

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

July 13, 2009

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting 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 7:50 p.m.), Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds Mofor, Douglas Dudrow, Anthony Patterson, David Hiles and Matthew McKnight.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Police Chief Holland, City Treasurer Rainey and Administrative Assistant Dunklee.

Note for the Record: The City of Hyattsville has contracted with Sabra, Wang and Associates to conduct a traffic study; their findings will help the City prioritize and plan improvements on our streets. The purpose of the Public Meeting was to hear residents' concerns as they relate to traffic in the City.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Paul Silverman of Sabra, Wang and Associates started the presentation by giving an overview of the scope of work and identified the three phases involved in this process. Mr. Silverman requested feedback and questions from the Mayor and Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gayle Houle, a Ward 2 resident, inquired why the study wasn't conducted near St. Jerome's School and Hyattsville Elementary during the school year to ensure an accurate analysis of the pedestrian traffic.

Bill Auchter, a Ward 2 resident, noted the safety problems with the children walking from school and increased traffic when parents pick up students from the school on Jefferson Street.

Mr. Silverman of Sabra, Wang and Associates asked if the City has ever offered traffic safety educational programs to the schools

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 3 resident, advised that there are more than two schools in the City and all should be reviewed for the Traffic Study. He noted that the speed humps/traffic calming devices should not be used and aren't practical for emergency vehicles. He also commented on the traffic circles and the traffic problems that they cause.

Ms. Krista Atteberry, a ward 3 resident, noted the study under-evaluated the University Hills neighborhood. She addressed the following concerns: The do not enter policy that is in effect for Queensbury Road, vehicle weights and restrictions needed.

Ms. Nina Faye, a Ward 3 resident discussed traffic concerns on Queensbury Road (do not enter policy and vehicle weight issues) Ms. Faye stated her opposition to the placement of traffic circles in Hyattsville.

Mr. Nick Harris, a Ward 2 resident, addressed the proposed phase two of the study and questioned if the study was limited to planned and approved developments or are other future developments being reviewed.

Mr. Tim Hunt, a ward 3 resident, noted the discussion of building massive apartment units behind Northwestern High School and advised that this area should also be included in the City's study.

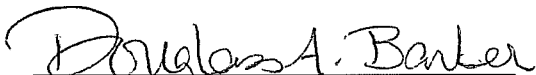
Council Member Patterson asked what other cities or jurisdictions the traffic consultants have worked with and that may be able to assist the City with the next steps in the process and understanding the analysis from the study.

Nkosi Yearwood, a Ward 2 resident, noted that most of the City streets are good streets from a cross-section perspective. Mr. Yearwood advised that the lack of continuity sidewalks in the City should be a priority.

Mr. Silverman closed by showing a potential menu of transportation improvements and expressed to everyone their input is appreciated and valued to ensure a success process.

The Public Meeting of July 13, 2009, ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk