

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

March 7, 2005

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Stuart Eisenberg (7:10 p.m.), Vice President Paula Perry, and Council Members, Douglas Dudrow, Scott Wilson, Ruth Ann Frazier, Christopher Currie (7:15 p.m.), Jon Lewis (7:55 p.m.), Scott Wythe, and Mary Elwood. Council Member Carlos Lizanne was absent.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gardiner opened the meeting; he stated the meeting was being held to allow F.O.P Lodge #119 the opportunity to discuss the proposed petition for a referendum that would require the City to recognize collective bargaining rights for sworn officers. Mayor Gardiner summarized the issues on collective bargaining for Hyattsville sworn officers, and what is being requested by the F.O.P. The City does not at this time recognize collective bargaining to any employee

Corporal Michael Rudinsky, representing the F.O.P Lodge #119 and the Hyattsville Police officers prepared a written statement, which came from the polling of the F.O.P members. This issue of collective bargaining has been one of the many issues being addressed by the F.O.P. Lodge #119 which addresses the issues of moral, and how the officers view certain situations. Corporal Rudinsky expressed the many concerns of the F.O.P. Lodge #119 to the Mayor and Council.

Corporal Rudinski introduced Mr. Mike Marshall and Mr. Herb Weiner, attorneys who have addressed the issue of collective bargaining for other area F.O.P's. Mr. Weiner discussed previous clients that currently have collective bargaining for police officers, and developing a labor code.

City Administrator Murphy addressed the Mayor and Council on the issue. City Administrator Murphy noted that she and Chief Holland have offered their attendance at F.O.P meetings to discuss issues, and the F.O.P has not been interested in that offer.

Officer Patrick O'Hagan, Board of Director's and Co-Chair of the Collective Bargaining Committee for F.O.P Lodge #119 addressed the Mayor and Council and provided comments on the issue for clarification.

Mayor Gardiner thanked the F.O.P Lodge #119 and the attorneys for being this forward. The issue of collective bargaining will be addressed by the Mayor and Council at a later meeting.

**Mayor Gardiner moved to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of March 7, 2005.**  
The motion passed, unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of March 7, 2005 ended at 8:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

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William F. Gardiner, Mayor