

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND**

May 26, 2009

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to discuss and establish the Real Property Tax Rate for FY10.

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the Public Hearing of the Council to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro (arrived at 7:28 p.m.), Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Douglas Dudrow, David Hiles and Matthew McKnight. Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Nicole Hinds, and Anthony Patterson were absent.

Also present were Assistant City Administrator Jones and City Clerk Barber.

Mayor Gardiner opened the meeting and provided a summary of the official notice published in the newspaper regarding the proposed FY10 Real Property Tax Rate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Judith A. Robinson, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed FY10 Budget. Ms. Robinson stated her support with maintaining the current tax rate as she is happy with the services she receives from the City.

Mr. Mark Matulef, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council; he stated that he would like to see the City set a lower tax rate than what is being proposed and for the City to look and review the current assessments.

Mr. Monte Chawla, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the proposed real property tax rate. Mr. Chawla expressed his concern that the current tax rates are very high. He noted that the City should look at attracting other industries to the area to assist with the taxes.

Mr. Robert Howarth, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated his support of maintaining the current tax rate. Mr. Howarth reiterated to the Council that the City of Hyattsville employees do a good job in maintaining the City.

Mr. Stuart Eisenberg, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated his support of maintaining the current tax rate.

Mr. Robert Croslin, a Ward 2 resident, stated his opposition for the proposed FY10 tax rate. He noted that residents are sending their children to private schools and college, caring for

sick family members and pay cuts on their jobs and that should be taken into consideration when proposing a tax increase.

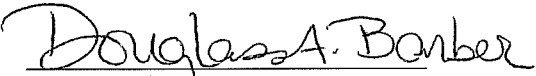
Ms. Jeanette Prevots addressed the Mayor and Council; she stated her opposition to the proposed tax rate for the City of Hyattsville. Ms. Prevots advised that she cannot afford to pay taxes and will be forced out of her home if the tax increase occurs.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that he would like the tax rate set at 56.2 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Gardiner discussed at length the City of Hyattsville's intent for the FY10 Budget would be to set the proposed real property tax rate .63 per \$100 of assessment.

The Public Hearing of May 26, 2009, regarding the FY 10 Budget: Establish the Real Property Tax Rate ended at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk