

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

January 30, 2012

Hyattsville Redistricting Committee, Chair, Dr. David Rain, opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Redistricting Committee Member's: Dr. David Rain (Chair), Ms. Chris Hinojosa, City Attorney Colaresi, GIS Tech Diaz, and City Clerk Barber. Redistricting Committee Member Lisa (Ana) Pineda was absent.

Present from the City Council were Council Vice President David Hiles (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Paula Perry, Timothy Hunt, Candace Hollingsworth, and Shani Warner.

Also present was Acting City Administrator Holland.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input from the public on the redistricting process and the needs of the City.

Dr. David Rain (Chair) provided a brief overview of the committee's process. Dr. Rain noted that redistricting is mandated by law and to accomplish it that the Council appointed a committee to prepare a redistricting plan for the City of Hyattsville. The proposed plan(s) will re-align the City's five Wards to reflect 2010 Census data. Dr. Rain addressed the current wards and statistics, and provided informational data on the current boundaries. The committee's work is to have the wards be contiguous, compact, and respect geographic neighborhoods, and communities of interest. Information on the current wards were made available to the public. Dr. Rain advised that this is a public hearing and not a presentation and he encouraged public participation. Dr. Rain noted the time-line the committee is following and reminded the audience that all redistricting meetings were open to the public. The redistricting committee will be providing to the Mayor and Council preliminary plans by February 15, 2012, which will be discussed at the Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Dr. Rain noted that the record will remain open for public comment until Monday, February 6, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Timothy Hunt, the Ward 3 Council Member, addressed Dr. Rain; he requested census data being used from the 2010 census. Information was provided by GIS Tech Andrew Diaz during the meeting.

Ms. Shani Warner, the Ward 2 Council Member, addressed Dr. Rain; she requested census data being used from the 2010 census, the current census numbers for each of the wards, and

when the proposed changes go into effect. Information was provided by GIS Tech Andrew Diaz during the meeting. City Attorney Colaresi noted that the plans would be reviewed, approved, and adopted by the City Council, and at that time would be decided upon the effective date of the plans.

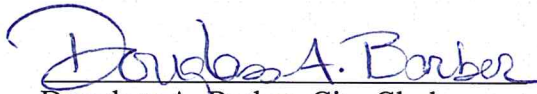
Ms. Paula Perry, the Ward 4 Council Member, addressed Dr. Rain; she asked that the committee clearly understand the many apartments complexes located in Ward 1 and Ward 5, and also where the business districts are located Dr. Rain responded the committee has to look at the census numbers only when considering redistricting.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed Dr. Rain; he addressed the issue of the Ward 3 boundaries. Mr. Marshall later addressed Dr. Rain regarding the consequences if the City does not changes the boundaries. City Attorney Colaresi provided the response to the question as to the legal requirements the City must follow regarding redistricting. Mr. Marshall requested information on the current boundaries. The information was provided during the meeting.

Mr. David Hiles, Council Vice President and Ward 2 representative, addressed Dr. Rain; he noted the lack of compactness in the current wards.

The Public Hearing ended at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk