

City of Hyattsville

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7:00 PM

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Virtual

City Council

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor
Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5
Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1 Absent
Sam Denes, Ward 1
Danny Schaible, Ward 2
Emily Strab, Ward 2
Jimmy McClellan, Ward 3
Kareem Redmond, Ward 3
Edouard Haba, Ward 4 Arrived at 7:21 p.m.
Michelle Lee, Ward 4
Rommel Sandino, Ward 5

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 7:02 p.m.

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 Shephard
Director of Human Resources-Jay Joyner
Deputy City Clerk-Nate Groenendyk
Deputy Director of Public Works-Hal Metzler
Deputy Director of Community Services-Cheri Everhart
Housing and Economic Development Advisor-Debi Sandlin

Present:

Mayor Robert Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Sam Denes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab
Councilmember Jimmy McClellan
Councilmember Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Rommel Sandino

Absent:

Council Vice-President Joanne Waszczak

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Denes, seconded by Councilmember Sandino, that the Agenda be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak, and Haba

4. Public Comment (7:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.) Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Melissa Schweisguth asked the City to work with other municipalities to provide residents with more options to dispose of environmentally hazardous materials.

5. City Administrator Update (7:20 p.m - 7:45 p.m.)

City Administrator Tracey Douglas provided an update on City related news and events.

Council requested and received updates regarding hiring in the Community and Economic Development Department, The Spot construction, the community listening session, the staff liaison to the planning committee, the electronic sign on Ager Road, and the West Hyattsville street improvement project.

6. Appointments**6.a. Appointment to the Race and Equity Task Force**[HCC-174-FY24](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Jennifer Gafford (Ward 3) to the Race and Equity Task Force for a term of two (2) years to expire on Jan 2, 2026.

Sponsors: Haba and Lee

Attachments: [Jennifer Gafford W3 reappoint Jan 2 2024 redac](#)

A motion was made by Councilmember Denes, seconded by Councilmember McClellan, that this agenda item be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak

7. Consent Items (7:45 p.m. - 7:50 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 Councilmember Denes, seconded by Councilmember Strab, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak

7.a. Commercial Real Estate Assessments - ARPA Funded[**HCC-170-FY24**](#)

I move the Mayor and Council authorize an expenditure to JMT in an amount not to exceed \$29,000 for Commercial Real Estate Assessments under their existing contract with the City. This is funded as part of the Environmental Depot project ARPA funds as previously authorized by Council.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [TO 74 Proposal 11.20.23](#)

7.b. Herc Rentals for Snowplow rentals[**HCC-172-FY24**](#)

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Herc Rentals for the rental of two snowplow trucks for the FY24 snow season for an expenditure not to exceed \$35,000, pending legal review. The treasurer is authorized to reallocate unspent funds authorized in HCC-030-FY24 and make the necessary budget amendments to encumber the funds authorized.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Attachments: [Dump Trucks for Rent](#) [Dump Trucks Rentals](#) [Herc Rentals](#)

8. Council Dialogue (7:50 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)**9. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Denes, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Croslin, Solomon, Denes, Schaible, Strab, McClellan, Redmond, Lee, Haba, and Sandino

Absent: Waszczak