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 Stuart Eisenberg, and Council Members Douglas Dudrow, Scott Wilson, , Christopher Currie, Jon Lewis, Mary Elwood, and Carlos Lizanne. Council Vice President Paula Perry, Council Member Ruth Ann Frazier, and Council Member Scott Wythe were absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Public Works Henry, Director of Recreation and Parks Hager, City Treasurer Oliphant, and City Clerk Barber (8:30 p.m.).

Mayor Gardiner requested a moment of silence in honor of Martin Luther King and Eleanor Lorditch, mother of Ward 5 Council Member Ruth Ann Frazier, and a long time resident of Hyattsville.

Note for the Record:

There was a Public Meeting that started at 7:36 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 to allow residents and any interested parties the opportunity to discuss the requested changes to the Housing Initiative Partnership’ development of the YMCA at the 4307 Jefferson Street site with regards to having a 6 lane swimming pool instead of the original plan of 8 lanes.

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, spoke and addressed his concerns with the proposed changed and hope that their would not be anymore changes to the contract between HIP and the City of Hyattsville in regards to the redevelopment of the 4307 Jefferson Building site.

Ms. Mosi Harrington, Executive Director for HIP addressed citizen concerns and spoke briefly on the proposed redevelopment of 4307 Jefferson Street.

The Public Meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Gardiner presented Proclamations of Appreciation from the City of Hyattsville to Mr. Jim Brown of Victory Housing and Mr. Chuck Ellison of Miller and Smith for their
collaborative work with the community and the City of Hyattsville regarding the development of the WSSC property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chris Borkowski, 7209 Hitching Post Lane and Veda Gaston, 3317 Gumwood Drive, addressed the Mayor and Council with a request for the City to send a letter of support for the redevelopment of the playground area in University Hills (at the intersection of Stanford Street and Wells Boulevard).

Ms. Amelia Benson, 4923 42nd Place, addressed the Mayor and Council; she submitted a petition to the Mayor and Council for a new dog park in Hyattsville.

Mr. Mark Matulef, 5716 39th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council, with updates from the Hyattsville Planning Committee and various issues on the Council agenda.

Mr. Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council, on issues that were presented at the Council Meeting of January 18, 2005. He addressed issues raised at the previous Council Work Session and current issues being addressed by Council.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

City Administrator Murphy deferred to Chief Holland who was Acting City Administrator during City Administrator Murphy’s recent vacation.

Chief of Police Holland, reported to the Mayor and Council on the current issues being addressed in the Police Department. Corporal Susie Johnson gave a demonstration of the borrowed Portable Bike (Segway) being used in the City by trained police officers. Chief Holland reported that the department recently viewed a demonstration for a license plate camera reader, and the City may be able to acquire with potential grant funding. Chief Holland noted that the Hyattsville Police Department HEAT Team was asked to assist at the Presidential Inaugural event by the Metropolitan Police Department. Chief Holland responded to comments made by citizens at the meeting regarding the residential parking program.

Department of Recreation and Parks Hager addressed the Mayor and Council; he noted that the department is currently working on preliminary plans for Hyattsville Day this year. Mr. Hager note possible future projects that would include dedicating a tree in memory of Mary K. Prangley and also doing a Hyattsville Spring Cleaning Day in her memory.

City Treasurer Oliphant addressed the Mayor and Council, he briefly reported on the the preliminary salary survey that will be presented to the personnel committee at their meeting later in the week.
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council President Eisenberg moved that the Mayor and Council approve the Council Work Session minutes of December 13, 2004; Council Meeting minutes of December 13, 2004; and Closed Sessions of November 15, 2004, and November 22, 2004. The motion passed, unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Eisenberg moved that the Mayor and Council approve the consent agenda with the following items: (1) to approve proclamations of appreciation to Victory Housing and Miller and Smith for the collaborative work with the community with regards to the WSSC Building site (4017 Hamilton Street); (2) to direct the City staff to write a letter of support for the Gateway CDC ARTvantage Grant proposal; (3) to approve proclamations of congratulations to be sent to Mr. David Love and Mr. Daniel Thompson in honor of their achievement in making the rank of Eagle Scout; (4) To approve a proclamation proclaiming January 22, 2005 as “Yoga Day” in the City of Hyattsville; (5) to approve a letter of support for the upgrading of the playground in the University Hills area (at the intersection of Stanford Street and Wells Boulevard); (6) to accept the petition submitted by Ms. Amelia Benson, 4923 42nd Place, to the Mayor and Council requesting a new dog park in Hyattsville. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Elwood moved that the Mayor and Council approve the City department monthly report forms to permit the Council and residents to better understand the services provided by the City. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Currie moved that the Mayor and Council direct the City Attorney to prepare legislative language that will propose the following Charter change: (1) the properties annexed into the City of Hyattsville in 2004 shall be incorporated into Ward 3. The Mayor shall appoint a Council task force to prepare (with the assistance of staff) five-ward redistricting proposals and four-ward redistricting proposals that shall be presented to the Council and be the subject of a Public Hearing once completed. Once a new redistricting plan is adopted by the Council, it will go into effect prior to the Municipal Elections of May 2007. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Eisenberg moved that the Mayor and Council introduced Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2005-02; a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the
Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, as amended), to amend the Charter of the said City, said Charter being a part of the public local laws of Maryland (1963 Edition, as amended), which Article contains in whole or in part the Charter of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the Mayor and City Council make technical changes to the Ward descriptions of those wards on the City’s boundary, to clarify the newly annexed areas are with the Ward with which they are contiguous (First Reading). The motion passed with Council President Eisenberg, Council Member Dudrow, Currie, Lewis, Elwood, Lizanne, and Mayor Gardiner voting for.

Council Member Currie moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to revise the contract between the Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP) and the City of Hyattsville, to allow a six-lane indoor swimming pool instead of an eight-lane swimming pool. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council President Eisenberg move to adjourn the Council Meeting of January 18, 2005. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Council Meeting of January 18, 2005 ended at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

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William F. Gardiner, Mayor