

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

May 31, 2007

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:11 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, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Mark Matulef, Nicole Hinds, Bill Tierney, Douglas Dudrow, and Anthony Patterson. Council Vice President Tartaro was absent.

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:

Mayor Gardiner presented a revised Council Meeting Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, May 31, 2007 to the Council. **Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the revised agenda for the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2007.** The motion passed, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Groves, 5606 39th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council with problems with the Department of Public Works response to field maintenance at Magruder Park. Ms. Murphy responded to the concerns presented by Mr. Groves. Mr. Groves stated he would like to have the City Hyattsville to work with M-NCPPC to resolve some of the issues he presented to the Council.

Mr. David Hiles, 4105 Gallatin Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Department of Public Works proposed FY08 Budget; he stated his concerns with the current fencing on the Football Field at Magruder Park, and possibly putting the Football field project on hold for the current time.

Mr. David Navarri 6006 43rd Avenue, the HMB Baseball Commissioner, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the improvements this season to the baseball field at Magruder Park, and noted the permitting process was done very well by the Department of Recreation and the Arts.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:*Department of Public Works – FY08 Budget*

The Mayor and Council, along with the Director of Public Works Henry, reviewed and discussed at length the proposed FY08 Budget for the Department of Public Works. The Mayor and Council discussed with the Director of Public Works Henry at length issues regarding field maintenance at Magruder Park, Trash Collection for the University Hills area residents, and the Play Ground Equipment Plan. Director Henry responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council on the proposed FY08 Budget.

Police Department – FY08 Budget

The Mayor and Council, along with the Chief of Police Holland, reviewed and discussed at length the proposed FY08 Budget for the Hyattsville Police Department. The Mayor and Council discussed with Chief of Police Holland at length issues regarding current staffing levels, working with the teens of the area, Citizens Police Academy for the Youth, and the selection of a vendor for the much anticipated Computer Aided Dispatch system. Chief of Police Holland responded to questions of clarification given by the Mayor and Council on the proposed FY08 Budget.

Council Member Matulef moved to amend the proposed FY08 Budget for the Hyattsville Police Department to add two additional sworn officers (preferably patrol) to increase the authorized level of sworn police officer staffing to 42 persons as of January 1, 2008 for a proposed cost of \$105,000 and to be able offset some of the cost by cuts in various line items. City Administrator Murphy and Chief of Police Holland provided comment to the proposed motion and noted the City of Hyattsville Police current staffing levels. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment to the proposed FY08 Budget. The amendment failed with Council Members Frazier, Perry, Lizanne, and Matulef voting for and Council President Atteberry, and Council Members Hinds, Tierney, Dudrow, and Patterson voting against.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council Member Hinds moved that Council approve the Mayors appointment of Christopher Currie - 4100 Crittenden Street (Ward 1), as members of the Marketing Task force for a 1-½ yr term do to expire December 31, 2008. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council renew the contract with the Hyattsville Life & Times for FY 2008. The contract will provide for the City's purchase of four pages of advertisement space once per month beginning July 2007 through June 2008. The four pages of ad space per month in the Hyattsville Life & Times allows the City to insert its community newsletter, The Hyattsville Reporter, as the one of the two issues published per month. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. The motion passed with Council Member Perry voting against.

Council Member Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Treasurer to pay Diversified Technologies, Inc. (DTI) the full amount invoiced (\$15,316.36) for upgrades they made to the City's IT network wiring. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council re-authorize the position of Police Captain in the Police Department, and direct the Police Chief, the City Administrator, and/or a contractual Personnel Consultant to review the current position description for the position of Police Captain to ensure it meets current standards and needs, and to develop and conduct a selection process. The Police Chief is authorized to advertise and seek qualified candidates outside as well as inside the agency. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council adopt the following policy and financial changes regarding the FY08 budget:

Policies:

- 1. The department budget goals, outputs, and outcomes will be adopted by August 6, 2007, upon further refinement, review and discussion with staff.**
- 2. The Council develop and shall be presented to the Council for adoption by August 6, 2008 vehicle acquisition guidelines for vehicles smaller than a dump truck, not including police vehicles for sworn officers. The guidelines may address vehicle type, fuel type, need assessment, and related issues. The purchase of the cargo van and pick-up trucks in DPW and the Code Enforcement vehicle shall not be done until the guidelines are adopted.**
- 3. The Council may re-allocate funds within the budget (or make supplemental appropriations) during the year in response to unexpended funds, increased personnel or capital investment needs, or other reasons.**

Financial Changes:

- 1. Re-allocate Special Election funds (approximately \$13,100) in the Board of Elections Supervisors budget to the Clerk to the Council's budget. The funding will be used for capital equipment and contracted services to facilitate expanded electronic document conversion and retention. If a Special Election is required, Council will need to make a supplemental appropriation for the required funding.**
- 2. Add \$17,000 to the Office of Information Technology budget to provide additional citywide IT training and professional assistance in developing an IT disaster recovery plan. The funding shall come from the General Fund.**

The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Council Member Matulef requested some technical changes to the motion that have been included into the motion as they were accepted by Council President Atteberry. **Council Member Matulef moved to amend the motion to include under policies item (1) add the language: what is adopted on August**

6, 2007 of the budget have no budgetary impact that is not accompanied by a request for a supplemental appropriation. The amendment passed, unanimously. The motion as amended passed, unanimously.

Council Member Hinds moved that the Mayor and Council adopt the following change to the FY08 budget: (1) add \$10,000 to the Administration Budget line item to be determined by City Administrator, to provide funding to hire professional assistance, identify best management environmental practices for City operations and improve business and resident education on environmental practices. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed with Council President Atteberry, and Council Members Perry, Lizanne, Hinds, Tierney, Dudrow, Patterson, and Mayor Gardiner voting for and Council Member Frazier voting against. Council Member Lizanne abstained.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2007 ended at 10:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

William F. Gardiner, Mayor