

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION/SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

February 14, 2011

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:07 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro, Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Nicole Hinds, Douglas Dudrow, David Hiles (arrived at 8:24 p.m.), Matthew McKnight and Timothy Hunt. Council Member Lizanne was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Rose, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Public Works Ryan, City Treasurer Stookey and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of February 14, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council on the following issues: 1) was the Strategic Planning Proposal put out for bid and if it was not, why wasn't it; 2) stated his opposition to speed cameras as he does not believe they are a safety tool and requested that the Public Hearings on the speed cameras not be held in the Council Chambers and instead in a format where residents can ask questions and get answers.

CONSENT ITEM:

Council President Tartaro moved the following item as consent: (1) to authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Governor and our representatives in the State Legislature to express our concerns and highlight the negative the impacts to our local schools due to the proposed state education funding cuts (Motion #31-02-11). The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:*Automated Speed Enforcement Program*

Chief Holland presented a summary of the Maryland Laws on implementing an automated speed enforcement system, a summary of the draft ordinance to enable the City to implement an automated speed enforcement system which will require changes to Chapter 114, Vehicles and Traffic Articles 1 through IV, and an outline of the steps that need to be taken to implement an automated speed enforcement system. Chief Holland responded to questions from the Mayor and Council on the proposed program.

Approval of Leadership and Strategic Planning Proposal

City Administrator Rose provided an overview of the Leadership and Strategic Planning Workshops. It is 12 days of workshops on leadership and strategic planning. The goal for the workshops is to obtain consensus on the vision and legacy plan to establish priorities for the City. It is proposed not to exceed \$20,000. The timing is based on the current Budget process and because it is a critical need for the organization to establish a clear direction for staff. City Administrator Rose responded to questions from the Mayor and Council. The workshop scheduling will be dependent on Council's schedule but the intention is to move forward quickly. City Administrator Rose provided information on the Consultant, Mr. Sumak. Mr. Sumak has worked with large cities and small cities and has been in this line of work for 25 years. The purpose is to align the priorities of the staff with the Council's and residents priorities. This project is a 1-2 day workshop with the Council and the majority is with Staff.

Facilities Report on the Status of Staff Requests for the 3505 Hamilton Street Repairs

Council President Tartaro provided a report on his walk through of the City's Building at 3505 Hamilton Street in response to a request from the Staff on a list of items needing repairs or replacement at 3505 Hamilton Street. Council President Tartaro, Council member David Hiles and Public Works Director Ryan conducted a walk-through at 3505 Hamilton Street on Friday, February 11, 2011. Council President Tartaro stated that the Mayor and Council need to give clear direction to staff on the building's maintenance and repair. Six items were reviewed during the walk-through: waterproofing, erection of canvas awnings over outside stairwells, repairs of water damage, HVAC software upgrade; install a security system, and a new sign panel for the existing sign frame.

Waterproofing: There are some areas of water infiltration at the building. Council President Tartaro recommends downspouts repairs and re-grading.

Canvas awnings: There is flooding in the areaways due to clogged drains. Council President Tartaro recommends large mesh screens around drains in the areaways.

Water damage repair: There is some water damage in various locations in the building. Council President Tartaro recommends re-grading so that water is not trapped against the

foundation and/or removing the damaged materials, treat if mold is found and then leave the building as is until its use has been determined.

The Council had a lengthy discussion about the cause of the water damage in the building and the extent of the water damage.

HVAC software upgrade and installation of a security system both make sense for the building and Council President Tartaro supports but requests additional information. Staff needs to recommend a sign panel and is certainly warranted. The Mayor and Council need to determine if the building will not be occupied and then direct staff to mothball the building. Council President Tartaro recommends that the outside of the building be painted all the wood needs to be primed and painted.

There was a lengthy discussion on mothballing of the building as well as potential sources of funds to carry out repairs. Council President Tartaro recommended that the City develop a mothball plan for the building. City Administrator Rose stated that he instructed staff that the building is not be used.


40th Place/Crittenden Street Project

Council President Tartaro provided a summary of this project and of his meeting with residents and his recommendations on the project. There was a lengthy discussion on the roadway width, sidewalk width, takings of property, impacting on resident's improvements and power pole conflicts. There was also a lengthy discussion on the development of the plans by Brudis & Associates and on how to proceed on this project. There was also a lengthy discussion on the history of the project. There was also a discussion of the presentation that BAI should make to the Council and at what upcoming Council Meeting should the presentation be scheduled.

Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2011, to discuss a personnel matter (Motion# 32-02-11).
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting went to closed session at 10:27 p.m. and did not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk

Pursuant to the requirement of Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-509(c) (2), this statement is included in these minutes:

A closed session of the Council of the City of Hyattsville was held at 10:20 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2011, in the City of Hyattsville Municipal Building, Third Floor Council Chambers.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro, Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds, Douglas Dudrow, David Hiles, Matthew McKnight and Timothy Hunt.

Also present were City Administrator Rose, Assistant City Administrator Jones, City Attorney Colaresi, and Community Development Manager Chandler

*On a motion made as follows by Council President Tartaro: **Council President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of Monday, February 7, 2011, to obtain legal advice from the City Attorney regarding contract negotiations** (Motion# 24-02-11). A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously. *The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(7) – To consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on a potential real-estate matter.* The purpose of the meeting was to obtain legal advice from the City Attorney on a proposed real-estate matter. The Closed Session ended at 11:25 p.m.*