

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

May 18, 2009

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:51 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

A deputy from Prince George's County Clerk Peggy Magee's office issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Marc Tartaro, Council Member Ward 1, Mr. David Hiles, Council Member Ward 2, Mr. Matthew McKnight, Council Member Ward 3, Mr. Carlos Lizanne, Council Member Ward 4, and Ms. Ruth Ann Frazier, Council Member Ward 5.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Marc Tartaro, Nicole Hinds (left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.), Douglas Dudrow, David Hiles, and Matthew McKnight. Council Vice President Patterson was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, City Attorney Colaresi (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), and City Clerk Barber.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Council Member Perry moved that the Mayor and Council approve the agenda, as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Tim Hunt, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated his support of the motion before the Council regarding the renewal of the Hyattsville Life and Times newspaper contract.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council on the notification of the time of the new meetings and inquired about the date for the special election to fill the Council seat being vacated by Council Vice President Patterson.

### **ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

Mayor Gardiner requested nominations for the Council President position. The following nominations were made:

Council Member Hinds nominated Council Member Tartaro for Council President and Council Member Perry nominated current Council President Tierney. A roll call vote was taken. Council Member Tartaro was elected to the position of Council President.

Mayor Gardiner requested nominations for the Council Vice President position. The following nomination was made: Council President Tartaro nominated Council Member Tierney. Council Member Tierney was elected unanimously to the position of Council Vice President.

Note for the Record: Council Member Hinds left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Council President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to renew the contract with *The Hyattsville Life & Times* for FY 2010, at a cost of \$1,975 per month or \$23,700 pending the review and approval of the City Attorney. The contract will provide for the City's purchase of four pages of advertisement space once per month beginning July 2009 and ending June 2010. The four pages of ad space per month allow the City to insert its community newsletter, *The Hyattsville Reporter*, as one of the two issues published by the City per month (Motion# 97-05-09). The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Council Member Perry requested copies of the financial statements from the Hyattsville Life & Times. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed with Council President Tartaro, and Council Members Lizanne, Dudrow, Hiles, and McKnight voting for and Council Vice President Tierney, and Council Members Frazier and Perry voting against.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*FY10 Budget Discussion*

Mayor Gardiner summarized the remainder of the FY10 Budget schedule. Mayor Gardiner responded to comments and questions by the Council concerning the FY10 Budget schedule.


**Council President Tartaro moved that the Mayor and City Council close the City Council Meeting of May 18, 2009, to discuss the terms and conditions of the employment contract and appointment of a City Treasurer and to confer with legal counsel regarding personnel issues (Motion# 102-05-09). A roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Leighann Barlow, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council with her comments and concerns regarding the proposed change to a once a week trash collection.

The Council Meeting of May 18, 2009, ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglass A. Barber, City Clerk