

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

May 5, 2009

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 7:35 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 (arrived during the Closed Session), Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Mark Matulef, Krista Atteberry, Nicole Hinds (arrived during the Closed Session), and Douglas Dudrow. Council Member Marc Tartaro was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Director of Recreation Mulkey, Director of Code Enforcement Hampton, and City Clerk Barber.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Council Member Matulef moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda.

Mayor Gardiner requested the agenda be re-organized which was accepted by the Council. The motion passed, unanimously.

CONSENT ITEM:

Council President Tierney moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter supporting variance V-24-09 (5608 37th Avenue), a request to validate existing conditions and construct a roof over a pre-existing front porch (Motion# 92-05-09). The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO CLOSE:

Council President Tierney moved that the Mayor and Council close the Council Meeting of May 5, 2009, to discuss potential litigation with City staff, a personnel matter regarding an employee, as well as to discuss the appointment of a City Treasurer and the terms and conditions of the Treasurer's employment (Motion# 94-05-09). A roll call was taken on the motion. The motion passed with Council Member Perry voting against. Council Member Perry stated that she voted against the motion because residents were not aware that there was going to be a closed session.

Note for the Record: Council Vice President Patterson and Council Member Hinds arrived sometime during the Closed Session.

The Mayor and Council returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:*Community Development-FY10 Budget Presentation*

Community Development Manager Chandler presented the Mayor and Council with his FY10 Budget Presentation. Mr. Chandler highlighted his department's FY09 accomplishments and discussed his proposed goals for the FY10 Budget. Mr. Chandler responded to questions by the Mayor and Council about his budget.

Recreation and the Arts- FY10 Budget Presentation

Director of Recreation and the Arts Mulkey presented his department's FY10 Budget. Mr. Mulkey provided a brief overview of his department's mission and reviewed his proposed organizational chart; he noted that the budget will increase with staffing in the near future. He also advised that there will be an increase in the cost of contracted services to increase level of programming. Council requested Mr. Mulkey to summarize details of department staffing levels. Mr. Mulkey stated his goals for the services offered by his department. Mr. Mulkey responded to questions on his FY10 Budget Presentation proposal.

Code Enforcement-FY10 Budget Presentation

Director of Code Enforcement Hampton presented the Mayor and Council with his FY10 Proposed Budget. He provided an overview of his departments staffing levels. He gave a detailed breakdown of his department's budget. He noted the changes that will occur in his department regarding the increased responsibility for on-street parking enforcement. He has been provided a revised date to upgrade code enforcement software (Ursa) by the vendor. He also proposed schedule modifications for his department for FY10. Mr. Hampton closed his presentation by responding to questions posed by the Mayor and Council.

Administration- FY10 Budget Presentation

City Administrator Murphy and Assistant City Administrator Jones presented the FY10 Budget for Administration. Legislative (Mayor and Council) salaries were discussed and adopted. City Council Members can attend the MML Convention (professional development) in June in Ocean City, Maryland. Mayor Gardiner noted that he may also attend the MML Fall Conference.

Office of the City Administrator- FY10 Budget Presentation

Assistant City Administrator Jones presented the Administration Budget to the Mayor and Council. He advised of changes in the salary line and discussed adding a management and policy position to the new FY10 Budget proposed to be split between the Administrative and Finance Offices. He also discussed contracted services which will increase in the FY10 Budget. Mr. Jones noted the many citywide projects and costs that are being captured in the FY10 administration budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Administrator Murphy thanked City Clerk Barber and the Board of Supervisors of Elections for their work on the Election and the City's election process.

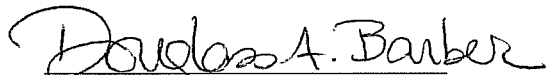
Mr. David Hiles addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the 2009 Biennial Election. He thanked the residents who voted in the Election, he thanked all those who campaigned and all the candidates.

Mr. David Marshall addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the City Election. He also noted that the Election went very well and he also acknowledged the Department of Public Works who had not been previously mentioned, for their work putting up the Election signs. Mr. Marshall closed his comments by addressing the proposed FY10 City Budget regarding City funds going to the Hyattsville Fire Department.

Council Member Frazier moved that the Mayor and Council adjourn the Council Meeting of May 5, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting of May 5, 2009, ended at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk