



**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE, MD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:02 p.m., Council Chambers, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

- Mayor Marc Tartaro
- Council President Candace B. Hollingsworth
- Councilmember Bart Lawrence
- Councilmember Shani N. Warner
- Councilmember Robert S. Croslin
- Councilmember Timothy P. Hunt
- Councilmember Edouard N. Haba
- Councilmember Clayton R. Williams
- Councilmember Joseph Solomon

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

- Council Vice President Paula J. Perry
- Councilmember Patrick A. Paschall

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- James Chandler, Acting City Administrator, Director of Community & Economic Development
- Douglas Holland, Chief of Police
- Ron Brooks, City Treasurer
- Lesley Riddle, Director of Public Works
- Abby Sandel, Director of Community Services
- Laura Reams, City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council President Hollingsworth moved that the Council approve the agenda of Wednesday, January 29, 2014, as presented.** Councilmember Warner seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda passed; unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Brian Dylong, a Ward 3 resident and homeowner in Ward 1, addressed the Mayor and Council on the topic of trash removal services for the Oglethorpe Condominiums. Currently the condominiums contracted with an outside company for trash removal and the unit owners were responsible for their own bulk trash removal. Mr. Dylong asked the Council to consider providing trash removal to the City's apartment and condominium buildings.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the FY15 budget process. He stated that his family would like to see the City allocate funds for the repair and development of City owned properties, specifically the Arcade building and the Hamilton Street building. Mr. Marshall suggested that the City not take on additional bonds for roads for approximately 5 years. Additionally he stated that he would like to see the parks in the City improve and be expanded where possible, particularly in West Hyattsville. He suggested that homes that have been razed could be utilized as pocket parks. Mr. Marshall also said that he was looking forward to seeing the City move forward with the recommendations in the salary study in the FY15 budget.

Ms. April Downs, a ward 2 resident, stated her support for the proposed University of Maryland Shuttle 113 ridership agreement.

Councilmember Hunt said that he was passing along budget comments from his spouse and stated that her priorities were the sidewalk/road improvements and the development of City buildings.

Councilmember Croslin said that he would like to see the City set aside funds for a student writing contest. He suggested three \$75 savings bonds to be awarded to students at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Councilmember Solomon said that he was thankful for those who made comments but that he was hoping for more resident participation.

Mr. Marshall addressed the Mayor and Council for a second time regarding the City's Anniversary Parade and the International Festival stating that they were important items that should be included in the budget. He also suggested that the date for the International Festival be moved up and that the festival return to its previous form.

Ms. Massey, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the City's programs for seniors. She suggested that the City implement a program to teach seniors to become more tech savvy. She also stated that she thought the City's part time Senior Services Coordinator position should be a full time position.

Mr. Will White, a Ward 2 resident, said that he was concerned with the condition of sidewalks in the City. He stated that during the recent snowstorm sidewalks were not cleared from major thoroughfares and around commercial properties endangering pedestrian safety.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**


**Council President Hollingsworth moved that the Mayor and Council adjourn the Public Hearing of January 29, 2014.** Councilmember Haba seconded the motion. The motion passed; unanimously.

The Public Hearing of January 29, 2014 ended at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:



Laura Reams, City Clerk



Date of Minutes Approval