

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

May 16, 2011

Mayor Marc Tartaro called the meeting of the Council to order at 9:37 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

A deputy from the Prince George's County Clerk Marylyn Bland's office issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Marc Tartaro, Mayor, Ms. Candace Hollingsworth, Council Member Ward 1, Ms. Shani Warner, Council Member Ward 2, Mr. Timothy Hunt, Council Member Ward 3, Ms. Paula Perry, Council Member Ward 4, and Ms. Nicole Hinds Mofor, Council Member Ward 5.

Present were Mayor Marc Tartaro and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds, David Hiles, Matthew McKnight, Timothy Hunt, Candace Hollingsworth, and Shani Warner.

Also present were City Administrator Rose, Assistant City Administrator Jones, City Treasurer Stookey, Communications Manager Sandel, City Attorney Colaresi and City Clerk Barber.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council Member Hollingsworth moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of May 16, 2011, as modified.** Council Member Hinds and Council Member Hunt requested Motion # 94-05-11 (Accept and Appropriate a Donation in the Amount of \$330.00 from Clean Currents for the purchase of Native Plants) be moved to the discussion agenda and Mayor Tartaro requested Motion# 95-05-11 (Reappointment of the City Attorney) be moved to the consent agenda. The proposed changes to the agenda were accepted by the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Member Hollingsworth moved the following items as consent: (1) to accept an appropriate a donation from Safeway in the amount of \$100.00 on support of Bike to Work Day (Motion# 93-05-11); (2) to reappoint Richard T. Colaresi, Esquire, of Karpinski, Colaresi & Karp located in Baltimore, Maryland, as City Attorney at an hourly rate of \$140.00 per hour (Motion# 95-05-11).** The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the re-appointment of City Attorney Colaresi. Mr. Marshall commented on the proposed vacation of

streets by the proposed new elementary school to be located next to Nicholas Orem Middle School.

Mr. Stuart Eisenberg, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council; he congratulated the new members of the Council and Mayor Tartaro; he looks forward to continuing to working with the Mayor and Council with role as the Hyattsville CDC Executive Director.

#### **ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

Mayor Tartaro requested nominations for the Council President position. The following nominations were made:

Council Member Frazier nominated Council Member Perry for Council President and Council Member Lizanne nominated Council Member McKnight. A roll call vote was taken. Council Member Perry received 4 votes and Council Member McKnight received 5 votes. Mayor Tartaro noted prior to the vote that he would not be voting. **Council Member Hiles moved to adjourn the meeting.** The motion to adjourn failed with Council Member Lizanne voting for. **Council Member McKnight moved to table the appointment of Council Officers until the next Council Meeting.** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Approval of Vacation of Rights-of-Way Adjacent to Nicholas Orem Middle School for the new Hyattsville Area Elementary School*


The Mayor and Council discussed at length the revised proposal for the Rights-of-Way Adjacent to Nicholas Orem Middle School for the new Hyattsville Area Elementary. The Mayor and Council expressed their concerns of the proposed entrance for the school in the residential area and additional traffic the current proposal brings to an already congested residential area. City Attorney Colaresi provided clarification at the Mayor and Council's request on the issue of the Right-of-Way.

Mayor Tartaro closed the meeting by noting the upcoming community events and meeting for the coming week.

**Council Member Hinds moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of May 16, 2011.** The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk