

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

May 19, 2008

CALL TO PODIUM:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Doris Stokes
Executive Assistant

AGENDA ITEM:
(please check one)

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

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Establishing an Ad Hoc Elections Ordinance Review Committee and Confirming Appointments Made by the Mayor Thereto

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
Mayor Katz has requested that the appointments outlined in the attached resolution be confirmed.

DESIRED OUTCOME:
Vote on Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
AD HOC ELECTIONS ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CONFIRMING
APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg's Election Ordinance has not been updated since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections received a series of complaints associated with campaign finance and reporting issues related to the November 6, 2007 Election; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections has recommended that the Elections Ordinance be amended to eliminate ambiguous provisions and clarify appropriate public policy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to develop and adopt amendments to the Elections Ordinance that are transparent and equitable, and that will promote public confidence in the election process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ad Hoc Elections Ordinance Review Committee is hereby established, and appointments by the Mayor of members thereto be and they hereby are confirmed by the City Council as follows:

Appointments
(Indefinite Terms)

Richard Arkin
121 Selby Street
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Gloria Aparicio Blackwell
53 Appleseed Lane
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Wilson Faris
711 Hope Lane
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Dolly Kildee
212 Summit Hall Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Pamela Lindstrom
421 Gaither Street
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Denise McQuighan
924 Pointer Ridge Drive
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Eydie Searles
18 Walker Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Cory Siansky
13 Linden Hall Court
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Joan More
Board of Supervisors of Elections
12 Duvall Lane
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Fred Felton (Staff Liaison)
Sarah Paxton (Staff Liaison)
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge of this committee shall be to:

- A. Review the Election Ordinances and Campaign Financing Mechanisms and their Regulation by other jurisdictions to identify best practices;
- B. Consult with legal counsel and develop draft amendments to the Election Ordinance including possible changes to campaign contribution limitations and reporting requirements;
- C. Provide any other recommendations concerning the City's elections process that the committee deems appropriate.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 19th day of May, 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 19th
day of May, 2008.

James D. Arnoult, Acting City Manager