

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

May 23, 2011

Mayor Marc Tartaro opened the Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

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

Also present were City Administrator Rose, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Public Works Ryan, City Attorney Colaresi, Communication Manager Sandel and City Clerk Barber.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to allow residents and all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Budget.

City Administrator Rose provided a brief overview of the FY12 Budget including a summary of all revenue and expenditures by fund. Mr. Rose identified the major changes to the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund. Mr. Rose responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Bill Tierney, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council on the FY12 Budget. He noted that the Council was not following the GFOA process which requires a 5-year projection for any budget changes. He stated that residents did not have the revised budget prior to the public hearing and that residents have been waiting over an hour to address the Mayor and Council. Mr. Tierney provided comment on various aspects of the budget.

Mr. Mark Matulef, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council on the FY12 Budget. He stated that detailed budget information would be more helpful and engaging to residents. He requested information on the completion of the street rehabilitation program. He requested information on why improvements to the Municipal Building have not been expended. He stated that the City should not fund any new Special Capital projects until the funded projects have been completed including work on the Municipal Building and parking projects. He stated that changes need to be made to the Budget process to engage the public and recommended starting up a Finance Committee.


Patrick O'Hagan, a City Employee and President of F.O.P. Lodge #119, addressed the Mayor and Council on the FY12 Budget. He discussed the City's pay scale and previous support of Cost of Living Adjustments. He stated his support for a Cost of Living Allowance for City Staff. He also stated his support of an additional parking enforcement officer and the automated speed camera program.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council on the FY12 Budget. He requested clarification on the status of the Human Resources Manager position and the Communications Fellow position. He requested clarification on the cost estimate for the Crittenden Street project. He stated his support of a Cost of Living Allowance for Staff. He stated his support of a four wheel drive vehicle for Code Enforcement. He noted that there have been rising consultant costs in the City's Budget. He suggested outsourcing street sweeping. He stated that he does not support providing any funding to the Fire Department until current and accurate financial statements are available for review to the public. He suggested moving the budget presentations out of the Council Chambers to encourage more resident participation. He strongly supports providing training and equipment to the Police Department.

The Mayor noted that his goal for FY13 is to approve a budget by May 1, 2013 and that the process will begin in January 2012.

The Public Hearing ended at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk