

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

April 30, 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 8:18 p.m.), Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Candace Hollingsworth, Shani Warner, Eric Wingard (arrived at 8:28 p.m.), Timothy Hunt, and Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 8:25 p.m.). Council Member Nicole Hinds was absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator Stookey, Police Chief Holland, and Acting City Clerk Preston.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda of Monday, April 30, 2012, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Valrie Hames, a Ward 4 resident, discussed her concerns with redevelopments within Ward 4. Some of those concerns included: 1.) The crosswalk light at Ager Road leading to the Metro Station (the light does not provide enough time for residents to walk across the path.) 2.) The removal of the trees on Hamilton Street as well as the array of colorful storefronts along the street. Ms. Hames felt that the various properties and storefronts should have a more uniform look. 3.) The need for a bike path between Hamilton Street and Magruder Park. 4.) The lack of parking at Heurich Dog Park. 5.) The need for speed bumps on Nicholson Street.

Ms. Jennifer Kubit, a Ward 4 resident, discussed road improvements and items on the CIP budget. Ms. Kubit stated that the only item listed for Ward 4 capital improvement was installation of parking meters, which pales in comparison to speed bumps, call boxes, and biker friendly improvements that other Wards have experienced.

Mayor Tartaro discussed some improvements and ongoing projects happening in the areas mentioned at last week's meeting and by public comment this evening. He clarified that Hamilton Street is not a City owned street, but a County owned street. In regards to the removal of trees along Hamilton Street, the City of Hyattsville and the County DPW are working towards replanting trees as well as a complete redesign of the median with volunteer

help during the fall. Mayor Tartaro also mentioned that the Façade Program still has a significant amount of funds (approximately \$250,000) to complete their next phase, which is targeting all the businesses in West Hyattsville to give them an opportunity to have a matching grant. In addition, engineering will be done on Nicholson Street as the first step of a feasibility study and the Safe Routes to School Program. This is set to occur before the end of the next fiscal year, which is June 30th. Mayor Tartaro also gave a listing of roads within Hyattsville that will be repaired in the upcoming months.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the CIP as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 98-04-12). Mayor Tartaro continued the discussion on the CIP Budget. The discussion included an explanation from the Mayor on how he envisioned moving forward with the projects outlined in the CIP Budget. Council Members Hunt and Perry expressed desires not to support the CIP Budget. They both had concerns about some of the projects in the CIP and the lack of funding for projects to take place in the University Hills area. Council Member Hiles was supportive of the CIP Budget and reiterated the Mayor's statements about it simply being a framework. He also mentioned that once a budget is passed, it can be amended but requires at least seven votes. Council Member Frazier stated that she was in agreement with Council Member Perry with regards to the desire to mothball the BB&T building. The motion passed with Mayor Tartaro, Council President McKnight, Council Vice President Hiles, and Council Members Lizanne, Hollingsworth, Warner, and Wingard voting for it, and Council Members Frazier, Perry, and Hunt voting against it.

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Special Revenue Fund as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 99-04-12). Acting City Administrator Elaine Stookey gave a brief description of the motion. The five components that make up the Special Revenue Fund were a \$19,000 grant from Park and Planning, \$80,000 from the County for the school resource officer, \$221,700 for façade projects, \$269,165 for parking, and \$4,608,000 estimated value for the speed camera total revenue including fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council accept the Debt Service Fund as presented in the proposed FY13 Budget (Motion# 100-04-12). Acting City Administrator Stookey gave a brief description of the motion. The Debt Service Fund contained transfers from the general fund for payments due on outstanding bond issues and leases totaling \$1,446,030. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2012-04, an Ordinance to Adopt an Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, for the General Purpose, to fix the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012, and to Authorize Collection of Taxes herein levied, and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year, as amended (First Reading) (Motion# 101-04-12). Council Member Hollingsworth questioned why the motion was labeled "emergency".

The Mayor explained that in order to pass it that night, it had to be labeled as such. The budget schedule had been held back for various reasons. Council Member Hollingsworth moved to amend the motion to be a first reading instead of an emergency, Hunt provided a second for the motion. The amended motion passed with Council Members Frazier, Perry, Hunt, Hollingsworth, Warner, and Wingard voting for it. Mayor Tartaro, Council President McKnight, and Council Vice President Hiles voted against it. There was one abstention from Council Member Lizanne.

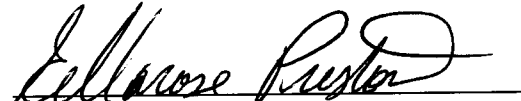
Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council close the Special Budget Work Session/Council Meeting of April 30, 2012, to discuss contract negotiations (Motion# 103-04-12).

Motion to Return to Open Session

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Budget Work Session/Council Meeting of Monday, April 30, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting of April 30, 2012, ended at 9:34 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 9:36 p.m., Monday, April 30, 2012, in the City of Hyattsville Municipal Building, Third Floor Council Chambers.

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, Carlos Lizanne, Eric Wingard, and Shani Warner. Council Member Nicole Hinds was absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator Stookey and Acting City Clerk Preston.

*On a motion made as follows by Council President McKnight: **Council President McKnight moved that the Mayor and Council close the Special Budget Work Session/Council Meeting of Monday, April 30, 2012, to discuss contract negotiations** (Motion# 103-04-12). 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)(1) – To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction: or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.* The closed session ended at 9:50 p.m.*