

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

April 21, 2008

CALL TO PODIUM:

Fred Felton
Assistant City Manager

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Fred Felton
Assistant City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
X	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Waive All City Fees Associated With Moving Structures That Are More Than 50 Years Old

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with the Archstone redevelopment project on East Diamond Avenue, it is necessary to demolish or relocate two structures located at 320 East Diamond Avenue and 404 East Diamond Avenue.

In a letter dated November 18, 2007, Mr. James R. Clifford requested that the Mayor and City Council consider waiving the costs associated with relocating structures that are more than 50 years old as an incentive for the owners/developers to relocate the structures rather than demolish them.

Staff has discussed this issue, and believes a waiver of fees is appropriate public policy to encourage retention of potentially historic structures. In addition to the two structures on East Diamond Avenue, the City has requested that the developers of the Crown Farm relocate the Heeter House even though they already have approval to demolish the structure.

Depending on what is required from a zoning and code enforcement perspective (ie subdivision, site plan, and natural resources inventory, grading, storm water management, and building permits), the fees to the City for moving one residential structure would be approximately \$5000 to \$6000.

Attachment:

Letter dated November 18, 2007 from Mr. James R. Clifford

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO WAIVE ALL CITY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING STRUCTURES
THAT ARE MORE THAN 50 YEARS OLD

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to encourage the relocation of potentially historic structures when it is necessary for them to be removed to accommodate desired development; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have asked the developers of the Crown Farm project to consider relocating the Heeter House; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have encouraged the current property owners of the East Diamond Avenue consolidation to relocate, rather than demolish two potentially historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the various City applications and permit fees associated with relocating a structure can be a deterrent to preserving the structure:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized and directed to waive all City fees associated with moving structures that are more than 50 years old.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council this 21st day of April, 2008.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the 21st day
of April, 2008.

James D. Arnoult, Acting City Manager