

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

December 5, 2005

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:01 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council Vice President Paula Perry and Council Members, Ruth Ann Frazier, Christopher Currie, Mary Elwood, Carlos Lizanne, Marc Tartaro, Mark Matulef, Krista Atteberry, and Nicole Hinds. Council President Wythe was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Public Works Henry, City Treasurer Oliphant, and Supervisor of Code Enforcement Hampton, and City Attorney Colaresi.

PRESENTATION:

Supervisor of Code Enforcement Hampton addressed the Mayor and Council as directed by the Mayor and Council pursuant to Council action requesting that the office of Code Enforcement provide to Council a report investigating the feasibility of adding additional services to Code Enforcement's current workload. Supervisor of Code Enforcement Hampton addressed the Annual Inspection Program, Zoning Enforcement, Active Enforcement of Occupancy Limits, and Identification of City's Worst Properties along with other aspects of Code Enforcement. Supervisor of Code Enforcement Hampton responded to questions given by the Mayor and Council on the presented report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Vice President moved that the Mayor and Council approve the following minutes: Council Meetings minutes of October 3, 2005, and October 4, 2005; and Closed Sessions minutes of October 3, 2005, and October 4, 2005. The motion passed, unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Susanna Paul, 3319 Stanford Street addressed the Mayor and Council, she addressed other alternatives for the School Board to consider with the proposed school boundary changes for University Park Elementary that affect the children of Hyattsville in the University Hills area.

Mr. Tom Slezak, 3433 Stanford Street addressed the Mayor and Council and addressed proposed School Board consideration with the proposed changes to school boundary's he stated his support for the proposed action by the City on the issue.

Ms. Linn Taylor 5709 39th Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council as a private citizen, not as chair of the Hyattsville Personnel Committee; she stated her support for the full implementation suggested by the Clear Management on the employee pay increases and make it retroactive as requested.

Mr. David Marshall, 6000 Block of 37th Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council; he stated his support for the full implementation of the proposed Salary Survey presented by Clear Management on employee pay increases. Mr. Marshall also addressed the school boundary changes, and hopes the issue can be stopped.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Murphy noted she was handling the Clerks duties at this meeting, and would answer any questions from Council.

Director of Public Works Henry addressed the Mayor and Council on current issues that the Department of Public Works is addressing. Mr. Henry noted that the leaf collection season pick-up had been extended until Friday, January 13, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Atteberry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the following consent agenda item: (1) to provide the Anacostia Watershed Society with a letter endorsing their proposed pilot project to revegetate with native plantings in an area downstream of the 38th Avenue bridge over the Northwest Branch; (2) to have City Staff prepare a resolution of support to be included in the City of Hyattsville's Livable Communities Initiative Grant Application for 2005. The motion passed, unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM:*Personnel Manual*

City Attorney Colaresi addressed the Mayor and Council on issues on the proposed Personnel Manual changes before the Council review. City Attorney Colaresi highlighted

areas of Compensatory Time vs. Overtime and what relevance comes from these issues, and how it affects the City of Hyattsville employees. City Attorney Colaresi fielded questions from the Mayor and Council on the issue. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. City Attorney Colaresi was looking for the Mayor and Council to make a policy on the use of Compensatory Time.

Council Member Atteberry move that the Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Prince George's County School Board highlighting: (1) consideration of new development occurring in and around the City of Hyattsville and the desire that children living in the City be assigned to schools in the City or as close as possible; (2) recognition that the addition of West Hyattsville Elementary School enables more Hyattsville residents to attend a nearby school; (3) opposition to proposed school boundary changes that remove some Hyattsville residents from the University Park Elementary School district. The motion passed, unanimously.

Council Member Currie moved that the Mayor and Council approve Hyattsville Resolution 2005-16, a resolution of support for the naming of the media center in the new West Hyattsville Elementary School in honor of long-time Hyattsville resident Dr. David Driskell. The motion passed, unanimously.

Salary Study

City Treasurer Oliphant addressed the Mayor and Council on the proposed Salary Study to the Mayor and Council. City Treasurer Oliphant at the direction of the Mayor and Council prepared documents to clarify the total cost of the proposed salary study, when implemented. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue of the different options of the proposed salary study the Mayor and Council have to review as options on how to address the proposed salary study. City Treasurer Oliphant discussed in depth the financial implications of each proposed salary study option.

Council Member Matulef moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of December 5, 2005. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Council Meeting of December 5, 2005 ended at 10:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk

William F. Gardiner, Mayor