



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HYATTSVILLE MD MAY 15, 2017

Present: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor
Bart Lawrence, W1
Robert Croslin, W2
Shani Warner, W2
Carrianna Suiter, W3
Thomas Wright, W3
Edouard Haba, W4
Paula Perry, W4
Erica Spell, W5
Joseph A Solomon, W5

Absent: Kevin Ward, W1

Also present were the following City staff members:

City Administrator Tracey E. Nicholson
Assistant City Administrator, Dir. of Community and Economic Development Jim Chandler
City Treasurer Ron Brooks
Police Chief Douglas Holland
Director of Human Resources Vivian Snellman
Director of Community Services Jake Rollow
City Clerk Laura Reams
Elections Coordinator Nicola Konigkramer

1) [Oath of Office, Newly Elected City Councilmembers \(8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.\)](#)

The Honorable Sydney J. Harrison, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Prince George's County, Maryland, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers: Bart Lawrence, Ward 1; Robert Croslin, Ward 2; Carrianna Suiter, Ward 3; Edouard Haba, Ward 4; and Erica Spell, Ward 5.

2) [Call to Order and Council Roll Call](#)

Mayor Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

3) [Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag](#)

4) [Approval of Agenda](#)

Mayor Hollingsworth noted an amendment to Motion #192-05-FY17 to assign additional Council liaisons to various committees and to move item 8.b (Assignment of Committee Liaisons) above 8.a (Election of City Council Officers) on the agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Haba
SECONDER:	Solomon
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Haba, Lawrence, Croslin, Warner, Suiter, Wright, Perry, Spell, Solomon
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ward

5) [Public Comment \(8:15 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.\) Limit 2 minutes per speaker](#)



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Councilmember Solomon expressed his gratitude to Councilmembers Paschall and Fraizer for their service to the City.

Doug Dudrow, a Ward 2 resident and former Councilmember, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a motion to provide funding to a local school. Mr. Dudrow provided historical background on the City's financial support to area schools.

Talib Karim, a Ward 1 resident, said he had recently conducted a survey on citizen engagement and wanted to share the results with the Council. He provided a copy of the survey results to City staff and summarized the results, stating that residents had expressed a desire to be more involved in the City's decision making. Mr. Karim encouraged the Council to increase communications to residents on Council activities and referenced problems with business development on Route One.

Mr. David Marshall, a Ward 2 resident, commented on Mr. Karim's remarks regarding Route One development and encouraged residents to attend the upcoming Planning Committee meeting.

6) Consent Items (8:25 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

6.a [Motion # 189-05-FY17 Proclamation in Recognition of Councilmember Ruth Ann Frazier](#)
I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation in recognition of Councilmember Ruth Ann Frazier's dedicated service to the City of Hyattsville.

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6.b [Motion # 190-05-FY17 Proclamation in Recognition of Councilmember Patrick Paschall](#)
I move that the Mayor and Council adopt a proclamation in recognition of Councilmember Patrick Paschall's dedicated service to the City of Hyattsville.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Haba
SECONDER:	Solomon
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Haba, Lawrence, Croslin, Warner, Suiter, Wright, Perry, Spell, Solomon
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ward

7) Recognition in Honor of Councilmembers Ruth Ann Frazier and Patrick Paschall (8:30 p.m. - 8:40 p.m.)

Mayor Hollingsworth presented tokens of appreciation to former Councilmembers Ruth Ann Frazier and Patrick Paschall and thanked them for their dedicated service to the City.

8) Action Items (8:40 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.)

8.b [Motion # 192-05-FY17 Assignment of Committee Liaisons](#)
I move that the Mayor and Council appoint the following Councilmembers as liaisons to City committees.
- Code Compliance Advisory Committee: Edouard Haba, Paula Perry
- Hyattsville Environment Committee: Shani Warner, Tom Wright



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- Education Advisory Committee: Carrianna Suiter, Kevin Ward, Bart Lawrence
- Planning Committee: Tom Wright, Bart Lawrence
- Teen Advisory Committee: Robert Croslin
- Ethics Commission: Edouard Haba, Shani Warner
- Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee: Carrianna Suiter, Joseph Solomon, Kevin Ward
- Police and Public Safety Citizen's Advisory Committee: Paula Perry, Erica Spell, Robert Coslin

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Councilmember Wright asked if it was preferable to have more than one (1) Council liaison for each committee. Councilmember Solomon responded that many of the committee governing documents called for two (2) liaisons and noted that the Council had never enforced a limit on the number of liaisons. Councilmember Wright requested to be added as an Environment Committee liaison. The Council accepted the addition of his name to the Environment Committee as a friendly amendment.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Haba
SECONDER:	Croslin
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Haba, Lawrence, Croslin, Warner, Suiter, Wright, Perry, Spell, Solomon
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ward

8.a [Motion # 191-05-FY17 Election of City Council Officers](#)
 I move that the Mayor and Council elect the following individuals to the positions of Council President and Council Vice President. (Details to be determined at the meeting)

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Mayor Hollingsworth clarified that the item was for discussion with a motion intended to arise from the discussion. Mayor Hollingsworth opened the floor for nominations.

Councilmembers Haba and Lawrence were nominated for the position of Council President. After discussion, Mayor Hollingsworth took a straw poll for the selection of Council President. Councilmember Haba was selected as the Council President.

After further discussion, Councilmembers Warner and Wright were nominated for the position of Council Vice President. Mayor Hollingsworth took a straw poll for the selection of Council Vice President. Councilmember Wright was selected as the Council Vice President.

[Motion # 191-05-FY17 Election of City Council Officers](#)
 I move that the Mayor and Council elect Edouard Haba to the positions of Council President and Thomas Wright to the position of Council Vice President.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Haba
SECONDER:	Solomon
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Haba, Lawrence, Croslin, Warner, Suiter, Wright, Perry, Spell, Solomon
NAYS:	None



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ABSENT:	Ward
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9) [Discussion Items \(8:50 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.\)](#)

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Mayor Hollingsworth provided information on the 2017-2018 legislative calendar, noting a deadline of August 31, 2017 for motions to be introduced with one (1) sponsor, adding that items submitted after the August 31 deadline would require three (3) sponsors. Mayor Hollingsworth referred her colleagues to the Council Rules of Procedure for more information on the legislative process.

10) [Council Dialogue \(9:00 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.\)](#)

All Councilmembers welcomed the newly elected officials. Councilmembers Suiter and Spell thanked their families for their support and presence at the swearing in ceremony. Councilmember Warner offered her congratulations to Council President Haba and Vice President Wright. Council President Haba said the Council needed to review and refine the process for the selection of officers. He said the Council would come together as a team to work for the City. Councilmember Lawrence also offered his congratulations to Council President Haba and Vice President Wright.

Mayor Hollingsworth welcomed the new Councilmembers and addressed comments regarding Council dysfunction. She said the Council had people with differing, passionate opinions and all members had a responsibility to communicate and work effectively together for the City. In closing, Mayor Hollingsworth said she looked forward to the next two (2) years.

11) [Community Notices and Meetings](#)

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12) [Motion to Adjourn](#)

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Croslin
SECONDER:	Perry
AYES:	Hollingsworth, Haba, Lawrence, Croslin, Warner, Suiter, Wright, Perry, Spell, Solomon
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ward