

**SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION/COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

April 18, 2012

Mayor Marc Tartaro called the special budget work session/meeting of the Council to order at 8:05 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, Paula Perry, Timothy Hunt, Candace Hollingsworth, Shani Warner, and Eric Wingard. Council Members Nicole Hinds and Carlos Lizanne were absent.

Also present were City Treasurer Stookey, Acting Department of Public Works Director McTague, Community and Economic Development Director Chandler, Acting Supervisor of Code Enforcement Giunta, and Executive Assistant Preston.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of Wednesday, April 18, 2012, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council with a question of whether or not Council would be discussing or acting on the redistricting motion that evening. The Mayor advised that the motion was for discussion but could be acted upon if Council came to a consensus.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Public Works Departments/Divisions as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 88-04-12). The Mayor led a lengthy discussion on the department of Public Works FY13 Budget. Council Member Hunt expressed difficulty understanding the accuracy of numbers without seeing the capital improvement projects document. The motion passed with one abstention from Council Member Hunt.

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Community/Economic Development Departments/Divisions as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 89-04-12). After distributing print outs of the Community and Economic Development organizational chart at the request of Council Member Perry, the Mayor led a lengthy discussion on the Community and Economic Development FY13 Budget.

After much discussion concerning the reorganization of parking services and Code Enforcement, it was decided that this motion would be placed on the agenda for the council meeting of April 23, 2012. No action was taken.


Redistricting Plan

Mayor Tartaro opened the floor for Council Members to discuss the plans for redistricting proposed by the redistricting committee. Each council member gave their preference for which plan should be chosen and why. After a lengthy discussion, most council members supported plan 2b. Some reasons for supporting this plan were the minority opportunity ward, and having two Council Members per ward. Mayor Tartaro abstained from providing his preference on the redistricting plans. Additionally, he proposed adding another public meeting and council meeting geared solely to redistricting. He would compose this motion for the next council meeting's agenda.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Budget Work Session/Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

The Special Budget Work Session/Council Meeting of April 18, 2012, ended at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellarose Preston, Executive Assistant