

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 30, 2008

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:39 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Krista Atteberry, Council Vice President Marc Tartaro (arrived at 7:43 p.m.), and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Mark Matulef, Bill Tierney (arrived at 7:46 p.m.), and Anthony Patterson. Council Members Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds, and Douglas Dudrow were absent.

Also present were Chief of Police Holland (Acting City Administrator), City Treasurer Oliphant, Director of Code Enforcement Hampton and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda as amended (additional motion provided by Council President Atteberry). The motion passed, unanimously.

Mayor Gardiner noted that City Administrator Murphy and Assistant City Administrator Jones were not present due to attending the (MCCMA) Maryland City County Managers Association annual conference.

PRESENTATIONS:

FY09 Budget Presentations – Administrative Services (Office of Communications and Public Relations, Office of Cable Television, and Debt Service), Code Enforcement and Police Department

City Treasurer Oliphant finished the FY09 Administrative Services portion of the FY09 Budget. Mr. Oliphant provided a brief overview of the Office of Communications and Public Relations and the Office of Cable Television providing the FY08 accomplishments and the proposed FY09 goals for the departments and some of the proposed changes in the departments. City Treasurer Oliphant noted that he will take questions from the Mayor and Council and then relay them on to the City Administrator for a more formal response. City Treasurer Oliphant closed the report by reviewing briefly the proposed FY09 budget relating to the City's Debt Services.

Director of Code Enforcement Hampton presented to the Mayor and Council his proposed FY09 budget with highlights on the departments FY08 goals and accomplishments. Director Hampton noted the work completed and the future plans of the Code Enforcement

Advisory Committee for the coming fiscal year. Director Hampton noted that the Code Enforcement Inspectors have been sworn in and are now able to issue parking citations. Director Hampton closed his presentation by responding to questions of clarification asked by the Mayor and Council on his presentation.

Chief of Police Holland presented the Hyattsville Police Department's proposed FY09 budget to the Mayor and Council. Chief Holland provided an in-depth overview of the department and noted the FY08 goals and accomplishments. Chief Holland provided crime statistics prior to the City's annexations and on the present to provide clarification on how the department is handling the changes and trends. Chief Holland noted the current staffing levels and proposed changes for FY09. Chief Holland closed his presentation by responding to questions of clarification by the Mayor and Council on the department's overall FY09 proposed budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to address the Mayor and Council.

ACTION ITEM:

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor send a letter on behalf of the City Council and City residents to County Executive Jack Johnson, County Councilman Will Campos and other identified appropriate County contacts in order to express concern and opposition to the proposed cut backs to the career staff coverage hours provided to the Hyattsville Fire Department by the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department (Motion# 75-04-08). Council Member Perry noted for the record that Council President Atteberry and Council Members Matulef and Patterson were co-sponsor of the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2008. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2008 ended at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk