

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

March 12, 2012

Mayor Marc Tartaro called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:10 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, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Timothy Hunt, Candace Hollingsworth, Shani Warner, and Eric Wingard. Council Members Paula Perry, Nicole Hinds, and Carlos Lizanne were absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator Holland, City Treasurer Stookey, Human Resources Director Vermillion, City Attorney Colaresi and City Clerk Barber.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of Monday, March 12, 2012, as amended.** Council President McKnight requested that the discussion of the Exchange Server Hosting be placed on the meeting agenda of March 19, 2012, to allow staff the opportunity to obtain additional information prior to the Council's discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to address the Mayor and Council.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*Facility Assessment Study*

Mayor Tartaro addressed the project and referenced the proposed time-line included in the council packet. Mayor Tartaro fielded questions of clarification on the proposed time-line for the project relating to the buildings at 4318 Gallatin Street, 3505 Hamilton Street, and 4310 Gallatin Street as they are transitioned and incorporated into the City's fiscal year budgets.

Mayor and Council discussed the Arcade Building and the potential move of the Police Department to 3505 Hamilton Street. He stated that the City's current bonding capacity ranges from 8 to 12 million dollars. The matter was discussed at length.

*Management of Council-Approved Projects and Initiatives*

Council Member Hollingsworth addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the motion she submitted: Management of Council-Approved Projects and Initiatives. Commentary was provided by Council Members and Staff. Council Member Hollingsworth provided clarification to questions and concerns. City Attorney Colaresi provided counsel and urged that revisions be made to the proposed motion.

*Code of Ethics*

City Attorney Colaresi requested comments from the City Council as he would like to send the proposed ordinance to the State Ethics Board. In addition, a public announcement was made by the City Attorney assuring that he will keep Council informed on the issue regarding Washington Gas Light.

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council close the Special Council Meeting of Monday, March 12, 2012, to discuss personnel issues (Motion# 52-03-12).** A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

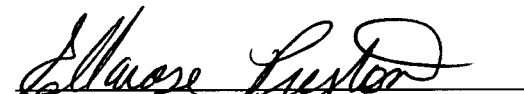
The Mayor and Council went into the closed session at 10:06 p.m.

Motion to Return to Open Session - Council President McKnight and Council Member Hunt moved to return to open session. (Motion# 53-03-12) The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn – Hunt/Warner

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ellarose Preston, Acting 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 10:06 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2012, in the City of Hyattsville Municipal Building, Third Floor Council Chambers.*

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

Also present were Acting City Administrator Holland, City Attorney Colaresi, and City Clerk Barber.

*On a motion made as follows by Council President McKnight: **Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of Monday, March 12, 2012, to discuss personnel issues and potential legal issues with the City Attorney** (Motion# 52-03-12). 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)(7) – To Consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.* The City Attorney provided his periodic update to the Mayor and Council regarding any potential or pending litigation. The closed session ended at 11:17 p.m.*