

COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

June 4, 2007

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:05 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 8:06 p.m.), Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 8:17 p.m.), Mark Matulef, Nicole Hinds (arrived at 8:07 p.m.), Bill Tierney, Douglas Dudrow and Anthony Patterson.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council adopt Hyattsville Ordinance 2007-08 (as Emergency Legislation) an Ordinance to Adopt an Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 Thru June 30, 2008, for the General Purpose; to Fix the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007 and to Authorize Collection of Taxes Herein Levied, and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The Mayor and Council discussed in length. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed with Council Member Lizanne abstaining.

Council Member Tierney moved that the Mayor and City Council establish a Tax Task Force, whose mission is to look at the City's projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming five years (FY09-FY13) and determine if the City's taxes can potentially be reduced. The task force shall look at taxes across the board but focus on tax relief for residents, particularly those having fixed or limited incomes. The Task Force will consist of the Mayor, 2 Council Members, one of which will be liaison to the Council, the City Administrator, the City Treasurer and 4-5 residents to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Task Force will meet no less than monthly and is subject to the Open Meetings requirements and will solicit public comment during its meetings. The Task Force will prepare and present an interim and final report to the Mayor and City Council. The final report shall include recommendations on potential tax adjustments and be presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration prior to the presentation of the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY09. The Task Force will sunset June 30, 2008. Council Member Matulef proposed an amendment that would have the interim report

presented to the Council by the first meeting of November and the final report by the first meeting in January. Mayor Gardiner asked that the timetable be made when the Committee is created and the appointments have been made for the committee. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council schedule a Closed Session for Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and contract matters with the City Administrator. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council adjourn the Council Meeting of June 4, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Council Meeting of June 4, 2007 ended at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

William F. Gardiner, Mayor