



Hyattsville City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 6, 2020
Submitted by: Candace Hollingsworth, Mayor
Submitting Department: Legislative
Item Type: Ordinance
Agenda Section:

SUBJECT

Hyattsville Emergency Ordinance 2020-02 COVID-19 Pandemic Fund (Introduction & Adoption) (15 minutes)

HCC-293-FY20

Recommendation:

I move that the Mayor and Council introduce and adopt Hyattsville Emergency Ordinance 2020-02, COVID-19 Pandemic Fund, an uncodified Ordinance whereby the City of Hyattsville establishes a special revenue fund known as the Covid-19 Pandemic Fund and transfers one million dollars from unencumbered funds in the General Fund to reduce the impact of economic hardships arising from the pandemic caused by the coronavirus ("COVID-19") in the City of Hyattsville (INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION).

Sponsor(s):

Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor(s):

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

[Emergency Ordinance Covid Fund 3.23.20.pdf](#)

Summary Background:

On March 5, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan (MD) declared a state of emergency due to an increasing number of COVID-19 outbreaks in the continental US and the State of Maryland. The Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville adopted emergency ordinance 2020-01-COVID-19 on March 23, 2020 extending the powers of the City Administrator to ensure the efficient operations of city government during the state of emergency. As this situation has evolved, it is clear that a variety of efforts will be necessary to address a wide range of needs in the Hyattsville community. This fund is proposed to support programs and initiatives providing economic relief, social services support, and other measures to promote collective recovery. The Mayor and Council shall be responsible for establishing priorities for distribution and criteria governing the acceptance of applications. These criteria shall be established no later than the regular Council Meeting of May 4, 2020.

No funds shall be disbursed from this fund without the approval of the Mayor and Council.

Next Steps:

Staff will proceed with setting up the fund while Council establishes the priorities and criteria.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1M

City Administrator Comments:

The City is able to financially support this request by using funds from the general fund reserves.

Community Engagement:

TBD

Strategic Goals:

Goal 2 – Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

Legal Review Required?

Complete