



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 17, 2017

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Submitting Department: City Clerk

Item Type: Legislative

Agenda Section: Notice of Public Hearing:

SUBJECT

The Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2017 Election Advisory Referendum Question on Monday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. (prior to the City Council Meeting).

The City Council has requested the input of residents on the size and composition of the Council. It is an advisory, non-binding referendum that will request your opinion on the total number of Council Members, the number of wards and Council Members elected per ward, and whether there should be any Council Members elected at-large by all voters of the City.

The Hyattsville City Council is currently composed of ten (10) Council Members and one (1) Mayor elected at-large. The City is composed of five (5) wards with two (2) Council Members elected per ward.

A copy of the referendum resolution adopted by the Council is included in the Agenda Packet for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held at the City Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin Street, in the third floor Council Chambers. The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 12 and online at www.hyattsville.org/meetings.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, comments may be directed to cityclerk@hyattsville.org or speakuphvl.com/meetings.

Motion #

N/A

Recommendation:

Sponsor(s):

At the Request of the City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 2016-05_Referendum_Composition of Council_FINAL_signed.pdf](#)

Summary Background:

The Council authorized the inclusion of a non-binding, advisory referendum on the May 2017 election ballot in December 2016. A copy of the referendum resolution is attached.

Next Steps:

The May 2, 2017 election ballot will include the referendum questions.

Fiscal Impact:

n/a

City Administrator Comments:

n/a

Community Engagement:

The public hearing provides an opportunity for the community to get information, ask questions and give public comments related to this issue. Notification of the Public Hearing was included in the Hyattsville Reporter mailed to all homes within City limits. Email and Text Alerts on the hearing were sent to all Hyattsville Notify Me subscribers.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 1 - Ensure Transparent and Accessible Governance

Legal Review Required?

Complete