# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 30, 2007

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:16 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, and Council Members, Ruth Ann Frazier, Christopher Currie, Paula Perry, Mary Elwood (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), Mark Matulef, and Bill Tierney. Council Members Carlos Lizanne, and Nicole Hinds were absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Recreation and the Arts Mood, City Treasurer Oliphant, and City Clerk Barber.

Council Member Perry moved to close the Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2007 to discuss personnel issues with the City Administrator. The motion passed unanimously.

Note for the Record: The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m.

Council Member Perry moved to return to open session of the Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

Note for the Record: The Mayor and Council returned to open session at 8:33 p.m.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

The Departments of Administration, Finance, Legislative, and Other Budgets–FY08 Budget Presentation

City Administrator Murphy and City Treasurer Oliphant formally presented the Hyattsville Departments of Administration, Finance, Legislative, and Other Budgets FY08's Budget to the Mayor and City Council. City Administrator Murphy and City Treasurer Oliphant responded to questions of clarification on the proposed FY08 Budgets being presented.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Adam Copeland, 4105 Decatur Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Pavement Management Program; he stated his support of the proposed sidewalk plan.

Ms. Nina Faye, 4004 Queensbury Road, addressed the Mayor and Council; she stated her support of the sidewalk standards and the plan. She would like to see deleted from the proposed plan line 4 B, where the streets would be narrow, or the taking of property for the input of sidewalks.

Ms. Linn Taylor, 5709 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council on current City business being addressed on the current Council agenda.

Ms. Belle Waring, 3940 Madison Street, addressed the Mayor and Council on current City business being addressed on the current Council agenda.

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council; he stated his comments on the Ivan Tract Property issues and addressed current issues being addressed by Council on the current Council agenda.

Ms. Anne Barrett, 4200 Crittenden Street, addressed the Mayor and Council; she expressed her comments and concerns with the proposed sidewalk installation policy.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Gardiner provided a brief update as to where the Council is in the current FY08 Budget process. Mayor Gardiner reviewed with Council, City Staff, and the public the remaining FY08 Budget schedule the City is following. The Mayor and Council reviewed a potential process on which amendment could be made to the FY08 Budget and if additional information needed to be provided by City staff to Council on the FY08 Budget. Mayor Gardiner along with City Treasurer Oliphant responded to questions of clarification given by the Council on the FY08 Budget.

## **CONSENT ITEMS:**

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the following items as consent: (1) to schedule a Closed Session for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues; (2) to declare April 3-June 3 the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign in the City of Hyattsville and to pass a proclamation in support of this national recognition. The motion passed, unanimously.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Council Vice President Tartaro moved that the City Council provide comments to M-NCPPC staff regarding the proposed elevations and site plan for two new single-family homes on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by Madison Manor. The comments will reflect that the

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City has met with the owner to review suggested changes and clarifications to the proposed elevation resulting in additional façade enhancements (architectural details), a mixture of higher quality surface treatments such as visible masonry, different siding types, architectural trim and porch railings, to create a higher quality, architecturally interesting home that contributes to the diverse and unique character of housing in the community. The owner will make corrections and revisions to the elevations and submit the changes to M-NCPPC and the City of Hyattsville. The City continues to support an alternative driveway alternative common shared driveway solution requiring one curb cut. Mr. Jay Endelman, 4001 Buchanan Street, the developer of the project, addressed the Mayor and Council to discuss the proposed development of the project. 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, Council Vice President Tartaro, and Council Members Currie, Elwood, Matulef, and Tierney voting for and Council Members Frazier and Perry voting against.

Note for the Record: Council Vice President Tartaro left the Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2007 at 10:32 p.m.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council officially adopt the City of Hyattsville Performance Evaluation Form. The motion passed, unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Motion#83-04-07 Police and Civilian Skill Bonuses

Mayor Gardiner opened the discussion on the issue, and noted prior discussions from the previous Council Meeting. Mayor Gardiner reviewed with the Council the changes since the prior version. City Treasurer Oliphant and Chief Holland, at the request of Mayor Gardiner, responded to questions of clarification on the issue before the Council. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Mayor Gardiner noted that the issue would be placed on a future Council Agenda for formal action.

Motion#91-04-07 Pavement Management Program Sidewalk Installation Policy

Mayor Gardiner requested that Council Member Currie provide an overview and summary of proposed Motion#91-04-07 being presented on the Pavement Management Program Sidewalk Installation Policy. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Mayor Gardiner noted the issue would be placed on a future Council Agenda for formal action.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of April 30, 2007 ended at 10:56 p.m.

ATTEST:	
Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk	
	William F. Gardiner, Mayor