



## Gaithersburg

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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

MINUTES OF A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

January 26, 2009

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A work session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Ashman, Drzyzgula, Marraffa, Sesma, and Spiegel. Staff present: City Manager Jones, Assistant City Managers Tomasello and Felton, Finance and Administration Director Belton, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Human Resources Director Daily, Chief King, Informational Technology Director Cottrell, Parks, Recreation and Culture Director Potter.

### **I. TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION**

#### **2009 Mayor and City Council Annual Retreat, Session I – Financial Presentation**

Assistant City Manager Tomasello and Finance Director Belton presented a PowerPoint presentation on the following five general topics relating to the upcoming discussion of the Strategic Plan –

**Economic Indicators** This included discussion of current economic conditions, potential for inter-governmental funding reductions, limits of revenue growth, and challenges in developing the FY 2010 budget.

**Trends in Revenues & Expenses** Included a general breakdown of the sources and uses of City funds and revenue projections for the coming year.

**Real Property Assessments** A discussion of our analysis of the current re-assessment cycle to take affect on July 1, 2009.

**Undesignated Fund Balance** Identified funds that may become available for use in funding the FY 2010 budget.

**Capital Improvements Plan** Staff discussed the likely limitation on capital funds for the coming year(s) and presented a number of under-funded CIP accounts for discussion/prioritization at the 02/07/09 session of the retreat.

Following the presentation, the Mayor and City Council received public input on issues for the retreat. Two residents made comments – Bruce Goldensohn and Rich Koch.

An announcement was made that Session II of the 2009 Mayor and City Council Retreat would be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009, at the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center.

### **II. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Tomasello  
Assistant City Manager