

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

January 22, 2008

Council President Atteberry called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Council President Krista Atteberry, Council Vice President Marc Tartaro (arrived at 7:59 p.m.), and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Carlos Lizanne, Mark Matulef (arrived at 8:01 p.m.), Bill Tierney, Douglas Dudrow, and Anthony Patterson. Mayor Bill Gardiner and Council Members Paula Perry, and Nicole Hinds were absent

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Director of Public Works Henry, City Treasurer Oliphant, and City Clerk Barber.

Council President Atteberry presided over the meeting for Mayor Gardiner during his absence due to illness. Council President Atteberry noted Council Member Perry's absence due to a recent death in the family.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

DISCUSSION:

Goals and Outputs Discussion

Goals and Outputs Document (Administration, Public Works, City Clerk, Finance, and Recreation and the Arts)

- Presentation and Discussion of Resource Estimates and Timelines

The Council reviewed at length the following departments: Administration, City Clerk, and Finance relating to the Goals and Outputs document with emphasis placed on the resource estimates and timeline. The Affected Department Directors discussed and responded to questions of clarification asked by the Council. After, Council President Atteberry noted that additional time would be given at the Council Meeting of February 4, 2008 for the departments of Public Works and Recreation and the Arts that had yet to be discussed.

Note for the Record: Council Vice President Tartaro arrived at 7:59 p.m. and Council Member Matulef arrived at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2008. The motion passed, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Marshall 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council; he brought the issue of residential parking tickets being given out on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday to the entire neighborhood. He also expressed his concerns with the services provided by the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Ben Lipovsky, 6213 42nd Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council; he expressed his concerns with the parking tickets that were given out during the recent Holiday.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Murphy reported to the Council on a recent meeting held with an HR consultant regarding work on a salary survey, that is anticipated to come forward to the Mayor and Council some time in February 2008. City Administrator Murphy, along with input from City Treasurer Oliphant, provided a brief discussion on the proposed parking meters and provided a sample meter as an example for the Council to consider. The Palm Meter is the City Staff's recommendation for the meters to be placed at the UTC development. Ms. Murphy provided a brochure with information for Council's review. City Treasurer Oliphant provided additional information on the meters at the City Administrator Murphy's request. Ms. Murphy responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council

Chief of Police Holland reported to the Mayor and Council on year-end calendar to date crime statistics compared from 2007 to 2006. Chief Holland noted that a more formal report would be prepared and presented to the Mayor and Council and the public at a future meeting. Chief Holland noted that the theft increases in 2007 is mainly due to the annexation of the east-west highway corridor into Hyattsville. Chief Holland closed his report by providing a brief update on the police departments goals and outputs and noted the upcoming due dates and some outcomes for some of the goals.

City Treasurer Oliphant reported to the Mayor and Council that the draft audit report is being worked on with the auditors and the City. City Treasurer Oliphant reported that additional funds are available from debt services and the Council will need to decide what the City should do with the additional funds, and to assist the Council he noted that the staff will be providing their recommendations. The issue will be coming back to Council on the first meeting in March.

Note: The Director of Recreation and the Arts Mood was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, her report will be given at a later Council Meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Tierney read the following statement as it was presented on the Council Meeting Agenda of January 22, 2008: In accordance with the City policy on Residential Parking, the recommendations proposed in the staff report will become effective 30 days after the issuance of the report unless Council took action to the contrary. However, in order to facilitate future tracking of the action, the motions below are offered. **Council Member Tierney moved that the following items be moved as consent: (1) to accept the staff report and recommendation to approve the designation of the 3000 block of Gumwood Drive as a Residential Parking Permit District (incorporated in parking zone 12), with the residential parking restrictions enforced at all times (Motion #11-01-08); (2) to have Motion #08-01-08 Infrastructure and Property Tax Task Force Merger and Appointments that was table until the Council Meeting of January 22, 2008 and to now request to keep the item on the table until the Council Meeting of February 4, 2008.** (Motion# 08-01-08) The motion passed with Council Member Matulef voting against.

ACTION ITEMS:

Note for the Record: Motion# 10-01-08 Acceptance of the staff report and recommendation to deny the request to designate the 7200 block of Hitching Post Lane as a Residential Parking Permit District was removed from the Council Meeting Agenda of January 22, 2008 prior to the approval of the Agenda by Council Member Patterson this item will return to the Council at a later meeting.

Council Member Patterson moved to table Motion# 228-12-07 UTC Parking Meter Installation. The motion passed, unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Council President Atteberry advised that the following discussion items would be discussed at the February 4, 2008: Collective Bargaining and the Marketing Committee Re-Establishment.

Council Member Tartaro moved that the Council close the meeting of January 22, 2008 to discuss a personnel matter and legal matters related to a possible contract. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed, with Council Member Matulef voting against. (Motion# 12-01-07)

Note for the Record: Council President Atteberry noted that Council would not be coming back into open session after the closed session.

The Council Meeting of January 22, 2008 ended at 9:06 p.m.

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk