

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

March 26, 2012

Mayor Marc Tartaro opened the Public Hearing at 7:33p.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, Nicole Hinds (arrived at 7:36 p.m.), Timothy Hunt, Candace Hollingsworth, and Shani Warner. Council Members Carlos Lizanne and Eric Wingard were absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator Holland, Acting Recreation & the Arts Director Sandel, City Treasurer Stookey, and City Clerk Barber.

The Public Hearing is an opportunity to allow all residents and interested parties to comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Real Property Tax Rate. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss and establish the Real Property Tax Rate.

Mayor Tartaro gave a brief introduction on the Real Property Tax Rate and the City's recommendations.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Council; he stated that he had concerns with the availability of tax documentation prior to this hearing. Additionally, he stated there was no proposed budget; therefore this process seemed unconventional to him.

Mayor Tartaro addressed Mr. Marshall's budget concerns explaining that this hearing was the first step in the process.

Mr. John Milligan, a Ward 5 resident, addressed the Council. He stated his concerns with the fate of the old BB&T building. He was a part of the BB&T task force and has seen no advancement on this issue.

Mayor Tartaro stated that the budget process will include plans for that building in the CIP. He also stated that he would follow-up with Mr. Milligan on this issue.

City Treasurer Stookey noted that the City was not required to have a Public Hearing this year since the tax rate remained the same. She added that it was good practice to hold a public hearing despite the lack of state requirement.

Council Member Warner asked when was the last time that the tax rate had changed.

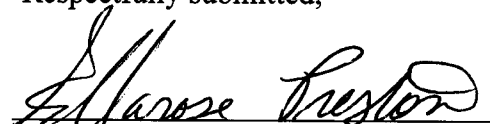
Mayor Tartaro explained that it had not been changed since he introduced it in 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Ellarose Preston, Acting City Clerk