

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

April 23, 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 (arrived at 8:25 p.m.), Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Candace Hollingsworth, Shani Warner, and Eric Wingard. Council Members Nicole Hinds and Timothy Hunt were absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator Stookey, Police Chief Holland, Human Resources Director Vermillion, Community & Economic Development Director Chandler, Acting Public Works Director McTague, Acting Supervisor of Code Enforcement Giunta, Administrative Aide II Kea, and Acting City Clerk Preston.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of Monday, April 23, 2012, as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Groves, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated his support for the Maryland Sustainability Program that Community & Economic Development Director, Jim Chandler, and University of Maryland Graduate student, Mr. Trent Wells, implemented within the City of Hyattsville.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Sustainable Maryland Certified – Mr. Trent Wells, Graduate Student, University of Maryland.*

Mr. Trent Wells provided detailed information to the Mayor and Council explaining the importance of SMC (Sustainable Maryland Certified). He further explained the certification's requirements, how the process was created, what the final results will be, and the next possible steps for the City.

*PEPCO's Tree Management Program – Mr. Jerry Pasternak, Vice President PEPCO Region Maryland Affairs*

Mr. Jerry Pasternak addressed Mayor and Council and reviewed procedures for working with the City on incidents dealing with vegetation management, tree pruning, and tree removal. Mr. Pasternak further explained the details of the 5 Year Reliability Enhancement Plan which was introduced in September 2010. The purpose of the plan is to improve reliability for customers by upgrading infrastructures, vegetation management, and technology as well as replacing underground cables. By the end of 2012, the goal is to cure 22,000 feet of underground cable in Hyattsville.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the following items as consent: (1) Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding the Renewal of the Comcast Cable Franchise for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion# 97-04-12); (2) Approve and adopt the City of Hyattsville's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, a document which provides actionable recommendations for addressing the removal of ADA barriers to insure the City of Hyattsville is compliant with applicable ADA requirements (Motion# 90-04-12); (3) Approval of F.O.P. Request to Operate a Carnival at 5620 Ager Road, Hyattsville, MD Beginning May 3, 2012 and ending on May 13, 2012 (Motion# 92-04-12); (4) Schedule a Community Meeting for Wednesday May 2, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. Regarding Redistricting (Motion# 93-04-12); (5) Schedule a Special Council Meeting for Wednesday May 2, 2012, at 8:30 p.m. (Motion# 94-04-12). The motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**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). Mayor Tartaro led a brief discussion and recap of issues mentioned at the previous week's council meeting. The motion passed with seven with Mayor Tartaro, Council President McKnight, Council Vice President Hiles, Council Members Lizanne, Hollingsworth, Warner, and Wingard for it and Council Members Frazier, and Perry against it.**

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Police Departments/Divisions as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 95-04-12). The motion passed unanimously.**

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve a position description for and authorization to hire a dual automated speed camera program manager and police technology oversight manager at the rank of sergeant, and that GPS implementation for CAD/RMS and an assessment of the position will take place within 6 months of the initial hire (Motion# 96-04-12). President McKnight led the discussion and**

expressed his support for the motion. He also suggested that the motion be amended to reflect a dual instead of "split" position. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

**Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the re-classified Police Department position descriptions for the positions of School Resource Officer and Accreditation Manager (Motion# 91-04-12).** Police Chief Holland gave a brief explanation and recap of the position descriptions. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:**


*Capital Improvement Projects Budget*

Mayor Tartaro led a discussion on the CIP Budget accompanied by a power point presentation. Many topics were discussed including the ERP software, IT upgrades, and sidewalks. Police Chief Holland gave additional explanation with regard to the CCTV program, the K-9 unit and the radar/lidar speed units. While discussing vehicle replacement and the corresponding fleet study, Council Member Hollingsworth requested that Acting DPW Director McTague attend the council meeting of April 25th to provide information on the fleet study. The motion was tabled until April 25, 2012.

**Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of Monday, April 23, 2012.** The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting of April 23, 2012, ended at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Ellarose Preston, Acting City Clerk