



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 26, 2017

Submitted by: Joseph Solomon, W5

Submitting Department: Legislative

Item Type: Budget

Agenda Section: Action Items (8:25 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.)

SUBJECT

FY18 Council Budget Amendment: HWRAC FY18 Budget Priority: Health Impacts of Climate Change Seminars (10 minutes)

Motion #

171-04-FY17

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council amend the proposed FY18 budget to include \$2,000 to be used to support the HWRAC Committee Health Impacts of Climate Change Seminars.

Sponsor(s):

Solomon, Ward, Perry

ATTACHMENTS

Summary Background:

A changing climate impacts our health and wellbeing. The major public health organizations of the world (including the National Institutes of Health) have said that climate change is a critical public health problem. Climate change makes many existing diseases and conditions worse, but it may also help introduce new pests and pathogens into new regions or communities. As the planet warms, oceans expand and the sea level rises, floods and droughts become more frequent and intense, and heat waves and hurricanes become more severe. The most vulnerable people—children, the elderly, the poor, and those with underlying health conditions—are at increased risk for health effects from climate change. Climate change also stresses our health care infrastructure and delivery systems.

These seminars will provide public education on these health impacts.

Update from Previous Council discussion:

The council requested clarification on possible collaboration with the HEC. Upon further review with HWRAC members, the groups is confident that while the proposed seminars overlap with respect to environment concerns, the HWRAC proposes to focus the health indications for individuals and vulnerable populations, while the HEC will focus primarily on actual environment concerns. The HWRAC believe there will be possible collaboration in scheduling and overall organization logistics, however, the targeted audiences and topics will require separate speakers and programing.

Additional Information:

<https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/programs/geh/climatechange/index.cfm>

Next Steps:

Pending approval from the City Council, the HWRAC will collaborate with Health partners to organize a series of informational sessions on the Health Impacts of Climate Change.

Fiscal Impact:

2,000.00

City Administrator Comments:

Recommend Support.

The City's draft budget includes \$1,000 for the Environment Advisory Committee's speaker series on a variety of topics. Staff connected the chairs of both committees and some partnership opportunities may be possible.

Community Engagement:

Discussed and approved during HWRAC meeting.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3: Public Safety & Quality of Life

Legal Review Required?

N/A