

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 27, 2009

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:03 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Bill Tierney, Council Vice President Anthony Patterson and Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne (arrived at 8:15 p.m.), Mark Matulef (arrived at 8:18 p.m.), Nicole Hinds (arrived at 8:16 p.m.) and Douglas Dudrow. Council Members Marc Tartaro and Krista Atteberry were absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Community Development Manager Chandler, and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda as amended. City staff had requested four additional items be added to the consent agenda. Council Member Perry requested that the BB&T Task Force Committee be added as a discussion item and Council Member Frazier requested that Council's Election of Officers also be added as a discussion item. The motion passed, unanimously.

City Clerk Barber notified the Mayor and Council about issues occurring with the upcoming Biennial Election in reference to the voter notification cards. City Clerk Barber was made aware that Prince George's County no longer lists the polling address on the voter's cards that are mailed to all voters.

PRESENTATIONS:

FY10 Budget –City Clerk

City Clerk Barber presented his proposed FY10 Budget to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue of not receiving the materials needed to discuss the FY10 budget. Council Member Frazier addressed the Council regarding her comments from Saturday, April 25th. Council Member Frazier had requested the total amount spent for financial and budgetary assistance by outside contractors following the City Treasurer's resignation. Council Member Perry wanted to see if the line item listed as "Other" could be taken out. Mayor Gardiner commented on the budget process the City is following. City Administrator Murphy responded to comments and concerns from the Council regarding the FY10 Budget process. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length and how to move forward in FY10 Budget process.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Scott Wilson, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding comments made by Council in reference to the FY10 Budget. Mr. Wilson noted the comparison of previous year's budgets to the current FY10 Budget.

Mr. Dave Thomas addressed the Mayor and Council and commented on the importance of becoming aware of the budget process.

Mr. Tom Lopresti, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the City Elections and campaigns for Council seats. He noted that City elections should not take place during the City's budget process.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Council President Tierney moved the following items as consent: (1) to authorize the acceptance of a portable basketball hoop donated by Giant Food for use by the Department of Recreation and the Arts for youth programs (Motion # 86-04-09); (2) to accept the petition from the residents of the 5600 Block of 36th Avenue requesting designation of residential parking for the 5600 Block of 36th Avenue (Motion # 87-04-09); (3) to accept Council Vice President Anthony Patterson's resignation of his Council seat effective August 31, 2009. The resignation will be submitted to City Clerk and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for the scheduling of a Special Election to fill the vacant Council seat (Motion # 88-04-09); (4) to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and establish the Real Property Tax Rate for FY10 (Motion # 89-04-09); (5) to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed FY10 Operating and Capital Budget (Motion# 90-04-09). The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM:

Council Vice President Patterson moved that the Mayor and Council select and approve the structural demolition proposal submitted by American Enterprises LLC. of Bladensburg, MD, at a cost not to exceed \$19,305.00, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the proposal, upon the review for legal sufficiency by the City Attorney for the 4318 Gallatin Street: Floor Replacement Phase: Select Structural Demolition (Motion # 85-04-09). Community Development Manager Chandler provided a brief overview of the project and recommendation in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council cancel the scheduled Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 29, 2009 and reschedule the Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 (Motion# 91-04-09). The motion passed with Council Member Matulef voting against.


DISCUSSION ITEM:*BB&T Task Force -*

The Mayor and Council discussed the BB&T Task Force and work of the committee. Council Member Perry requested clarification regarding the City obtaining a consultant for the project. Community Development Manager Chandler and City Administrator Murphy responded to questions of clarification on the project that were asked by Council.

Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council adjourn the Special Council Meeting of April 27, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

The Special Council Meeting of April 27, 2009, ended at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk