

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

December 3, 2007

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:02 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 8:09 p.m.), and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry (arrived at 8:04 p.m.), Carlos Lizanne, Mark Matulef, Nicole Hinds (arrived at 8:06 p.m.), Bill Tierney, Douglas Dudrow, and Anthony Patterson.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Chief of Police Holland, City Treasurer Oliphant, Director of Code Enforcement Hampton, Community Development Manager Chandler, and City Clerk Barber

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Murphy reported to the Mayor and Council on the status of the departmental monthly reports, how they are prepared and provided to the Mayor and Council in a timely manner. Ms. Murphy noted the requested reports she provided to the Mayor and Council in the previous weeks' Council packet; one being on Snogren Design Services and the other an explanation for the need to delay the Goals and Outputs deliverable project to the Mayor and Council, as staff is still working on the project.

Director of Code Enforcement Hampton reported to the Mayor and Council that members of his staff, along with police and fire personnel, assisted with a property closure on 42nd Place. Director Hampton provided a brief summary on the records module in the code enforcement software provided by Black Bear and how the department is currently using the software component. Director Hampton closed with an update/status on the Commercial Code Brochure.

Chief of Police Holland provided a crime statistics report for the month of October 2007 with comparisons from 2006. Chief Holland provided a brief summary of the current

staffing levels for the department. Chief Holland provided an overview of the proposed RFP between Hyattsville and Greenbelt with regards to the Safe City Project. The Chief noted as more information is provided it will come forward to be reviewed by the Mayor and Council. Chief Holland responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council on items addressed in his report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Martin Glaser of Baltimore City representing Lyndon LaRouche, a political action committee, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding their work with the 110th US Congress to introduce the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007 (HBPA), copies of the documentation was provided to the Mayor and Council to review.

Mr. John Snogren, 6000 41st Avenue, and of Snogren Design, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the re-branding of the City of Hyattsville.

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council with questions from the current agenda regarding the CDBG 34 Yr proposal, comments on employee contracts, and his concerns with parking issues along Adelphi Road.

CONSENT ITEM:

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council authorize a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the 6th Annual Sonny Frazier Toy Drive. The motion passed, unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-14, an Ordinance whereby the City Council increases the general fine for municipal infractions to \$100 for a first offense and \$200 for each repeat offense as to the following chapters or sections of the City Code: Health and Sanitation (Chapter 65), Noise(Chapter 79), Peace and Good Order (Chapter 87), Peddling and Solicitation (Chapter 90), Recycling (Chapter 95), Streets and Sidewalks (Chapter 105), Inoperable Vehicles (Chapter 113), Parking on Unpaved or Unprepared Surfaces on Residential Property (Chapter 114-72.1), and Zoning (Chapter 120)(Second Reading). The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an offer of employment (enter into contract negotiations) for the Assistant City Administrator Position. The motion passed, unanimously.

Mayor Gardiner requested Community Development Manger Chandler provided a brief overview prior to the Council discussion of CDBG Year 34. **Council Member Patterson moved that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Administrator to prepare and submit an application for Payment Year 34 (PY34) Community Development**

Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds will be used for planning or consulting costs for the implementation for the Safe City program. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Community Development Manager Chandler responded to questions of clarification asked by the Mayor and Council. Council Member Matulef noted prior to the vote that he would recuse himself from voting on this issue. The motions passed with Council Member Matulef recusing himself.

Council Member Patterson moved that the Mayor and City Council adopt Hyattsville Resolution 2007-11, a resolution in support of the City of Hyattsville application for Payment Year 34 (PY34) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council authorize the Chief of Police, Director of Public Works and the Director of Code Enforcement to purchase the vehicles shown on the schedule (attached to agenda item form), all of which are being purchased off of State bid contracts except the Honda Fit for which quotes are being obtained from multiple dealers, and subject to the City Attorney's review and approval of the lease documents, authorize the City Administrator to enter into a lease/purchase contract with California First National Bank (CalFirst) for the lease/purchase funding for the vehicles.

The total cost of the vehicles will be approximately \$406,639 which will be financed over a term of three (3) years, at an effective APR of 3.5%, with payments of \$35,528.99, due quarterly, in advance, and total financing costs of \$19,710. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Vice President Tartaro moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to Prince George's County in support of the Community Development Block Grant applications by the Neighborhood Design Center, the Housing Initiative Partnership, and the Hyattsville CDC. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. The motion passed with Council Member Frazier and Perry voting against.

Council Vice President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council close the meeting of December 3, 2007 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, unanimously.

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

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 9:32 p.m.

The Council Meeting of December 3, 2007 ended at 9:32 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk