8.a) FY22 Strategic Communications Report and Website/Newsletter Updates

[HCC-183-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Abridged-FY 22 Communications Presentation for Council](#)

Presentation.

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8.b) Avalon Bay - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision

[HCC-174-FY22](#)

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Presentation Memo - Avalon Bay - PPS](#)

[City Hyattsville Presentation](#)

[RoadSection](#)

[MPG ALTASurvey 20070510 ENTIRE MALL - with Subdivided ParcelShown](#)

Presentation only.

9. Proclamations (8:20 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.)

9.a) Proclamation Recognizing the Northwestern High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team as the 2021 State Champions – *ADOPTED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-189-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[CM 1206 NWHS Varsity Soccer State Champions 2021](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the Northwestern Wildcats Varsity Boys Soccer Team as the 2021 Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association 4A State Champions.

10. Consent Items (8:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

10.a) MOU with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (AFIS) – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*

[HCC-167-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on behalf of the Hyattsville City Police Department to continue as a regional participating jurisdiction with the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and authorize the city to expend an amount not to exceed \$8,194.

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10.b) MOU with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (LPR) – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-168-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[LPR](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on behalf of the Hyattsville City Police Department to continue as a regional participating jurisdiction with the Law Enforcement License Plate Readers (LPR) Program and authorize the City to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,207.00.

10.c) Vaccine Incentive Program for City Employees – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-170-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Vaccine Incentive Program Memo to Council](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a Vaccine Incentive Program for City Employees to incentivize employees to become inoculated from COVID-19, costs not to exceed ~~\$75,000~~ \$95,000, and paid for using American Rescue Plan funds.

10.d) Purchase of DPW Backup Generator – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-172-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[HiPower-239436849](#)

[DS HRJW 240 T4F \(1\)](#)

[EV2370 Executed Master Contract Graybar 12 26 2017](#)

[Amendment No 1 to EV2370](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to accept the proposal from Graybar for the purchase of a backup generator for the Department of Public Works facility for an expenditure not to exceed \$130,000, pending legal review.

10.e) DPW Turnkey Solar Power Installation – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-173-FY22](#)

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Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Hyattsville Solar RFP Final](#)

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to accept the proposal from Altenergy for the design and installation of a Turnkey Solar Power System at the Department of Public Works new facility for an expenditure not to exceed \$100,000 pending legal review.

10.f) Hybrid Meetings: Phase 1 - IT Hardware – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-177-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Memo - IT Hardware Acquisition - Hybrid Meetings - November 30 2021](#)

[GHE Quote 2465957](#)

I move that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to proceed with the acquisition of laptops and associated hardware from GHE Technologies Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, for the purpose of providing hardware necessary to support the City Council's transition to a hybrid meeting solution.

10.g) Purchase of Road Salt – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-178-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Morton Salt for an expenditure not to exceed \$35,000, pending legal review.

10.h) Acceptance of Donation of Bloodhound for HCPD – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-179-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

I move that the Mayor and Council accept the donation of a Bloodhound breed puppy from Bluegrass Bloodhounds in Kentucky to assist the Police Department with tracking missing persons and vulnerable adults. The donation of this specialized tracking breed includes all required registration documents that identifies the breeds authenticity.

10.i) FY22 Grant Acceptance and Budget Appropriation Amendment: FEMA COVID-19 Reimbursement Grant – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS

[HCC-182-FY22](#)

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[City of Hyattsville FEMA Grant DR4491 PW272 \(1\)](#)

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I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to accept the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 Reimbursement Grant of \$97,103 for prior expenses through September 30, 2021 and authorize the Treasurer to amend the FY22 Special Revenues Funds Budget to establish a FEMA Reimbursement Grant Fund and appropriate the amount not to exceed \$291,309 for estimated COVID-19 vaccine and testing site costs from October 1, 2021 to June 20, 2021 which will be 100% reimbursed by FEMA.

10.j) Zoning Variance Request V-98-21 - 6213 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
HCC-187-FY22

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Memo - V-98-21 FINAL](#)

[City of Hyattsville Zoning Variance Policy Statement & Variance Process ENGLISH](#)

[V-98-21 Binder](#)

[Letter Opposing Zoning Variances](#)

I move that the City Council authorize the Mayor to provide correspondence to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals in support of V-98-21, a variance request to validate three (3) existing conditions pertaining to minimum lot size, lot frontage, and side yard depth at the subject property, 6213 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville.

10.k) Memorandum of Understanding with Hyattsville Aging in Place in Support of the City's Enhanced Mobility Options Program – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
HCC-188-FY22

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[FINAL EM MOU HVL + HAP](#)

I move that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hyattsville Aging in Place in support of the City's Enhanced Mobility Options Program.

11. Action Items (8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

11.a) Former KFC at Queens Chapel Town Center - Amendment to Conditions of Approval – APPROVED, UNANIMOUS
HCC-176-FY22

Sponsor: At the request of the City Administrator

Co-Sponsor(s): N/A

[Action Memo - QCTC - Table of Uses Amendment - Final](#)

[Council Materials 10.04.21 QCTC](#)

[Maisel QCTC Presentation](#)

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I move that the City Council authorize the Mayor to provide correspondence to the Prince George's County Office of the Zoning Hearing Examiner in opposition to the applicant's request to eliminate Condition 3c of Planning Board Resolutions No. 11-07 and No. 11-08. The Subject Property is less than 0.25 miles from the West Hyattsville Metro Station and a continuation of the drive-through use is in direct contradiction to the vision and guidelines of the West Hyattsville Transit District Development Plan.

11.b) Letter of Support: Prince George's County Climate Action Plan – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS*
[HCC-190-FY22](#)

Sponsor: Ward

Co-Sponsor(s): Simasek, Haba

[December 2021 support Climate Action Plan](#)

I move that the Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support to Prince George's County in favor of the draft Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

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

12.a) Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban

[HCC-185-FY22](#)

Sponsor: Schaible

Co-Sponsor(s): Simasek, McClellan

[HCC-185-FY22 Phased-in Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban Motion \(2\)](#)

[HCC-185-FY22 Recommendation to Address Noise and other Impacts from GPLB \(2\)](#)

[HCC-185-FY22 Leaf Blower Cost Comparisons](#)

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

- Effective July 1, 2022 - The use of gas-powered leaf blowers by the City will cease entirely, including City staff and City contracts. Also, this date will be the start of the 75 percent rebate window for the trade-in of GPLBs towards the purchase of an electric leaf blower.
- Effective July 1, 2023 - The 75 percent rebate window will end, and the 50 percent rebate window will begin for GPLB trade-ins.
- Effective January 1, 2024 - The 50 percent rebate window will end, and the 25 percent rebate window will begin for GPLB trade-ins.
- Effective July 1, 2024 - the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be prohibited permanently, and the 25 percent rebate window will end for GPLB trade-ins.

In addition, and effective immediately, any resident or landscape contractor that uses all-electric lawn and landscape equipment (mower, string trimmer, blower etc.) can begin work at 7:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m.

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I move 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 allocate \$52,100 to the FY22 budget (\$50,600 for the GPLB trade-in program, \$1,500 to replace City GPLBs).

13. **Council Dialogue (9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)**
14. **Motion to Adjourn – *APPROVED, UNANIMOUS. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.***

ATTEST:
December 8, 2021



Laura Reams, City Clerk



Sean Corcoran, Deputy City Clerk