



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: February 1, 2017

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Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Discussion Items (8:20 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.)

SUBJECT

Climate Change and Local Adaptation Measures – Workshop and Speaker Series

Motion #

Recommendation:

I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL allocate \$1,000 to fund a series of speakers and a workshop. The series will consist of three speakers and one workshop. The topics will be climate science research and climate adaptation opportunities for government, small businesses and community members. The workshop will focus on helping Hyattsville residents learn how they can be prepared and help their neighbors prepare for climate change (long-term) and weather-related emergencies (short-term). The funding for these initiatives will go toward promotion of these events, speaker transportation reimbursement if needed, food and beverages, the filming or audio-recording of these events, and the printing of supplementary literature.

Sponsor(s):

Paschall, on behalf of the Hyattsville Environment Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

Many Hyattsville residents are interested in how climate change may affect our local environments and our homes. Also of interest is how to identify weather-related hazards and prepare for weather-related emergencies. Locally and regionally, we have many environmental and adaptation experts who would be willing to speak to a local audience to share their knowledge, and build our understanding of climate change, and increase our capacity and confidence in responding to weather events.

Next Steps:

Hyattsville Environment Committee will work with the Department of Public Works to organize the events.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,000

City Administrator Comments:

Please see staff comments on summary sheet.

Community Engagement:

Outreach will be similar to past events - distribution over email listservs and inclusion on the City Calendar.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 5 - Strengthen the City's Identity as a Diverse, Creative, and Welcoming Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A