

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

November 1, 2010

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro (arrived at 7:06 p.m. and left at 8:40 p.m.) Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Nicole Hinds, Douglas Dudrow, David Hiles (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Matthew McKnight and Timothy Hunt.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, City Treasurer Stookey and City Clerk Barber.

Mayor Gardiner stated that the meeting was starting early tonight for the Council to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mayor Gardiner asked for a moment of silence for long-time resident Mr. Vincent Falcone who recently passed away and for Mr. Buck Offut who taught at DeMatha for over 50 yrs.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of November 1, 2010, as presented. Vice President Tierney requested to postpone the approval of the minutes. The motion to approve the agenda with changes passed unanimously.

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of November 1, 2010, to discuss personnel matters (Motion# 197-11-10). A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Note for the Record: Mayor and Council went into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council return to open session for the Council Meeting of November 1, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Note for the Record: Mayor and Council returned to open session at 8:46 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Hugh Turley, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council with concerns about the traffic study with regard to Queensbury Road. He presented the Mayor and Council with a petition from City residents who live on Queensbury road, opposing some of the traffic study's recommendations for Queensbury Road.

CONSENT ITEM:

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council accept a grant for the Washington Metro Region Traffic Enforcement project from the Maryland Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$4,000 to fund overtime expenditures for traffic enforcement, and hereby authorize the appropriation and expenditure of the funds for this purpose and further authorize City staff to accept and administer the grant according to its terms, in a timely manner (Motion# 196-11-10). The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Council approve the following Mayoral appointments to the Compensation Review Committee:

Ward 1 Patrick Byrhe (4405 Kennedy Street)

Ward 2 John Falcone(5212 42nd Place)

Ward 3 Elizabeth Payer (3309 Gumwood Drive)

Ward 4 Lucille Brogden (5825 31st Place)

Ward 5 Deanna Upshur (5036 37th Avenue)

Additional Members (7 required): Krista Atteberry-Ward 3 (6100 42nd Place); Sue Lopresti - Ward 2 (5221 42nd Place) (Motion# 193-11-10). The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Lizanne moved that the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2010-03, an Ordinance whereby the City Council clarifies the procedure according to which the City Council may establish committees (Second Reading) (Motion# 194-11-10). The motion passed unanimously.

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council replace the Controller position with a Deputy City Treasurer position in the Finance Office and authorize the City Administrator to initiate a search to fill the position. Revised position descriptions will be provided electronically to the Council on Monday, with hard copies distributed at the meeting on Monday evening (Motion# 195-11-10). Assistant City Administrator Jones provided the background on the motion regarding the changes to the position description. City Treasurer Stookey also provided the Mayor and Council with details of the changes to the position descriptions for Deputy Treasurer and Accountant. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:*Council Legislative Priorities -*

The Mayor and Council agreed to ignore the motion form of the Council's Legislative Priorities for the time being. Staff provided the Mayor and Council a spreadsheet with the Council's rankings of the Legislative Priorities. The rankings are as follows:

1. The Gateway Arts District Tax Credit Legislation
2. University Town Center Tax Increment Financing District
3. Rental Housing Parking Regulations
4. Chapter 114 – Commercial Vehicles – thru truck restrictions
5. Chapter 80 Public Nuisances
6. Speed Camera Authorization
7. Chapter 84 Parks and Recreation Facilities (changes to fees)
8. Chapter 99 Revisions to temporary sales
9. Non-Citizen voting rights

There are 2 other categories:

Council Action Required Prior to Staff Implementation of Directives

1. BB&T Building: Authorization for Repairs, ADA compliance and Tenants-this received a High priority ranking

Council Action on Completed Studies / Reports

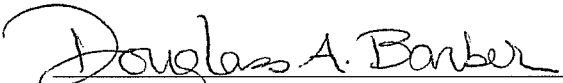
1. Restructuring of departments (per management study)
2. Traffic Study
- 3 & 4 Community Legacy Update and Traffic Study (tied in rankings)
5. Parking Issues- Meter-fee rates; replacement; parking plan and enforcement

The Mayor and Council discussed each item at length with input and clarification at times from City Administrator Murphy.

Council Member Hinds moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of November 1, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk