

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

November 17, 2008

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:01 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Bill Tierney, Council Vice President Anthony Patterson, and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Mark Matulef (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), Krista Atteberry, Nicole Hinds, and Douglas Dudrow. Council Member Tartaro was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Holland, City Attorney Colaresi (arrived at 8:09 p.m.), and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed, unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Council President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Murphy addressed the Mayor and Council; she noted the many project being addressed by the administrative office. Assistant City Administrator Jones provided information on the vacant positions, current staffing levels, and active RFP that are being done by the City. City Administrator Murphy closed the report by responding to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council.

Chief of Police Holland addressed the Mayor and Council on the departments crime statistics for the month of October 2008 with comparisons made to 2007. Officers will begin supplemental patrols for the holidays. He also advised the Mayor and Council that several officers will be working at the Inauguration Event on January 20, 2008. Chief of Police Holland closed his report by responding to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council.

Council Member Matulef arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 114 (Parking, Commercial Vehicles, etc.)

City Attorney Colaresi addressed the Mayor and Council on the proposed revision to Hyattsville Charter and Code -Chapter 114. City Attorney Colaresi noted the many proposed revision made to Chapter 114, in which he provided clarifications and responses to questions raised by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length with City Attorney Colaresi taking under review some proposed modifications to Chapter 114. City Attorney Colaresi noted he will make the recommended revisions and provide them to the Mayor and Council for their review. Mayor Gardiner noted the information would come back to Council and be placed on an upcoming agenda as a discussion item for the Council to further discuss.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council President Tierney moved that the Council approve the following items as consent: (1) to authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to Prince George's County Council opposing the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) bill (CR-80-2008) unless it is amended to exclude the Developed Tier from the requirement to purchase development rights (Motion # 206-11-08; (2) to approve the fence variance application submitted by Victoria Boucher & Herb Hille the owners of 4101 Gallatin Street in Ward 2 (Motion # 209-11-08). The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the City Attorney, authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with TATC Consulting, in an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 to conduct a Management and Efficiency Study (Motion # 207-10-08). Assistant City Administrator Jones provided an in-depth overview of the City proposal and the process the City is following on the project. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed with Council President Tierney, Council Vice President Patterson, and Council Members Lizanne, Atteberry, and Hinds voting for and Council Members Frazier, Perry, Matulef, and Dudrow voting against.

Council Vice President Patterson moved that the Mayor and Council, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the City Attorney, authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with Unity Business Systems, in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,895.25 for the purchase and implementation of a LaserFiche document management system with the agenda management module (Motion #208-11-08). Assistant City Administrator Jones provided an in-depth overview of the document management project. The Office of the City Clerk will be the first office to implement the document management system. Mr. Jones noted that the City, with this purchase, acquired the Agenda Management Module. City Administrator Murphy noted that at this time the City is not requesting a supplemental appropriation for the acquisition of the document management system; however the City

may have to at the end of the fiscal year as the funds are coming out of the Office of the City Clerk's budget; which is already a tight budget. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of November 17, 2008.

The motion passed, unanimously.

The Council Meeting of November 17, 2008 ended at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk