

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

April 18, 2011

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro (arrived 8:09 p.m.), Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 8:08 p.m.), Nicole Hinds (arrived 8:15 p.m.), Douglas Dudrow, Matthew McKnight and Timothy Hunt (arrived at 8:15 p.m.). Council Member Hiles was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Rose, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Public Works Ryan, Director of Recreation & the Arts Yeskulsy, Communication Manager Sandel, Community Development Manager Chandler, IT Manager Fahnbulleh, Senior Inspector Giunta, City Treasurer Stookey and City Clerk Barber.

Mayor Gardiner requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of former Maryland Governor Donald Schaffer.

### **PRESENTATION:**

#### *Route 1 Velo Presentation to Special Olympics*

Mr. Chris Davidson, Route 1 Velo, presented a check for \$3,500.00 to the Special Olympics Prince George's County/Maryland on behalf of Route 1 Velo and Arrow Bicycles.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of April 18, 2011.** The agenda was reordered to move the Consent Items prior to the presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council President Tartaro moved the following items as consent: (1) to sign a proclamation of appreciation for John Mitchel on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Hyattsville, for his 40 years of dedicated service to DeMatha Catholic High School and his award winning music programs (Motion# 77-04-11); (2) to send a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Zoning Appeals Administrator Anne F. Carter supporting V-26-11, a request to validate existing conditions and construct a screened porch on the premises known as Lot 41, Resubdivision of Lots 23-24 & Part of 25 of**

**Hyatt & Smith's Addition to Hyattsville Subdivision, being 4106 Decatur Street, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland contrary to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance (Motion# 72-04-11); (3) to authorize the contribution of \$1,000.00, to assist with the total cost of the Wells Run Nine Pond Feasibility Study, the purpose of which is to determine the physical and financial feasibility of utilizing this area as a regional storm water management solution and additionally authorize the City Administrator to issue correspondence to the Town of University Park requesting a draft of the feasibility study for review by the City of Hyattsville's appointed Wells Run Committee Members (Motion# 75-04-11). The motion passed unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

### *FY12 Budget Review: Communications*

Communications Manager Sandel presented the Draft Communications and Cable Television Draft Budget for FY12. She presented the Department's goals and objectives, proposed FY12 staffing, the status of FY11 projects and priorities, FY12 Budget requests, and the proposed FY12 Operating Budget. Ms. Sandel responded to questions of clarification from the Mayor and Council.

### *FY12 Budget Review: Presentation of Proposed Revised FY11 Annual Operating Budget and Proposed FY12 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Plan Budgets*

City Administrator Rose presented the City proposed revised FY11 Operating Budget and the Draft FY12 proposed Operating Budget. Mr. Rose presented the major highlights of the proposed FY12 operating budget, a summary of the FY12 revenue sources, General Fund Highlights and revenue and expenditure summaries. City Administrator Rose also presented the Draft FY12 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan Budget. Mr. Rose presented a proposed Capital Projects Fund Summary, a Funding Source Summary and the CIP for each department through 2012. City Administrator Rose and City Treasurer Stookey responded to questions of clarification from the Mayor and Council.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Herb Hille, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council; he stated his support of the renewing the Hyattsville Life & Times contract.

Ms. Victoria Boucher-Hille, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council, she stated her support of the renewing the Hyattsville Life & Times contract. She noted the on-line version.

Joseph Gigliotti, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council, he is the general counsel for the Hyattsville Life and Times, and stated his support of the renewing the Hyattsville Life & Times contract.

Ms. Karen Rile, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council, She stated her support of the renewing the Hyattsville Life & Times contract. She noted that she is a board member for the paper.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the final report that recommended the adoption of the once-a-week trash collection program. He stated his support of the renewing the Hyattsville Life & Times contract. Mr. Marshall requested clarification on the White Goods proposal. Additionally, Mr. Marshall made some comments on the revised FY11 Budget and the proposed FY12 Budget.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### *Administration*

City Administrator Rose addressed the Mayor and Council on the on-going projects and items being addressed by the Administration Department. In his first 90 days he has been assessing the City's organizational structure and programs to try and identify opportunities for improvement. Mr. Rose has been communicating with the Mayor and Council in his weekly report. Mr. Rose has reached out to stakeholders on their perspective of the City and he has been working on the FY12 Budget and CIP.

### *Department of Public Works*

Director of Public Works Ryan addressed the Mayor and Council with Department of Public Work's first quarter report from the department. Director Ryan highlighted the once-a-week trash collection evaluation and report; opened reviewed and drafted a recommendation for the White Goods collection; drafted, opened and rewarded bids for electrical and plumbing maintenance contracts; approved Engineering Contract for CPJ for University Hills project; worked with Community in the drafting and awarding of an agreement with G&O for University Hills. He provided a list of projects that the Department is working on and also provided statistics on Departmental work for the quarter.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Council Member Perry moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to convey to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince George's County Board of Education the City's opposition to the request to vacate rights-of-way adjacent to Nicholas Orem Middle School. The City will consent to the vacation of the rights-of-way when the Board of Education changes the site plan for the new elementary school such that all vehicular access is from Editor's Park Drive (Motion# 74-04-11). The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. The motion passed with Council Member Hiles voting against.**

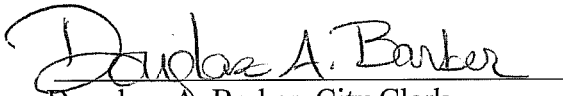
**Council Member Hinds moved that the Mayor and Council permanently adopt the Once a Week Refuse Collection Policy (Motion# 78-04-11).**

Director of Public Works Ryan provided a brief overview of the program and cost savings. The issue was discussed at length. The motion passed with Council Members Frazier and Perry voting against.

**Council Member Hinds moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of April 18, 2011.** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglass 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 10:40 p.m., Monday, April 11, 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,

*On a motion made as follows by Council Vice President Tierney: **Council Vice President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council close the meeting of April 11, 2011, to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to locate within the state** (Motion# 71-04-11). A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. *The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(4) – To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business to locate within the state. The meeting ended at 10:52 p.m.**