

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

January 11, 2010

Mayor Bill Gardiner called the meeting of the Council to order at 8:04 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds, Douglas Dudrow, Matthew McKnight, David Hiles and Timothy Hunt. Council President Marc Tartaro was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Murphy, Assistant City Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Holland, Director of Recreation Mulkey, City Treasurer Rainey and City Clerk Barber.

The presentations of flags were presented by the Boy Scout Troop # 224.

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

**Council Member Perry moved to approve the agenda of the Council Meeting of January 11, 2010, as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Council Vice President Tierney moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of November 9, 2009 and the Council Meeting of November 16, 2009.** The motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Director of Recreation Mulkey introduced the new Recreation Supervisor, Jacquay Plummer, to the Mayor and Council. The Hyattsville Light Up the Sky winners were presented with a plaque by Mayor Gardiner and Recreation and the Arts Director Tony Mulkey. During the presentation the Mayor and Council were presented with a slideshow of the winning homes prepared by the Department of Recreation and the Arts. The following is a list of the Hyattsville Light Up the Sky Winners for 2009: Ward 1 (4520 Buchanan Street)-First Place, (4303 Hamilton Street)-Second Place, (4111 Decatur Street)-Third Place, (4515 Buchanan Street)-Honorable Mention; Ward 2 (5714 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue)-First Place, (5703 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue)-Second Place, (5506 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue)-Third Place; Ward 3 (3301 Pennsylvania Street)-First Place, (4007 Oglethorpe Street)-Second Place, (6109 42<sup>nd</sup> Place)-Third Place, (5833 Jamestown Road)-Honorable Mention; Ward 4 (3200 Madison Street)-First Place, (5814 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue)-Second Place, (5823 33rd Avenue)-Third Place, Ward 5 (5013 37<sup>th</sup>

Avenue)-First Place, (5404 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue)-Second Place, (5025 37<sup>th</sup> Place)-Third Place, (5022 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue)-Honorable Mention. The 2009 Mayor's Choice Award was given to Mr. & Mrs. John Mattingly of 6217 Carrollton Terrace.

Mayor Gardiner thanked the Judges, Residents, Director of Recreation Mulkey and Administrative Assistant Everhart for their work on this event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one wished to address the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Gardiner advised the viewing public of the Community Legacy/ Strategic Plan Kick-off scheduled for January 13, 2010. Mayor Gardiner invited residents to come and assist with a plan for the City of Hyattsville. He also noted the Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Event on Friday, January 15, 2010.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

**Council Vice President Tierney moved the following items as consent: (1) to accept the Byrne – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for \$155,673 for the acquisition and installation of in-car cameras for Police Dept. vehicles and hereby authorize the appropriation and expenditure of the funds for this purpose and further authorize City Staff to accept and administer the grant according to its terms in a timely manner (Motion# 01-01-10); (2) to authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to M-NCPPC in support of Rose and Randy Fletcher's grant application to the Historic Property Grant Program in order to partially fund necessary restoration to Hitching Post Hill (3308 Rosemary Lane, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782) (Motion# 02-01-10); (3) to approve the scheduling of a Public Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. (prior to the Council Meeting) to present findings and recommendations from Sabra, Wang and Associates for the City of Hyattsville Traffic Study. The meeting will be held at the City of Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers (Motion# 03-01-10) ;(4) to authorize the City Administrator to execute a contract with Mr. Patrick Ryan for the position of Director of Department of Public Works, pursuant to the contract terms negotiated by the City Administrator in collaboration with the City's legal counsel and authorized by City Council (Motion# 04-01-10). The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### *Pilot Trash Program*

Council Member Perry provided her comments and concerns with the pilot program for the once-a-week trash collection. Council Member Perry requested that notices given to residents be in bold print and placed where the residents would be made aware. Council Member Perry requested that City staff survey the area to ensure that trash collection is

being collected on schedule. Assistant City Administrator Jones responded to comments and concerns given by the Council on the pilot program.

Council Member Frazier discussed her concerns regarding the City's parking lot (Bridge Lot) located next to Franklin's Restaurant. Council Member Frazier questioned the collection of fees and City services provided for the parking lot. Mayor Gardiner requested the issue be placed on a future Council Meeting to be addressed.

*Request to amend the 2006 State Bond Bill*

Mayor Gardiner reviewed with the Council a possible proposal for the City to request a State grant for BB&T building renovations. City Administrator Murphy, at the request of Mayor Gardiner, provided additional clarification on the proposed request. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue and the pending deadline for submittal of the request at length. Mayor Gardiner requested that the Council comment on the letter submitted for the request to purchase the BB&T Building and the proposed drafted letter of response by the City.

*Budget Adjustments due to State Funding*

City Treasurer Rainey addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the City's proposed cuts in the FY10 Budget in response to revenue cuts from the State of Maryland. City Treasurer Rainey also provided an in-depth overview of how the City plans to address the reduction in the FY10 Budget to meet the cuts.

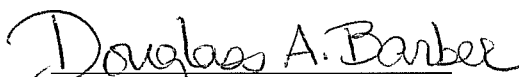
*Department Performance Measures*

Mayor Gardiner opened the discussion on the Department Performance Measures. Mayor Gardiner noted that the City held a training workshop (Council Retreat) on Saturday, January 9, 2010, for Council and City Staff. During the training workshop, attendees received information on proposed Department Performance Measures. City Administrator Murphy followed up with comments regarding the Department Performance Measures and requested input from the Council. The Mayor and Council discussed the issue at length. Mayor Gardiner noted additional discussion and input would take place in the upcoming Council Meetings for further discussion and possible adoption.

**Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the Council Meeting of January 11, 2010.**  
The motion passed unanimously.

The Council Meeting of January 11, 2010, ended at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Douglas A. Barber, City Clerk

*Pursuant to the requirement of Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-509(c) (2), this statement is included in these minutes:*

*A closed session of the Council of the City of Hyattsville was held at 9:05 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2009, in the City of Hyattsville Municipal Building, Third Floor Council Chambers.*

Present were Mayor Bill Gardiner, Council President Marc Tartaro, Council Vice President Bill Tierney, Council Members Ruth Ann Frazier, Paula Perry, Carlos Lizanne, Nicole Hinds, Douglas Dudrow, Matthew McKnight, David Hiles, Timothy Hunt, City Administrator Murphy and Assistant City Administrator Jones.

*On a motion made as follows by Council President Tartaro: **Council President Tartaro moved to close the Special Council Meeting of December 14, 2009, to discuss personnel issues relating to current year evaluations and a potential new contract** (Motion# 219-12-09). A roll call vote was taken on the motion passed unanimously and the session was closed. The authority under which the session was closed was Annotated Code of Maryland State Government Article Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) – The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, remove, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and authorize the City Administrator to offer an Employment contract to Mr. Patrick Ryan for the position of Director of Public Works for the City of Hyattsville and to confirm the status of contract discussions with Chief Holland. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.*