

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022

7:00 PM

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Virtual Meeting

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Danny Schaible, Council Vice President, Ward 2
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1
Ben Simasek, Ward 3
Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4
Daniel Peabody, Ward 4
Joseph Solomon, Ward 5
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator
Laura Reams, City Clerk, 301-985-5009, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

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This agenda item was Approved.

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1. Call to Order and Council Roll Call**Also Present:**

City Administrator-Tracey Douglas

City Treasurer-Ron Brooks

Chief of Police-Jarod Towers

Director of Public Works-Lesley Riddle

Director of Community Services-Sandra Shepherd

City Clerk-Laura Reams

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m.

Present:	Mayor Robert Croslin
	Council Vice-President Danny Schaible
	Council Member Sam Denes
	Council Member Joanne Waszczak
	Council Member Ben Simasek
	Council Member Jimmy McClellan
	Council Member Edouard Haba
	Council Member Daniel Peabody
	Council Member Joseph Solomon
	Council Member Rommel Sandino

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member Simasek, seconded by Council Member Denes, that the agenda be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:	Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino
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4. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Complete Speaker Card, Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Written Comment:

Mr. Marshall provided a comment regarding property taxes and the gas powered leaf blower ban.

5. Community Notices and Meetings (7:20 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.)**5.a. Main City Calendar: May 3 - May 16, 2022**[HCC-360-FY22](#)

N/A

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [City Calendar May 3, 2022 - May 16, 2022](#)

6. City Administrator Update (7:25 p.m. - 7:35 p.m.)

City Administrator Tracey Douglas provided updates regarding City related news.

7. Treasurer Update (7:35 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)

City Treasurer Ron Brooks provided an update on ARPA expenditures and an upcoming BANs request.

8. Presentations (7:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.)

8.a. Hyattsville Crossing Business Improvement District Feasibility Assessment[HCC-342-FY22](#)

Presentation Only.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memo - Hyattsville Crossing BID - Phase 1 Feasibility Presentation](#)
[Hyattsville Crossing BID Feasibility Study 4.25.22](#)

HR&A presented a summary of their study regarding the feasibility for a Business Improvement District in Hyattsville.

Council Member Simasek asked a question to clarify that voting, pertaining to the establishment of the BID, was not weighted in terms of size of property.

HR&A confirmed that votes will not be weighted.

Council Member Simasek asked if there was a possibility for additional municipal services to be procured via private contract.

HR&A replied that there is a possibility but currently do not have specific data on examples of that model.

Council Member Schaible asked about the process for calling a vote with business owners to establish a BID.

HR&A replied that the process has not yet been defined.

8.b. Redistricting 2022[HCC-357-FY22](#)

Presentation

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Redistricting 2022 May 2 2022 Council Presentation](#)

City Clerk Laura Reams and Communications Manager Cindy Zork presented an overview of the redistricting process plan for the City.

Council Member Solomon asked if there were any guidelines similar to what the state has about the process.

Clerk Reams replied there is not currently a set of guidelines as described by Council Member Solomon.

Council Member Solomon asked for clarity around the composition of the committee.

Clerk Reams responded that there has been interest from members of other committees.

Council Member Haba asked how members from other committees are selected for the redistricting committee, the anticipated size of the committee, and the process for filling open spots.

Clerk Reams responded that committees were asked to nominate a member and the committee size is currently anticipated to be between five and seven, adding that the Council has the authority to change the size of the committee. She also stated the City would do a public application process to fill the open seats.

Council Member Denes expressed his concern regarding tight timeline to get the nominations from committees and the proposed stipend for committee members.

Clerk Reams stated the timeline is adequate and staff will review the stipend issue.

Council Member Waszczak asked about the possible role of the Race and Equity Officer in the committee, and suggested that the open spots be filled by individuals with a needed skill set for the committee.

Clerk Reams responded that the various skill sets of individuals applying for the open spots could be assessed through the application process and that the Race and Equity Officer had not originally been assigned to the committee because that role had not yet been filled in the City, however, that individual's input as a staff liaison would be valued.

9. Proclamations (8:15 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

9.a. Proclamation of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month [HCC-348-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 2022 as Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.b. Proclamation of Citizenship Celebration Day [HCC-350-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council proclaim May 7, 2022, as Citizenship Celebration Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 Citizen Celebration Day 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.c. Proclamation of National Public Works Week [HCC-351-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the week of May 15 through May 21, 2022, to be Public Works Week in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 National Public Works Week 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.d. Proclamation Recognizing National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week [HCC-352-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 15 through May 21, 2022 as National Police Week and May 15, 2022 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.e. Proclamation of Municipal Clerks Week [HCC-353-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022 as Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 Municipal Clerks Week 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

9.f. Proclamation of Children's Mental Health Matters Week [HCC-354-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation recognizing May 1-7, 2022 as Children's Mental Health Matters week in the City of Hyattsville.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [CM 0502 Childrens Mental Health Awareness Week 2022](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

10. Appointments (8:15 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.)

10.a. Appointment to the Race and Equity Task Force[HCC-359-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Jocelyn Medello (Ward 1) to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years to expire on April 30, 2024.

Sponsors: Croslin and Sandino

Attachments: [Medallo RETF Application](#)

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

11. Consent Items (8:20 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.)

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.

A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

11.a. Acceptance of the PEPCO Interconnection Agreement for the DPW Solar Installation[HCC-338-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize Interim Mayor Croslin to sign and accept the PEPCO Interconnection Agreement for the DPW Solar Installation project.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [220419 - Pepco MD Level 234 - Interconnection Application-Agreement Hyattsville DPW](#)

11.b. Heurich Community Garden Accessible Surface[HCC-339-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to accept the proposal of NZI Inc. for the installation of an accessible surface at Heurich Community Garden and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$20,000 for the installation.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [proposal Heurich Park Community Garden Concrete Walkway](#)

11.c. FY22 Capital Improvement Budget Adjustment and Transfer of Appropriations [HCC-340-FY22](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the Fiscal Year 22 (FY22) Capital Improvements Budget and authorize the Treasurer to adjust and transfer various DPW capital budget appropriations not to exceed \$60,000 for improvements to the DPW facility.

Sponsors: City Administrator

11.d. Jefferson Street Parking Lot Redevelopment: Development, Lease, Easement and First Amendment to Condominium Authorization [HCC-343-FY22](#)

I move the City Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a (1) Development Agreement, (2) Lease Agreement, (3) Perpetual Easement and (4) a First Amendment to the Condominium Agreement with Urban Investment Partners and Housing Initiative Partnership, which will serve as the legal instruments for the development and operation of the City's parking structure for the duration of the 99-year lease term and retained Land Condo Unit 3, upon review by the City Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Memo - UIP Canvas - Development, Lease, Condo and Easement Agreements](#)
[Exhibit A - Jefferson Street Parking Lot Property](#)
[Condo Declaration](#)
[First Amendment to Declaration of Renaissance Square Condominium](#)

11.e. Replacement of HCPD Desktop Computers [HCC-345-FY22](#)

I move the Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to execute a Purchase Agreement with Dataprise, LLC, for the acquisition of 38 Dell desktop computers, at a total cost of \$40,316.86.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Dataprise Purchase Agreement](#)

11.f. Upgrade of Police Department's Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems [HCC-346-FY22](#)

I move Mayor and Council to authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with Frontline Mobile Tech for the upgrade and purchase of the Department's Body Worn Cameras and In-Car Video Systems for a total expenditure of \$297,141.00. The purchase and cost of these new units with this vendor is under GSA contract.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Frontline BWC Upgrade](#)

11.g. Upgrade of Police Department's Mobile Data Computers[HCC-347-FY22](#)**Summary Background:**

This purchase is for 50 mobile data computers, plus warranty and 34 docking stations to include installation for a total expenditure of \$298,000.00

Next Steps:

Recommend approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Not to exceed \$298,000.00

City Administrator Comments:

Recommends approval

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Mobile Computers Upgrade](#)

11.h. Schedule Special Council Meeting for Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7 PM[HCC-355-FY22](#)

I move the Mayor and Council schedule a Special Council Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7 PM.
The certified results of the Special Mayoral Election will be accepted at this meeting.

Sponsors: City Administrator

12. Discussion Items (8:25 p.m. - 9:20 p.m.)

12.a. 5812 40th Avenue Renovation[HCC-341-FY22](#)

FOR DISCUSSION:

I move that the Mayor and Council Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with The Matthews Group for the turn-key renovation of the 5812 40th Avenue building to house the Teen and Multigenerational Center, in the amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 for the construction and contingency, pending legal review.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [01408-0000 Teen Centere Build-Out - ROM](#)

Council Member Waszczak asked about how teens were engaged to determine the internal and external design of the center.

Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle responded that the Community Development department have had meetings and that there will continue to be community outreach to determine the design of the center.

Council Member Waszczak asked how many young people have been engaged to determine the design of the teen center.

Director of Community Services Sandra Shepherd responded by stating there have been meetings and there will continue to be future meetings to get input.

City Administrator Tracey Douglas added that events such as open houses, meetings with school administrators have provided input. Also, that there are new communications tools that will be utilized to gather more input.

Council Member Haba asked for an update on the budget.

Director Riddle responded that the plan is still within budget.

This was moved to a motion and seconded by Council Member Solomon. It was approved unanimously. A motion was made by Council Vice-President Schaible, seconded by Council Member Solomon, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino

12.b. Hyattsville Ordinance 2022-02: Municipal Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban[HCC-356-FY22](#)

FOR DISCUSSION

Sponsors: Schaible, McClellan, Simasek and Solomon

Attachments: [Amended Chapter 79 - Leaf Blower - 5.11.2022](#)
[Recommendation to Address Noise and other Impacts from GPLB](#)

Council Member Schaible provided climate related background in relation to the origin of the motion.

Council Member Denes asked for an estimate of contracted services.

Council Member Solomon asked about the noise standard and specificity to "residential property" possibly excluding commercial properties. He also expressed concern about restrictions around excessive voice noise without a caveat for emergency situations.

Council Member Haba expressed his concern that the current language of 50 feet may be too short of a distance. He also asked if the pile driving provision is necessary to the noise ordinance.

Department of Public Works Director Lesley Riddle responded that pile driving should remain in the ordinance.

Council Member Haba asked about the timing requirements in the ordinance. He also asked if there was any concern about the noise ordinance in relation to ice cream trucks. He concluded by asking intent of the timing of the infraction schedule for residents who violate the noise ordinance.

Council Member Solomon clarified that the timing would be a year of warnings before any citation was issued. Proposed a modification of the noise ordinance to include noise from pets.

Council Member Schaible stated that there is an excessive barking ordinance in the code in response to Council Member Solomon.

Interim Mayor Croslin asked about community outreach regarding the ban prior to implementation.

Clerk Reams, Director Riddle, and City Administrator Douglas all replied how communications have begun and will continue as the Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban is implemented.

Council Member Denes and Schaible reiterated the timeline for rebates and enforcement.

13. Council Dialogue (9:20 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)**14. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Peabody, seconded by Council Member Sandino, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Schaible, Denes, Waszczak, Simasek, McClellan, Haba, Peabody, Solomon, and Sandino