

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 23, 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, and Council Members, Ruth Ann Frazier, Christopher Currie (arrived at 8:14 p.m.), Paula Perry, Mary Elwood, Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), Mark Matulef, Nicole Hinds (arrived at 8:06 p.m.), and Bill Tierney.

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

Note for the Record: A Public Meeting was held prior to the Special Council Meeting of April 23, 2007, to provide residents or interested parties the opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed FY08 Budgets for Administration, Finance, Legislative, and Other Budgets.

PRESENTATIONS:

Department of Code Enforcement – FY08 Budget Presentation

Director of Code Enforcement Hampton formally presented the Hyattsville Department of Code Enforcement FY08's Budget to the Mayor and City Council. Director Hampton responded to questions of clarification on the proposed FY08 Budget for Code Enforcement given by the Mayor and Council.

Department of Recreation and the Arts – FY08 Budget Presentation

Director of Recreation and the Arts Mood formally presented the Hyattsville Department of Recreation and the Arts FY08's Budget to the Mayor and Council. Director Mood provided a brief overview of the department and the proposed changes in the FY08 Budget. Director Mood responded to questions of clarification on the FY08 Budget given by the Mayor and Council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tom Lopresti, 5221 42nd Place, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Council action on commercial vehicles, and the effects to the community.

Ms. Carmela Falcone, 5212 42nd Place, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Council action on commercial vehicles, she noted her agreement with prior speaker Mr. Tom Lopresti.

Mr. Timothy P. Hunt, 3407 Pennsylvania Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding proposed Landy Property project, he stated his strong opposition and concerns with the development of the Landy Property. Mr. Hunt then thanked the City's Recreations and the Arts Department for the Child Learning Center.

Ms. Susanna Paul, 3319 Stanford Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Landy Property; she stated her opposition of the development project.

Mr. Jim Menasian, 3310 Rosemary Lane, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Landy Property project; he stated his opposition to the proposed development of the Landy Property.

Mr. Anthony Patterson, 6903 Calverton Drive, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Landy Property project; he stated his comments and concerns on the project and the affects on the community.

Ms. Linn Taylor, 5709 39th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council with comments and concerns on current City issues being addressed by the City and the proposed Landy Development project.

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council with comments and concerns with Commercial Trucks on the City Streets; he stated his opposition to the issue.

Mr. Chris Giunta, 4100 Block of Gallatin Street, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding proposed Motion# 83-04-07 on the Council's current agenda relating to the police bonus, he would like to see it be implemented for all City departments.

ACTION ITEMS:

Mayor Gardiner provided a brief overview of the Landy Development Project. Council Vice President Tartaro noted the following motion is a draft motion only for discussion and was not official presented: To authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to M-NCPPC conveying the City's serious concerns for the project (DSP 99048/01 Landy Property) related to the quality of materials; traffic management; streetscape improvements; landscaping and woodland buffers; storm water management; massing and height of the buildings; public amenities; and ownership of units. Mayor Gardiner requested that Ms.

Megan Bramble and Mr. Blumberg address the Mayor and Council on the project. Ms. Megan Bramble, with the law offices of Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan and Silver, LLC addressed the Mayor and Council representing the Landy Development project, responded to questions of clarification on the project given by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Tim Madden, architect for the project, responded to questions on the proposed development. Mr. Marvin Blumberg addressed the Mayor and Council on the proposed development of the Landy Property. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Mayor Gardiner noted that the issue would come back to the Council for formal action at a later meeting.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council schedule a Special Council Meeting for Monday, April 30, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed, unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Council President Atteberry brought forward for discussion purposes only Motion#83-04-07 relating to Police and Civilian Skill Bonuses: to authorize the City Administrator, Chief of Police, and City Treasurer, with input from the Personnel Committee at their discretion, to create a program that provides bonuses for sworn officers and (in some cases) full-time, permanent civilians, with an estimated annual cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000. The bonuses shall be earned for meeting the standards below. The City Administrator may adjust the recommended amounts and related criteria. Spanish Language Proficiency Bonus, Fitness Bonus, Field Training/Specialty Training Bonus, Pay for Experience, City Residency Bonus for Sworn Officers. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length; the Mayor noted the issue will come back to Council at a later date for formal Council action.

Motion#84-04-07 Commercial through Truck Size Reduction and Fine Increase

Council President Atteberry brought forward for discussion purposes only Motion#84-04-07 relating to Commercial Vehicles to instruct the City Attorney to draft changes to Article V, Trucks and Commercial Vehicles to only allow trucks of less than 2 tons or 4,000 lbs. (a change from 5 tons or 10,000 lbs) on our city roads and for a fine of \$250 (a change from \$45) for violations. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Mayor Gardiner noted the issue would be placed on a future Council agenda for additional discussion.

Council President Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council accept a petition from residents of 39th Avenue dated April 6, 2007 and be referred to the Department of Public Works. The motion passed, unanimously.

COUNCIL DIALOGUE:

The Mayor and Council briefly discussed the proposed position description of the Assistant City Administrator Position, the approval of staff evaluation forms, and the City's recruitment to fill vacancies in the City. Mayor Gardiner also provided an update to the Council on status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DeMatha

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Catholic High School and the City of Hyattsville.

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of April 23, 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of April 23, 2007 ended at 10:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

William F. Gardiner, Mayor