

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 5, 2010

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:09 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Douglas Dudrow (arrived at 8:29 p.m.), Nicole Hinds (arrived at 8:12 p.m.), David Hiles, Matthew McKnight and Timothy Hunt. Council President Tartaro and Council Members Frazier, Perry and Lizanne were absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Police Chief Holland, City Treasurer Rainey and City Clerk Barber.

Mayor Gardiner noted the reasons behind Council Members being absent for the meeting.

City Administrator Murphy addressed the Mayor and Council and introduced Mr. Tom Himler of Municipal Group LLC who presented a power point to the Mayor and Council with the proposed revenue projections for the City's FY11 Budget. Mr. Himler reviewed the FY11 revenue projections highlighting the Real Property Taxes, Income Taxes, Intergovernmental Aid, and Admissions and Amusement Taxes. Mr. Himler along with City Administrator Murphy responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council on the presentation.

Mayor Gardiner called the meeting to official order at 8:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of April 5, 2010 as amended. Mayor Gardiner requested that Motion# 54-04-10 (City Communication to State Officials Regarding Highway Users Revenue, HB282, HB786, HB1182, and SB760) be added to the consent agenda and a closed session be added to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Council Vice President Tierney moved to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes of March 8, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to address the Mayor and Council.

CONSENT ITEM:

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to certain State elected officials expressing the City's support for only temporary reductions in the Highway Users Revenues, and support for the legislation summarized (provided in the background of the agenda item form) related to transportation funding and business improvement districts (Motion# 54-04-10). The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:*FY11 Budget – Treasurer's Report on Five Year Revenue/Expenditure Forecast*

City Treasurer Rainey addressed the Mayor and Council and noted how figures were compiled for the five year revenue and expenditures forecast. The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed FY11 Budget process and their expectations on how and when information will be given and presented to Council. Mayor Gardiner requested Council to contact City Administrator Murphy if Council would like to view specific information or need additional clarification on the proposed FY11 Budget. Council Vice President Tierney advised if Council has changes to the Budget to get the items to City staff as soon as possible.


The Mayor and Council noted that further discussion is needed regarding the City-wide priorities, especially the following items previously identified:

IT position for the Police Department;
Discussion of Fleet Policy;
Leaf Collection Policy;
BB&T Scope of Work;
Re-Organization of Code Enforcement Department;
Recreation and the Arts – Carnival Event;
Use of GIS;

Council Member McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of April 5, 2010, to discuss personnel issues relating to changes in Code Enforcement and Administration (Motion # 55-04-10). A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting of April 5, 2010, closed at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk