

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

October 9, 2007

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Krista Atteberry, and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Mark Matulef, Nicole Hinds, Bill Tierney, and Anthony Patterson. Council Vice President Marc Tartaro, and Council Members Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, and Douglas Dudrow were absent.

Also present were Acting City Administrator/Director of Code Enforcement Hampton, Acting Chief of Police Roski, Director of Recreation and the Arts Mood, City Treasurer Oliphant, Community Development Manager Chandler, and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Gardiner noted minor modifications prior to the motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 9, 2007. **Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda as amended.** The motion passed, unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Chapel Opticians 50th Anniversary – Proclamation

Mayor Gardiner presented a proclamation of congratulations to Mr. Robert Land and Mrs. Cynthia Land, owners of Chapel Opticians, in recognition of Chapel Opticians 50th Anniversary.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Acting City Administrator Hampton had no formal report to present to the Mayor and Council; he noted he would take any questions and pass them onto City Administrator Murphy when she returned to the office.

City Treasurer Oliphant reported to the Mayor and Council regarding the annual audit. Mr. Oliphant noted that the auditors are still working on the audit, and he has been working with them to help complete the process.

Acting Chief Roski reported to the Mayor and Council on two personnel matters he has addressed while he has been acting chief. Acting Chief Roski provided a brief overview of

the incident that took place at the Hyattsville Post Office, located across the street from the City's municipal building.

Director of Recreation and the Arts Mood reported to the Mayor and Council providing an overview of the events being planned for the coming months. Director Mood provided updated information on the Hyattsville Artist's Market and their fall schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council on current items on the Council Meeting Agenda. Mr. Marshall additionally noted his issues with the Department of Public Works concerning the issue with contractors that are doing work for the City of Hyattsville addressing the many safety concerns he has witnessed.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the following items as consent: (1) to approve a proclamation of congratulations to Chapel Opticians, Inc. upon its 50th Anniversary providing quality eyewear and services; (2) to accept, appropriate and authorize the expenditure of the \$10,933 Byrne Grant awarded to the City's Police Department by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs which will be used to acquire 13 Tasers and related accessories; (3) to authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support for the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council 2008 Challenge Cost-Share Grant application submitted by the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at the University of Maryland; (4) to accept, appropriate and authorize the expenditure of the \$40,000. in grant funding that the City has been awarded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust Urban Greening Initiative 2008; (5) to accept the petition from the residents of the 3400 Block of Stanford Street requesting to make a change to the current registered parking permit policy regarding the hours. The motion passed, unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council Member Hinds moved that the Mayor and Council discuss the proposed revision to Hyattsville City Code Chapter 112 Section 112-4 of the Hyattsville City Code (Urban Forest Ordinance), and then introduce Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-11, an ordinance whereby the City Council clarifies that a permit is not required when the City determines that a tree protected by this chapter needs to be removed and further requires that any tree expert consulted by the City may not do work or otherwise profit from further work on the particular tree (First Reading). The Mayor and Council discussed at length. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-12, an ordinance whereby the City Council changes the expiration date of business licenses to June 30th of each year (**Second Reading**). The motion passed, unanimously.

Note for the Record: City Clerk Barber upon review and preparation of the Council Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2007 learned that the introduction of Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-12 had not taken place at the meeting of October 1, 2007, so this would actually make this an introduction (First Reading) of the ordinance. City Clerk Barber will place Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-12 on the Council Meeting Agenda of October 15, 2007 for the official adoption (Second Reading).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY08 Department Goals, Outputs, and Outcomes

The Mayor and Council discussed the FY08 Department Goals, Output, and Outcomes document at length. Mayor Gardiner noted the item would return to the Council for more discussion and possible adoption at a later Council Meeting.

Motion#169-10-07 –City Position on the Inter-County Connector and Purple Line

The Mayor and Council discussed the issue and after a brief overview on the issue given by Mayor Gardiner, the Council opted to vote on the issue. **Council Member Tierney moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the Governor and our State delegation requesting that the State stop funding for the Inter-County Connector and fund improvements to existing transportation infrastructure and mass transit such as the Purple Line.** The motion passed, unanimously.

Motion#170-10-07 – Green Fleet Guidelines

The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Acting City Administrator Hampton advised that City staff has not had time to review this issue at this time. Mr. Hampton offered to obtain additional material from the City of Greenbelt on the issue.

Council President Atteberry moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 9, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, October 9, 2007 ended at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

William F. Gardiner, Mayor